



A \$12,000 check for Aldersgate Camp is received by Mrs. E. D. Galloway (left), camp treasurer. Mrs. E. T. Davenport presents the gift which represents the Aldersgate portion from the Call to Prayer and Self Denial offering made last October by Methodist women throughout the nation. The Rev. Bob Scott, center, is president of the Aldersgate Board of Directors.

Aldersgate Camp is recipient of funds through Women's Division

Aldersgate Methodist Camp at Little Rock is the recipient of a \$12,000 windfall, a gift from the Women's Division of the General Board of Missions. The check was recently received as the camp's portion of the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" offering which was taken last October in local Women's Societies of Christian Service across the nation.

Over one-half million dollars was contributed by the women last October and is being distributed to United Methodist community centers across the nation and to mission centers around the world.

The Rev. Bob Scott, chairman of the Aldersgate Board of Directors, stated that this \$12,000 is designated for camp improvement and upkeep and must not be used for the general budget.

Mrs. E. D. Galloway, camp treasurer, pointed out that the National Division of the Board of Missions annually contributes over \$12,000 to the general budget of Aldersgate. The balance of the \$61,000 budget comes from camp earnings, local church gifts and individual contributions.

Ray Tribble, camp director, reminded the board at its September meeting that when the Women's Division asked him a year ago to inventory the

amount needed now for camp improvement and upkeep, he reported a sum of \$29,000. Since less than half of the asking was received, the camp must now depend upon local church Advance Specials to supplement the amount.

The presidents of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the three conferences are: Mrs. Alice Preston, Southwest Conference; Mrs. Howard Johnson, North Arkansas Conference, and Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Little Rock Conference. They believe this to be the first year that an Arkansas project has been on the receiving end of this particular annual offering. Letters are being sent to local society presidents to make them aware of the gift.

North Arkansas pension receipts near \$200,000

The Rev. Earl B. Carter, director of the Follow-up Program of the Pension Endowment Campaign, reported that in addition to the \$160,684.52 received for the fund as of July 1, that \$25,429.89 was received in July and \$11,075.38 was received in August, making a grand total of \$197,198.79 received as of September 1, 1970.

A total of 82 churches have paid or exceeded their first-year goals. The third quarterly report will be sent to all the churches of the North Arkansas Conference in October.

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Native Arkansan named new editor of youth publications

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. Rowena Ferguson, a widely-known United Methodist journalist, will retire at the close of this year as editor of youth publications for the United Methodist Board of Education.

The Rev. Henry M. Bullock, general secretary of the Board's Division of Curriculum Resources, announced Dr. Ferguson's retirement and named as her successor the Rev. Harold L. Fair, at present associate editor of adult publications. Succeeding Mr. Fair will be the Rev. John P. Gilbert, a staff member in the department of adult publications.

Mr. Fair will become executive editor of youth publications January 1, continuing an editorial career in Methodist journalism that began in 1952. Born at Tyronza, Arkansas, he holds degrees from the University of Mississippi and Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn. At present he is working for the Ph.D. degree at Vanderbilt and is completing a dissertation on an aspect of the history of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Prior to his journalism career he had served as Wesley Foundation director at the University of Mississippi and

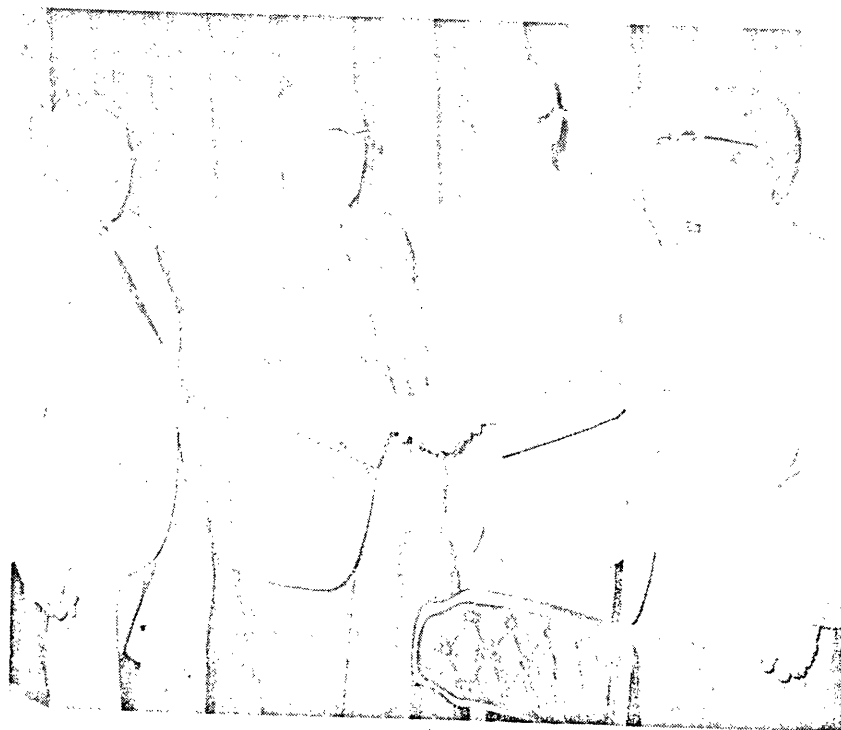
from 1954 to 1955 was minister to children and youth at First Methodist Church in Little Rock, Ark.

Mr. Fair's new assignment will give him responsibility for administering the work of 30 editors, editorial assistants, and secretaries. This staff edits quarterly 12 dated periodicals and three resource kits; and from eight to 10 books and packets each year. These resources are being used by about one million youth in the United Methodist Church.

Mr. and Mrs. Fair, members of Belmont United Methodist Church in Nashville, have two children.

Mr. Gilbert, new associate editor of adult publications, is a ministerial member of the Minnesota Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota and Boston University School of Theology.

Dr. Ferguson has spent all of her career as an editor of youth publications, having been for the last 12 years the executive editor of the department of youth publications in the division. She was associate editor in the department for a similar period.



Bishop Paul V. Galloway congratulates Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, on his outline of plans for the capital funds campaign presented at a September 16 meeting in Conway. Looking on are the two men who will help implement the plans, Dr. J. D. Scott, left, vice-president for development of the college, and Dr. W. O. Scroggin, Jr., recently named director of public relations.

Arkansans register for Family Life Conference

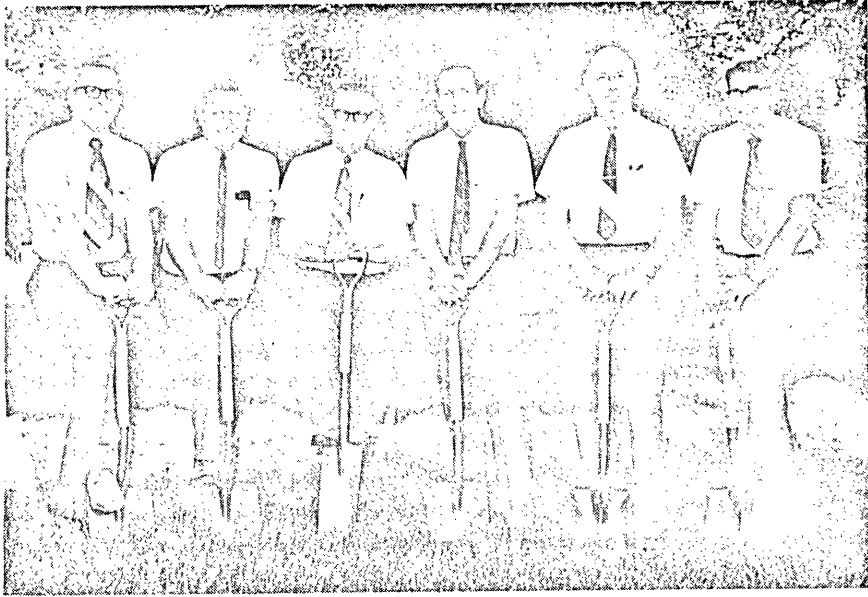
Approximately 20 persons have registered from the Arkansas Area for the quadrennial National Family Life Conference which will be held October 8-11 in the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago.

According to reports made Monday of this week by the offices of the Conference Program Councils ten persons are registered from the Little Rock Conference and nine from the North Arkansas Conference.

Dr. Edward D. Staples of Nashville, Tenn., co-ordinator of the conference, in explaining the theme of the meeting, "Christian Families Face Up," said: "Families will have an opportunity to face up to the critical issues of today's world that impinge upon family life."

The conference will confront such issues as international responsibility,

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Members of the building committee at Keith Memorial United Methodist Church in Malvern with Pastor G. Coleman Akin (left) participate in Sunday, Sept. 13 groundbreaking ceremony for a new parsonage—now under construction. Others (from left) include: Emyle Dozier, Bob Jones, T. J. Pierce, M. L. "Pete" Hooper, and Joe Faucett, chairman. The Rev. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent, has worked closely with the committee in planning for the parsonage which is scheduled for completion by mid-November. The three-bedroom, two-bath home will cost in excess of \$16,000 when it is completed.

Advance Specials urgently needed in Rio Grande Conference

Pastors of the Rio Grande Annual Conference are in danger of receiving reduced salaries, creating an urgent need for Advance Specials for their conference.

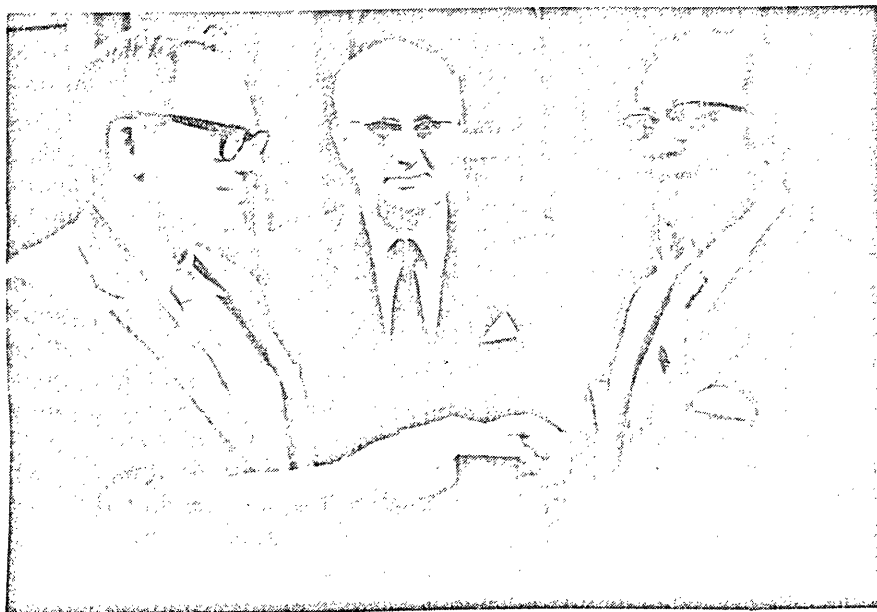
In a letter mailed recently to pastors and district superintendents of the South Central Jurisdiction, the Rev. William A. Cheyne, regional director of the Advance, said, "The Rio Grande Conference has been told there isn't enough money to provide its budget for 1971."

He continued, "The word is tentative, but I'm afraid it will become official at the annual meeting of the Board of Missions in Los Angeles in October."

Mr. Cheyne's report indicated that

the proposed budget for the Rio Grande Conference is \$55,709 over the amount available. He said, "Yes, the budget did provide for a small salary increase for Spanish-speaking pastors. But the deficit is more than the salary increase—and could even reduce the pastoral salaries as they are now being paid."

"The challenge to the churches of the jurisdiction is expressed in these words: 'Emphasize Advance Specials for the Rio Grande Conference. Ask every local church to give something before the end of the calendar year. And in 1971, challenge your annual conference to reach its Advance Special goal for the three important ministries we have always supported.'"



Dr. Charles Casteel, pastor of Central Avenue Church, Batesville, recently had the pleasure of presenting a \$1,000 check to Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, while Bishop Paul V. Galloway looked on. The gift was from an anonymous layman in First Church, Dardanelle, where Dr. Casteel formerly served.

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Arkansan inaugurated president of Oklahoma City University

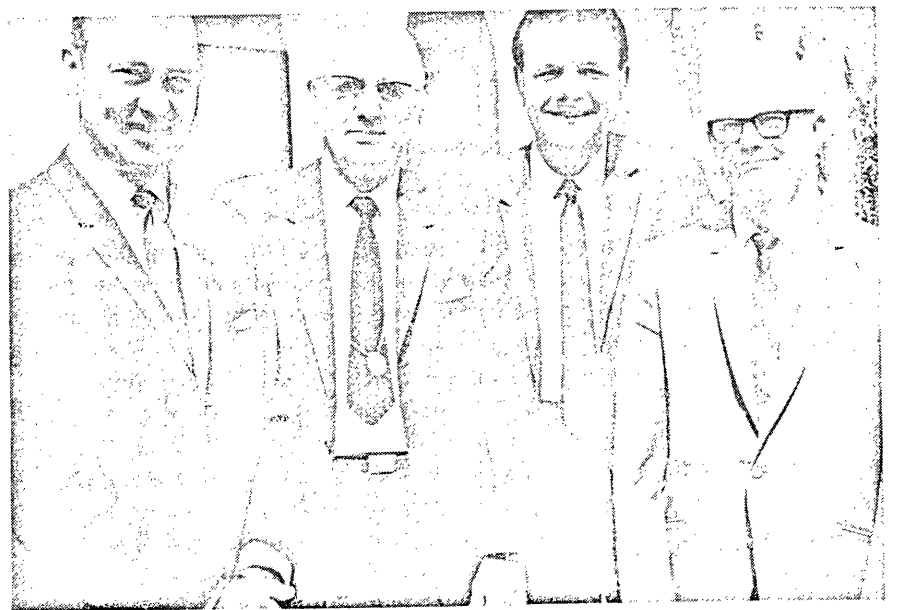
Dr. Dolphus Whitten, Jr., named to the chief executive post at Oklahoma City University on January 7 of this year, was inaugurated President in ceremonies there on Monday, Sept. 21. Dr. Thomas O. Paine, the current administrator of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration was featured speaker for the occasion. Dr. Paine's topic was "The Challenge for Higher Education in the Space Age."

A native of Hope, Arkansas, Dr. Whitten earned the B.A. degree from Ouachita College, and holds the M.A. and Ph.D. degrees from the University of Texas with a major in American history. Prior to his Oklahoma City University affiliation he was a professor and administrator at Henderson State College in Arkadelphia.

In addition to his present administrative duties, Dr. Whitten is actively serving in various capacities within the

United Methodist Church. He is a member of the General Board of Publication, the General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, the Jurisdictional Board of Education, and the Oklahoma Conference Board of Education and Program Council. He was a delegate to General Conferences in 1968 and 1970. For three years he was lay leader of the Oklahoma City North District. In his local church, Wesley United Methodist, he has been lay leader, chairman of the board, Church school teacher, and choir member.

Mrs. Whitten is currently president of Oklahoma Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, and a member of the Executive Committee of the Program Council. A daughter, Mrs. H. Robert Guy is a 1968 graduate of OCU and has recently received the M. A. degree in Speech from the University of Illinois.



Pictured just before a meeting at Conway last week in the interest of the Christmas Offering for the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home were (l. to r.): Tom Raney, Little Rock, who is heading the Associates program for the Home; Bishop Paul V. Galloway; Charles T. Meyer, Jr., Little Rock, head of the Christmas offering organization; and the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Home.

Missionary Conference at Forrest City

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Family Life

An Annual Missionary Conference for the Forrest City District will be held at First United Methodist Church in Forrest City on Wednesday, September 30, 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is pastor of the host church.

Resource persons will include the Rev. Harold Wilson, District Missionary secretary; Dr. Clint Burleson, North Arkansas Conference Missionary secretary; the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Beal of Helena; Mrs. James Nix of Brinkley, and Mrs. Carlos Smith of Helena.

Group discussions will focus on three separate studies. The study on "How the Word Gets Around" will include sections for workers with children; counselors and teachers of youth, and another for adults. A second study will deal with "The Americas: How Many Worlds?" The Bible study will concentrate on "The Psalms."

changing moral values, the young adult culture, extremism, new concepts in education and the new technology.

Participants will have an opportunity to meet and listen to such outstanding leaders as the Honorable Shirley Chisholm, the first black U.S. Congresswoman; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. of the Charlotte Area; Dr. Morris B. Abram, former president of Brandeis University; Dr. James T. Laney, dean of Candler School of Theology; and the Rev. Robert A. Raines, pastor of First Community Church, Columbus, O.

The conference is open to pastors, missions chairmen, study program chairmen, teachers of children and youth, and others vitally concerned with the church's mission in communicating the Gospel.

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ARE WE OVER-EXPOSED TO BAD NEWS ?

Recently I sat down and tried to take stock of the experiences of the summer and to evaluate the significant events in which I had been privileged to participate. As these scenes were flashed rapidly on the screen of my consciousness, there kept coming back to me a message which I heard twice—one which needed to be heard more than once in order that its full impact might come through.

This was delivered by Dr. Charles D. Whittle of the Board of Evangelism at a dinner during the North Arkansas Annual Conference and again at the Jurisdictional Conference on Evangelism at Mount Sequoyah.

This message took off from the point that perhaps we are being overly-influenced by the bad news of our time and that we as Christians need to get back in the good news business. Dr. Whittle said, "The power of negative thinking is making us sick. If I were a pessimist I would say that all is lost, but I am an optimist because I believe in God. God is in the present and He is in the future."

The speaker, confessing that the original message was not the one he had prepared for the occasion, said that God had moved him to deliver the following message: "Tell my people three things. Tell them: (1) We must get back into the Good News business. My people have had all the bad news they can possibly endure. (2) Tell my people that we must get back into the invitation business. It is fine to preach and teach and listen and serve, but we must invite persons to commit themselves to Jesus Christ and to follow Him. (3) Tell my people that we must get back into the prayer business. Jesus drew his strength for mission through prayer. Now, you may say that this is the surfacing of some sub-conscious thoughts, but I believe that God was speaking to me."

May we condense and paraphrase Dr. Whittle's message because we are convinced that it should be communicated to the widest possible audience?

Referring to many popular expressions of disgust with the church and its way of doing things, he referred to a recent book by Dr. Colin Morris entitled

"Include Me Out!" affirming: "I want to say to you, and to the world 'Include Me In!' He said: 'I am not fed up with the church, I am fed in the church. I know of no adequate substitute for the Church of Jesus Christ for me or my family or for society.'"

He continued: "We have spent ten years damning the church, talking about her failures, scolding her members, challenging her faith and burying her God." He quoted Dr. Alan Walker of Australia as saying: "The morale of the Christian Church has plummeted to the lowest level of this century. Christians have been thrown into a state little short of panic."

Reference was made to recent decisions in the field of public education as reported in the Saturday Review. These decisions involve the seeking after a new dimension in education called "emotional support." He told of a young person who has been mentally ill because, as his psychiatrist said, "He has been overexposed to bad news." Saying that students must feel loved and accepted, believed in and supported, Dr. Whittle spoke wisely when he said, "This is the dimension that we need in the church."

Then, he said, we must get back into the "invitation business." We must continue to teach and preach and listen and serve, but let us never fail to invite persons to respond to Christ in total commitment. As he put it, "We are called to be 'inviters' as well as communicators."

One of the speakers most incisive statements was this: "I am growing weary of the arguments about pietism versus activism, or conservatism versus liberalism. This is about as silly as arguing about which is more important, to inhale or to exhale. Both are

important if we are to continue to live. Jesus was a pietist, if this means praying and studying the Scriptures. He was an activist, if this means to put your faith into action. He was a liberal, if this means to set free. And he was a conservative, if this means to hold on to the basic values."

Finally, Dr. Whittle said that we must get back into the prayer business. He said, "Changing structures will not do the job. Redefining our priorities is not enough. COCU will not be the final answer. Contemporary worship has its place, but there is no substitute for honest-to-God prayer."

He told the story of a military unit during World War II which puzzled General Omar Bradley because of its low performance in an otherwise effective division. The colonel in command was replaced. Almost immediately morale improved and the regiment began to produce results even in the midst of overwhelming odds. General Bradley visited the unit and saw painted on every piece of equipment and on every man's helmet the letters "AAA-O." When he asked what it meant, he was told, "Anything, anywhere, anytime, bar nothing." He concluded with these words, "I believe that when ministers and laymen can say to God in prayer, 'anything, anywhere, anytime—no reservations' we will have the emotional support and the power we need for mission."

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the Editor's Corner



"BEHOLD THE BRIDEGROOM COMETH"

A story which never fails to cause a chuckle around the Knox household at this time of the year concerns the cablegram I sent home from the Philippines in late August, 1945, when I received my orders which would bring me home after nearly two years in the South Pacific.

Imogene was working at the Humble Oil Co. Refinery in Baytown, Tex. during my overseas duty, and I sent her a message which said simply "Read Matthew 25:6." (Knowing that one or two of you may not remember that reference, and being afraid you won't take the time just now to look it up, the passage says: "Behold the bridegroom cometh. . .")

The cable was delivered to Imogene in her office at Humble, and there wasn't a Bible to be found in the entire refinery. In desperation she called the public library to find out whether the message was one of joy or disappointment.

However, I realized almost as soon as I sent the word that there would have to be a second cablegram. The war had ended and we were being told not to let any of our families meet us on the West Coast because of the terrific congestion that was anticipated.

We had written of a possible reunion in California, and I realized that the second part of that verse from Matthew says: "Go ye out to meet him." The second message said, "Disregard the latter part of the verse."

I was fortunate enough to be in one of the earliest contingents of men returning after V-J Day. In fact, our ship, the Brazil, sailed out of Manila on the same day the treaty ending the war was signed on the deck of the USS Missouri. (It's another story, but we sailed down to the island of Leyte and remained in the harbor there for seven days—a shipload of 5,000 impatient souls waiting for that long trek back home.)

Another reunion plan that went awry was attendance at the 1945 World Series between the Detroit Tigers and the Chicago Cubs. Circumstances which I'll tell you about some other time also kept that from materializing.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, evangelical theologian, told 600 Canadian churchmen attending the recent Canadian Congress on Evangelism that "Neo-Protestant ecumenism" has misled 20th century Christians into feeling that "the church is a powerful world organ." "The dream of a one world church simply hasn't arrived," he declared, adding that racial Protestants are abandoning the ecumenical idea and are no longer trying to work through church structures. He cited a loss of missionary momentum. "The religion of the Bible emphasizes the need for both personal conversion and social righteousness," the Christianity Today editor said.

It was suggested during the United Nations special congress on crime prevention which recently ended in Kyoto, Japan, that Church action could "drive out the curse of anonymity" that plagues the migration of peoples, especially youth, to the cities. Some 1,100 delegates from 82 nations attended. Dr. Marshall Clinard of the University of Wisconsin disclaimed the idea that crime is related to poverty, observing that India, one of the poorest of countries, has one of the lowest crime rates while Sweden and the U.S. have the highest standards of living and the greatest volume of crime.

God has used the Vietnam war to bring a spiritual awakening among the Vietnamese people, the president of the World's Christian Endeavor Union told the organization's 16th quadrennial meeting in Ontario. Bishop Clyde Meadows of Chambersburg, Pa. said when the Vietnamese ask American soldiers what makes the U.S. a strong country, one of the answers they get is that it has the Christian religion. The soldiers are not always adept in explaining Christianity, he continued, but they usually mention the Bible and that leads to a demand for Bibles among the Vietnamese.

Evangelist Leighton Ford, brother-in-law and associate of Evangelist Billy Graham, presenting the concluding address at the World Christian Endeavor convention, said the real moral crisis of today is not pot or pornography but "the widely held belief that no moral standard is really binding." The Canadian-born evangelist said worthy values of the past should be preserved, but the gospel calls for constant change. "Though we can't blindly approve all revolution," he said, Christians should be "revolutionaries—Christian style."

As schools open this month, seven years after the controversial U. S. Supreme Court decision outlawing devotional exercises in the classroom, American children may be learning more about religion than ever before, according to some observers. The following examples were among those cited by the Washington Post after a recent survey: In Florida, many high school students will have "Religious Issues" incorporated as segments of required social studies courses; in Pennsylvania, students in 40 schools will study "Religious Literature of the West" in elective classes taught by English literature teachers; in Michigan, religion departments in three colleges will develop a curriculum to enable the state to accredit teachers as specialists in religion; in Nebraska, nearly half the school districts will use a curriculum for kindergarten through high school—being developed by the English department at the U. of Nebraska. Some of those involved in preparing for the courses have expressed the fear that teachers will be inadequately trained.

An American Lutheran Church evangelist, the Rev. William Gast from Aurora, Colo., warned a conference of 120 theologians representing the three major Lutheran branches in the U.S. that the liberal theologians are becoming too involved in "social engineering." "The liberal theologian gets himself involved in social engineering," stated Mr. Gast, "because he sees himself as an evangelist in so doing as a co-worker with God helping man to experience God." However, not social engineering but the spoken word "gets the job done" and converts people, the evangelist declared.

High Point Church Housing, Inc., (in N.C.) an interdenominational and interracial group of church congregations, has purchased 42 acres of land as the site for the construction of 100 single family dwellings which will be sold to low and moderate income families. St. Mary's Episcopal church and the First Baptist church organized and donated \$2,000 to get the project off the ground and the Low Cost Housing Corp. of Durham invested about \$50,000 in the program and will continue to provide consultant and technical assistance until the project is completed. Development is being financed under a federal program which provides for interest supplement from federal sources so that a purchaser may get interest rates as low as one percent and make only small down payments.

George Romney, U.S. Secretary of Housing and Urban Development, was among several Mormon leaders honored at Provo, Utah for their "continued pursuit of excellence in life." The awards were presented by the Student Assn. of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, which represents some 200,000 Mormon college students throughout the world. Also among the recipients was Dr. Alexander Schreiner, organist for the Mormon Tabernacle Choir since 1921.

Addressing the 96th annual Woman's Christian Temperance Union convention in Los Angeles, Dr. Lindsay R. Curtis, nationally known physician and author, challenged the WCTU to become "the good guys with the white hats with a positive approach to alcohol." Dr. Curtis observed that because of their tendency to be negative proponents have been dubbed "squares" "spoilsports," narrow-minded and living in the past. "We should be for abstinence because we are for the dignity of man. We are for abstinence because it protects the freedom of man," he said, adding, "We are for happier homes, we are for prosperity. We are for safety in driving, we are for longer life because abstinence gives a man 21 years of life lost to a chronic alcoholic."



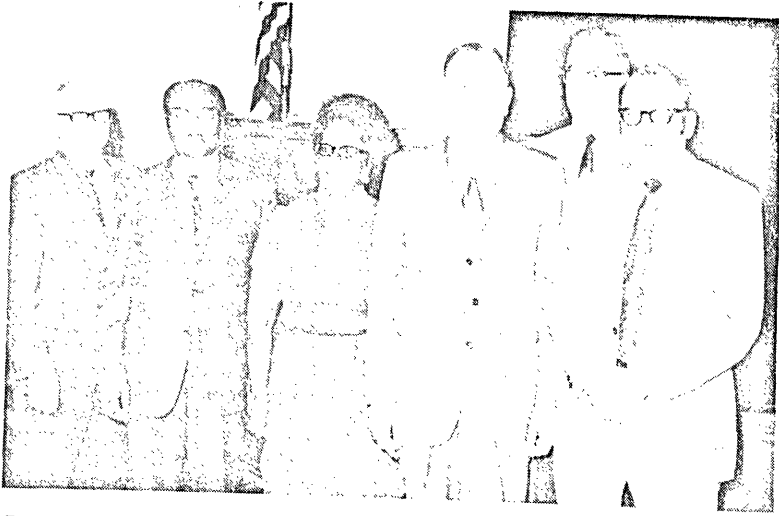
In a conciliatory move, Prime Minister Ian Smith announced in Salisbury, Rhodesia that the country's Christian Churches will not be required to apply for permits to carry on their present work in territory formerly classified as "mission land." The major bone of contention between the Smith regime and the churches has been the Land Tenure Act which prohibits Africans from worshipping with whites without a permit, requires white missionaries to get permission to work among Africans and requires churches to register as "voluntary associations."

Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa, secretary of the American Baptist Home Mission Society evangelism planning committee, told a Conference on the Church and Social Change meeting at Valley Forge, Pa. that the church is now only one of many agents of the Christian gospel. "After 2,000 years of Christian history, he said, "the Christian message has so permeated other institutions that we are now only one of many partners doing some of the same tasks." He warned that the church must not identify its entire mission with social programs such as housing, poverty and education. "The Church should be raising deeper questions," Dr. Morikawa noted, "for what if everyone through social improvement programs were to reach the material level of suburban whites?" He predicted that everyone could then be in "the spiritually sterile situation against which so many white youths are rebelling."

Dr. James L. Sullivan, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board has denied that the board's newly-appointed doctrinal reader will be a "censor." He said that Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, generally regarded as a conservative, would not have authority to order manuscript revisions, but only to identify and suggest changes for passages that might offend Southern Baptist readers. The spokesman said Dr. Eddleman is not to change any meaning an author is attempting to convey, but to propose, where necessary, less abrasive language.

After a year's successful operation in a volunteer Police Chaplain Corps Albuquerque ministers working with the city police have earned whole-hearted acceptance from both the police and city residents. The ministers serve in "a supportive role . . . doing some things policemen shouldn't have to do" according to the Rev. B. C. Goodwin, pastor of Trinity Methodist church and a charter member. The 36 members of the chaplaincy serve at least one day a month on a 24-hour duty tour performing volunteer duties such as the delivering of death messages, aiding families in time of severe accident or death, dealing with suicide attempts, assisting stranded transients, and helping settle family quarrels.

UNITED NATIONS, N. Y. — Ambassador Edvard Hambro of Norway has been elected president of the 126-member United Nations General Assembly and will serve during its 25th anniversary session. He succeeds Mrs. Angie Brooks of Liberia. This 59-year-old Lutheran, who knows his job and the U.N.'s job, is credited with numerous publications and legal treatises including the text of the United Nations charter. He is an ardent crusader against smoking and a stickler for punctuality. Mr. Hambro's principal political conviction is that the smaller nations have an important part to play in the world organization. (RNS Photo)



Present for the Batesville District Steward's meeting held at First Church, Batesville, Sept. 10 with District Superintendent, E. J. Holifield. FROM LEFT: Eugene Dodson, chairman of District Children's Home Commission; Dr. Walter V. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, and Mrs. Hazzard; the Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of the North Arkansas Program Council; Dr. Harold Eggensperger, executive director of the Program Council; Mr. William Patterson, representing Hendrix College. Apportionments recommended by the Annual Conference were accepted and enthusiastic approval of the District's part in the \$2,000,000 Philander Smith College financial campaign was given.



Visiting during the recent Hope District Ministers meeting at First Church, Hope, were (from left) the Rev. Alf A. Eason, district superintendent, the Rev. Bun Gantz and the Rev. Carl E. Beard.



Wesley Foundation members at Southern State College in Magnolia were guests of Asbury and First UM churches for a get-acquainted dinner and fellowship occasion on Sept. 10. ABOVE: Dr. Roy Bagley, superintendent of Camden District, visits with students George Baker of El Dorado and Eddie Warren of Holly Springs; to the left of Dr. Bagley is the Rev. Allen Bonsall, Wesley Foundation campus minister, and to the right of the students is the Rev. Howard Williams, pastor of First Church, and the Rev. Clyde Swift, Asbury pastor. AT RIGHT: Dr. Bagley, with some of those present for dinner in background.

The Rev. Tony Harris (left), of the Memphis Annual Conference, under a three-month assignment, has become Methodist Hospital's first Chaplain Intern. The program, under the supervision of Senior Chaplain George E. Stewart (right), will be sponsored by the Memphis Institute of Medicine and Religion, and is designed to give ministers more intensified education and experience in the field of Clinical Pastoral Psychology and Counseling.



CLARENDON CHURCH HOLDS NOTE-BURNING CELEBRATION

Following the final payment on a parsonage loan—ten years ahead of schedule—the congregation at Clarendon United Methodist Church held a note-burning ceremony Sunday morning, August 30.

According to the Rev. Glenn Bruner, the present pastor, a new parsonage had been constructed back in 1956 with the value of the residence, furnishings and site estimated at \$25,000 and with final payment on a \$10,700 indebtedness scheduled for 1980.

During the period which followed the Women's Society of Christian Service served dinners for the Lion's Club and channeled the earnings into payments on the parsonage indebtedness. In July of this year the Men's Class discovered that only \$700 were needed to pay off the entire indebtedness and subsequently raised the necessary funds to take care of the remaining obligation.

Participants in the note-burning ceremony included: Alf Brown Sr., chairman of the Board of Trustees; Mrs. W. H. Newsome and Mrs. Floyd Pearce charter members of the Women's Society; Mrs. Harvey Morgan, president of the WSCS; Paul McKay, chairman of the Administrative Board, and Pastor Bruner.

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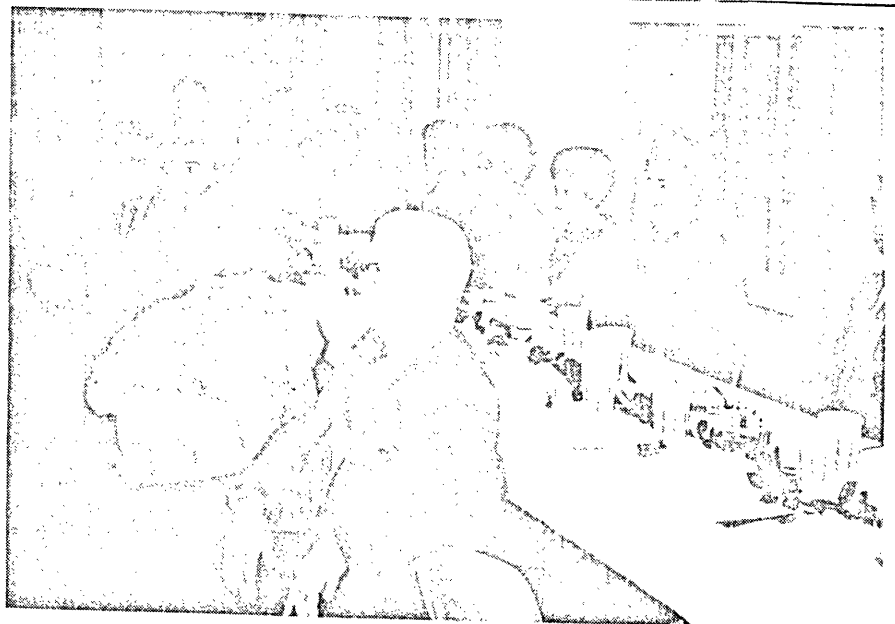
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NEWS and NOTES

CAVANAUGH UNITED Methodist Church in Fort Smith held a Mission Festival last weekend, featuring national missions on Sunday evening, September 20, and foreign missions on Monday evening. Guest speaker was the Rev. Ira McBride who was a missionary to Nigeria for 30 years. The Rev. Larry Powell is the Cavanaugh minister.

THE REV. LOYD A. PERRY of Almyra was the guest speaker at a recent youth meeting in the DeWitt United Methodist Church of which the Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.

FRED CAPLENA, president of United Methodist Men of Brinkley, will preside at the supper meeting tonight, September 24, at which time officers for the ensuing year will be elected. Speaker will be the Rev. Glen Bruner, pastor of the Clarendon United Methodist Church. The Rev. B. W. Stallcup is the Brinkley minister.

THE REV. WAYNE JARVIS, director of the Wesley Foundation at Jonesboro, was guest speaker in the Walnut Ridge Methodist pulpit on Sunday morning, August 30. The Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr., pastor, presided.

PERRIN JONES presided when United Methodist Men of First Church, El Dorado, held the first dinner meeting of the new season, September 16. Guest speaker was Newt Hielscher of Shreveport whose subject was "The Contagious Cure." Ladies night was featured. Dr. Alvin Murray is the pastor.

GREENE COUNTY METHODIST Men met in Griffin Memorial Church of Paragould on Tuesday, September 15. The speaker was the Rev. Marshall Bridwell, pastor of First Church, Paragould. The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin was host pastor.

DR. JAMES B. ARGUE, pastor of Pulaski Heights Church, will be the speaker for the Appreciation Dinner for church school teachers at Asbury Church, Little Rock. Theme of the meeting September 29 will be "People who serve people are the luckiest people in the world." The Rev. Edward W. Harris is the Asbury pastor.

P. K. KORNER

LYNN MARIE JUMP, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. John D. Jump of Conway, was married on September 11 to George Edward McLean, son of Mrs. Joe T. Moore of Morrilton and the late L. J. McLean. Vows were exchanged in the chapel of First United Methodist Church in Conway.

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WIGGINS CHURCH SILVER ANNIVERSARY TO BE NOTED AT FAYETTEVILLE

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will be the speaker in Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church, 205 West Sixth Street, Fayetteville, on Thursday, October 1. The event will commemorate the 25th anniversary of the founding of Wiggins Church, which Bishop Galloway helped to organize while he was pastor of Central Church in Fayetteville.

The banquet, to be served by Mrs. Jo Anderson, will also honor church school teachers and workers.

Former pastors expected to attend are the Rev. Arnold Simpson, the Rev. Raymond A. Dorman and the Rev. Aaron F. Barling. Dr. John A. Bayliss, former district superintendent, will also attend.

The Rev. Allan E. Hilliard is the present pastor.

LONOKE UNITED METHODISTS began the new season with a "Fall Roundup Family Night," Wednesday, September 9. The evening was planned on a western theme, including food, dress, and decorations. Mrs. Charles Griffin was in charge of arrangements. Bert Steely led group singing. The Rev. Michael R. Clayton is pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in the Levy United Methodist Church, 701 West 47th Street, North Little Rock, this weekend, September 25, 26 and 27. Jay Lawhon of McCrory will be the coordinator. The Rev. Gerald D. Hammett is the Levy pastor.

AT WEST MEMPHIS, Ethel Ann Scruggs, who recently returned from a year of study at the University of Belgium, told of her experiences at the Senior High UMY meeting, September 6. The Rev. Clint Burleson is pastor.

AMBOY UNITED METHODIST Church, 311 Military Drive, North Little Rock, began a ten-week Every Member Commitment program, September 13 and will continue through November 22. General chairman of the program is Joe Kinsey. Committee chairmen are: Richard Milner and Bob Reid, development committee; Warren Thompson and Leroy Gray, visitation; and Lewis Kincaid, survey. The pastor of the church is the Rev. Dois M. Kennedy.

AT WESLEY CHURCH, Pine Bluff, David Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. Corwin S. Lee, received the Eagle Scout Award. David is a member of the troop sponsored by Wesley Church, of which the Rev. Robert Regnier is pastor. Charles Nony is his Scoutmaster.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. Arvill Brannon, wife of the pastor of First Church, Batesville, in the recent death of her mother, Mrs. Claude McMillin of Marmaduke.

THE REV. ROBERT THORNLEY of Auckland, New Zealand, was guest speaker in First Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, September 6. A former president of the Methodist Church of New Zealand and of the National Council of Churches of New Zealand, Mr. Thornley had been attending the World Methodist Council executive session in Geneva, Switzerland, with Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of First Church in Little Rock.

DR. ALFRED A. KNOX, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, was guest preacher in Cavanaugh United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Sunday morning, September 6, and at the evening service presented slides and paintings of his two Holy Land tours. The Rev. Larry D. Powell, pastor, presided at both services.

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.

Sept. 27—Sunday	Gen. 28:10-22
Sept. 28	Exodus 3:1-15
Sept. 29	Exodus 13:17-22
Sept. 30	Deut. 32:1-12
Oct. 1	Psalms 119:105-112
Oct. 2	Prov. 3:1-12
Oct. 3	John 8:12-15
Oct. 4—Sunday	John 4:7-26

REPORTS ON RETIRED MINISTERS

The Carr Messenger, newsletter of Carr Memorial United Methodist Church of Pine Bluff, printed news concerning retired pastors in observance of Ministry Sunday this month.

The Rev. Clem Baker, former Carr pastor, is now residing in Clovis, New Mexico, Box 421, 88101. He is 90 years of age, the oldest living member of the Little Rock Conference, and reports that he is doing fine.

The Rev. John L. Hoover, also a former Carr pastor, is now in a nursing home in England, Arkansas. He served in the Little Rock Conference 43 years.

A retired minister who worships at Carr Church is the Rev. Alva C. Rogers, residing at 1711 East Eighth, Pine Bluff, 71601.

The Rev. Carl V. Matthew is presently the Carr minister.

RESIDENTS OF NEW LIFE House in Little Rock were guests of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship of First Church, Jacksonville, on Wednesday, August 26. The project grew out of the youth's Sunday evening study on prisons in Arkansas. The Rev. Bob Edwards is their pastor.

THE HOPE DISTRICT UMY Council had a meeting at DeQueen September 12-13. On Saturday afternoon, the youth met at the parsonage and watched the U of A-Stanford football game. They spent the night with families of the DeQueen Church. During the church school hour and following the morning service on Sunday, they met to finalize plans for their work this year. The Rev. David B. Wilson is the DeQueen pastor and Hope District Youth Coordinator.

THE REV. M. E. SCOTT of Malvern will be the evangelist for the revival to be held in the Gurdon United Methodist Church beginning Sunday, September 27, through Wednesday. The Rev. Cagle E. Fair is the pastor.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, in the recent loss of his sister, Mrs. W. O. Grimes, of Tyler, Texas.

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Bill Bennett

Gabe Gillette

Bill Bennett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Bennett, and Gabe Gillette, son of Dr. and Mrs. Claude Gillette, all of Carlisle, received their Eagle Scout award in a recent ceremony at the Carlisle United Methodist Church. Gaines Young, Scoutmaster, conducted the Eagle ceremony and was assisted by Bill Young, also an Eagle Scout. Bill and Gabe are both active members of the United Methodist Youth Fellowship. Gabe is a member of the adult choir and Bill is president of the UMYF. Both boys attended Boy's State this year and the Philmont Scouting Expedition in New Mexico.

Women's Division representatives will speak at annual meetings of Little Rock Conference women

WSG ANNUAL MEETING

The theme of the Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild will be "Thinking Through Tomorrow."

The one-day business and program meeting will be held on Sunday, October 4, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at Camp Tanako, located on Hwy. #171, between Malvern and Hot Springs.

Election of officers will be conducted by Mrs. Ruby Lee Jackson, outgoing conference chairman. Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon of Little Rock, member of the General Board of Missions, will conduct the installation.

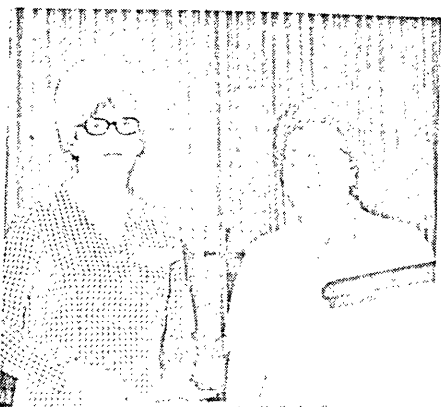
Developing the subject "Thinking", a dialogue by these leaders will consider "Does the Christian Faith Speak to the Future?": Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, leader, with Mrs. Dixon, Mrs. Louise Pate and Mrs. Grafton Thomas.

Conversation corners following this presentation will divide the group into sections to discuss "Where are we now? Where do we hope to be in 1971? What are our goals?" Leaders of the groups will be Mrs. Lamar S. Clark, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, Mrs. Louise Councille, Mrs. Ethel Carroll, Mrs. Dabney, Mrs. John Christian, Mrs. Fred Arnold, Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mrs. E. T. Davenport and Miss Ada May Smith.

The afternoon session will introduce "Search parties Think Through Tomorrow" and will deal with informal task groups. Mrs. Dabney is leader for this and will be assisted by Mrs. Christian with the challenge of missionary outreach; Mrs. Arnold suggesting spiritual disciplines; Mrs. Gardner with the concerns of justice and peace; Mrs. Jackson on the work of the Guild; and Mrs. Davenport recruiting creative leadership.

Mrs. Lamar S. Clark, featured speaker of the day and resource person throughout the program, will bring the closing message: "HOPE—Setting the Pace for the Wesleyan Service Guild".

The noon hour will feature sack lunches, music and fellowship. Mrs. R. H. Levins of Gurdon is chairman of the Arkadelphia District Wesleyan Service Guild, whose members are hostesses for the meeting.



Mrs. Louise Pate, at right, chairman of the Little Rock District Wesleyan Service Guild, presented Mrs. Frances Bing at the Coaching Conference held in Capitol View United Methodist Church at Little Rock, Sept. 20. Mrs. Bing, a member of Park Hill Christian Church in North Little Rock, presented the work of the Business Women's group of Church Women United, of which she is president.

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Mrs. Lamar S. Clark is to be the guest of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild at Camp Tanako, Sunday, October 4. She represents the Women's Division of the General Board of Missions, where she is assigned to the Division Guild Committee. Her husband is a minister serving First United Methodist Church in Baytown, Texas, since last spring. Previous to that he was for six years Program Council Director of the Texas Conference and they lived in Houston. Mrs. Clark has served as local, district, and conference officer, and was recording secretary for the jurisdiction.



Mrs. Edward A. Brandhorst will be the guest speaker for the Little Rock Conference Women's Society of Christian Service at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, during the Annual meeting, Wednesday, October 7. She is a member of the General Board of Missions and a member-at-large of the Women's Division. She is serving this quadrennium as president of the South Central Jurisdiction Society/Guild. Active in community and civic organizations of St. Louis, she has served as vice-president of Church Women United of Greater St. Louis.

CALENDAR FOR WOMEN

SEPTEMBER 29: Arkadelphia District Women's Society Retreat, Camp Tanako.

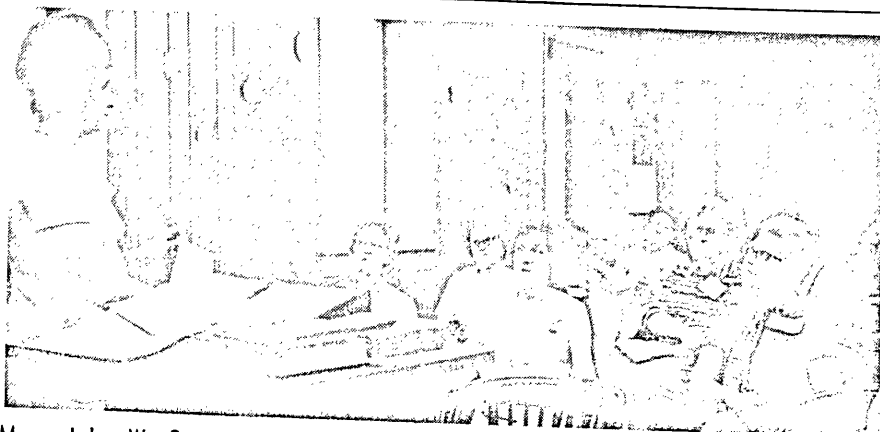
OCTOBER 3 & 4: North Arkansas Wesleyan Service Guild Retreat Camp Aldersgate.

OCTOBER 4: Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild Annual Meeting, Camp Tanako.

OCTOBER 7: Little Rock Conference Women's Society Annual Meeting, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

OCTOBER 16 & 17: Southwest Conference Women's Society Annual Meeting at Mallilieu Church, Fort Smith.

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Mrs. John W. Stephens, president of the Little Rock District WSCS, led the Guild presidents group in the Little Rock Coaching Conference.

BELOW: Mrs. Pearl Deaton of Capitol View Church's Guild poured during the fellowship hour following the Little Rock District Guild meeting last Sunday.



WSCS ANNUAL MEETING

Top officer for United Methodist women of the South Central Jurisdiction, Mrs. Edward A. Brandhorst of St. Louis, will be the guest speaker when the Little Rock Conference Women's Society of Christian Service holds the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, October 7, at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Woodlawn at Monroe, Little Rock. Her message on the theme of the meeting "Therefore Choose Life" will be delivered at 10:55 a.m.

The president's message on the "State of the Conference" will be given by Mrs. E. T. Davenport of Little Rock prior to the address by Mrs. Brandhorst.

Mrs. W. J. Deane of Pine Bluff and Mrs. William S. Arnold of Crossett have served as co-chairmen of the program committee planning for this annual meeting. Based on the theme of the recent Women's Assembly at Houston, every phase of the program will be related to the "Choose Life" theme.

Original music from the Assembly will be presented by a choral group from Pulaski Heights Church, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Lines.

The afternoon presentation on "Choose — It's Your Move" will be made by a group from Mabelvale, four of whom attended the Houston Assembly. Mrs. Louis Fish, Mabelvale WSCS president, Mrs. Bill Moore, Little Rock District WSCS vice-president, Mrs. William Cook and Mrs. Gordon Buergey will share what the Assembly has meant in their lives. They will re-enact a multi-media production which they presented in their society, using singers, readers, instruments, banners, a dancer, and an artist painting a picture of Pentecost during the festival. Two guitarists, Mrs. John Gibson and Mrs. Richard Hirt, and a soloist, Mrs. Hershel Moseley, will share some of the Oscar Brand music of the Assembly.

Miss Ada Mae Smith, conference treasurer, will preside during the pledge service, with district presidents and treasurers participating.

A "Service of Commemoration" will be led by Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon and Mrs. Fred Arnold with district chairmen of spiritual growth serving as candlelighters. This memorial service will follow the installation of officers by Mrs. Brandhorst and will conclude the meeting.

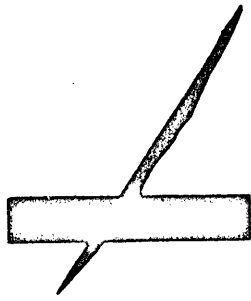
Mrs. Russell M. McKinney, hostess president, has announced that registration, coffee time and literature sales will be in the Youth Building from 8:45—9:45 a.m. Adjournment is scheduled for 3:15 p.m. Luncheon tickets are \$1.50, will be limited to 300 people and may be purchased during the registration period.

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PRE-ANNUAL MEETINGS of Executive Committees of both women's groups of Little Rock Conference will be on the days preceding the meetings. The Guild Executive Committee will be at Camp Tanako, October 3. The Women's Society Committee will be at Highland Church, 13th and Cedar, Little Rock, Tuesday, October 6.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 4: What Is Unique About Our Faith?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Hebrews 1:1-4; Acts 17: 22-28a; Ephesians 2:8-9

MEMORY SELECTION: "For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Christ." (2 Corinthians 4:6)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help us appreciate the uniqueness of the Christian faith in order that we might more firmly stand in that faith ourselves and be better prepared to communicate it to others.

I can still remember one of the most effective leaders under whom I sat as a young person in youth assembly. Teaching a class on the Christian faith, he started by asking what should have been a simple question: "What makes Christianity different from all other religions?" Those of us in the class discovered that it was not easy to give a concise answer to that question. Our lesson today asks that same question, "What is unique about our faith?"

The general theme for all the lessons in the Fourth Quarter is "Living Our Faith." There will be three units in the series. The first is called "The Nature of a Living Faith," and it deals with the uniqueness of the faith and new life in Christ. The second unit, "Helps to a Maturing Faith," offers help to people as they seek spiritual growth through prayer, Bible reading, worship and the fellowship life. The final unit, "Living Our Faith Responsibly," will deal with such issues as concern for others and the way Christians should observe Christmas.

The Biblical material for the series will be taken mainly from the letters of the New Testament and from that section of Jesus' teachings we know as the Sermon on the Mount.

The purpose of this first unit, "The Nature of a Living Faith," is to help persons understand and absorb what is truly unique and different about the Christian faith in order that they may find new life through Christ. Dr. Horace R. Weaver says of this unit in *International Lesson Annual*, "As students study, they should be able to state clearly and unequivocally what Jesus Christ means to them in their daily walk through life and what new life in Christ means." It may be that we are not more effective in winning others to Christ because we have lost sight of the uniqueness of Christianity.

The Biblical material for today's lesson is taken mainly from the first four verses of the Letter to the Hebrews — the statement of the purpose for its writing — and from Acts 17:22-28 in which we read of Paul's sermon on Mars Hill in Athens.

Some people do not know, and many do not seem to care, what the differences are between the various faiths. A commonly held idea is that one religion is as good as another. Committed Christians, however, cannot feel that way, for they know that the faith they hold is unique and that in Jesus Christ they have found a finality that forever sets their faith apart from other faiths.

OURS IS A REVEALED RELIGION

In Hebrews 1:1 we read: "God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spoke in times past unto the fathers by the prophets." Here we find the first of the characteristics of our faith that makes it unique. Although the full revelation came later

through His son, God indicated in Old Testament times that he was a seeker of men. He had chosen men like Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Elijah, and others to be the human spokesmen through whom his message came.

Dr. Howard P. Colson says in *Broadman Comments*: "Only Christianity has anything like the purposeful unfolding of God's redeeming love as recorded in the Bible. Therefore, no other religion can lay claim to the supreme revelation which Christianity has in Jesus Christ."

Dr. J. Harry Cotton, in *Interpreter's Bible* says: "What did he say by the prophets? Through Elijah he declared himself as the one who alone is God. Isaiah said that God, who is Lord of all life, is honored by justice and will accept no easy substitute of ceremony, feast days, or elaborate ritual. Amos thundered that injustice would lead to the sure doom of the nation, that the coming of that doom was also the working of God. . . Only to the prophets was it given to see God at work in the events of history."

In *International Lesson Annual*, Dr. Harry B. Adams says: "The God who made himself known in Jesus Christ is the same God who had come to Israel and had spoken in 'many and various ways.' The image of God speaking is used often in the Scriptures. The spoken word is the primary means of communication between men and enables them to know and relate to one another. It is therefore a fit analogy to indicate God's relationship to man."

GOD HAS SPOKEN THROUGH CHRIST

Hebrews 1:2 continues concerning this God who "Hath in these last days spoken to us by his son." There is no doubt in that writer's mind that Jesus is the climax of God's self-disclosure. Although Christianity has its basis in the revelations God made in Old Testament days, there ought to be no doubt in any Christian's mind that it is really based on the new Word, spoken by God in Jesus Christ.

The writer of Hebrews was a traditionalist who was deeply impressed by the truths of God that came to his people through the prophets. But he left no doubt in any mind that what really excited him was the word spoken by his Son. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "The revelation through Jesus Christ as the Son is not only new but also unique. Who else has known God directly through his Son except Christians? To know God through his Son is to know him as a personal divinity. He is not an abstract principle, but a being who loves, cares for, and guides his children."

Dr. Cotton says: "The clear, the persuasive, the complete word is in Jesus Christ. In this sense the Word is exclusive. The exclusiveness is an offense to the modern mind. It seems to close doors and we want them left open. It confronts us with a choice, and we prefer to delay the choice. The objections to the exclusive revelation in the Son seems plausible until we turn from the other candidates to Jesus. Then the objections seem stale and bookish."

THE REVELATION THROUGH CHRIST IS SUPERIOR TO ALL OTHERS

The writer of Hebrews had one great emphasis throughout — that although God had revealed himself in Old Testament times in many different ways, there was something lacking in man's knowledge of him until the coming of Christ. As great as the prophets were, they could not present to the world a complete and final redemption. That could come

only through Jesus Christ.

First, his revelation was unique because he had existed from all eternity with the father. The sonship stands in marked contrast to the status a prophet enjoyed. The emphasis is that he did not become a son, but that he had always been the son of God. "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God." (John 1:1)

But also, God's highest revelation of himself and his love came in the death of Christ. It would have been inadequate if Christ had simply lived a perfect life among men. As Dr. Brooks Ramsey says in *Rozell's Complete Lessons*: "In one sense the life of Jesus does not redeem man, it condemns him. To try to follow Christ as an example, leaves one with a sense of futility."

OURS IS A UNIVERSAL FAITH

The passage from Acts which tells us of Paul's sermon at Mars Hill in Athens tells us that the Christian faith is a universal one. As he spoke to them of the "altar with an inscription to an unknown God" (Acts 17:23), he was telling the learned men of Athens that they were a part of his faith without knowing it.

Paul was presenting Christianity not as a religion for one privileged sector of humanity, but for all men. As Dr. Colson puts it: "The God of the Christian faith is the maker of the universe, the Lord of heaven and earth (v. 24). He is the one who has brought into being 'all nations of men' from a single common source (vv. 25-26). Since these things are true, there can be but one true faith—the faith that centers in this one and only true God, who supremely revealed himself in Jesus Christ."

CHRIST IS IN ALL AND THROUGH ALL

There are some voices in our time who are endeavoring to prove by the evidence of science that the Christian faith has been made obsolete. Still other voices, enthusiastic about all the scientific progress man has made, are using these same facts to underscore man's greater need for Christ. They are telling us that the God of the stars and the God of the human soul are one and the same, and that Christ is in the midst of it all. They affirm that we cannot understand it apart from Christ.

Some contemporary religious writers have used the "shock treatment" to make their points, but many of them are confessing their belief in the uniqueness of Christ. Bishop John T. Robinson in his book *Honest to God* is one of these. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says of that book: "Robinson is urging us to keep our religious language, concepts, and symbolism in line with the view of the universe that scientists hold today. That Christians of the first century did just this in their time was witnessed in Hebrews 1:1-4."

GOD STILL SEEKS FOR MEN

As Paul spoke on Mars Hill to men who were so concerned about religion that they erected an altar to an "unknown God," he was telling them about the God that was truly unique. There are many people today who need the same kind of reminder; they have a "so-what" attitude about the deity whose name they know, but do not have a religion of power.

This God the Christians worship is one who is constantly seeking for men. He is not the monstrous deity of the sky who delights to hurl thunderbolts upon his disobedient subjects. Rather, he is the God of love and compassion who wants to draw all men unto himself. He has done everything possible to make man's life worthwhile on the earth. Paul underscores the goodness of God when he says, "He himself gives to all men life and breath and everything."

In closing, we would emphasize these words of Dr. Ramsey: "The uniqueness of Christianity therefore, is in a person. The most unique person who ever lived, Jesus Christ. He is God manifest in the flesh. The other religions of the world have their great teachers and leaders, but only Christianity has a Savior to offer to the world."

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Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

In a poem entitled "Out of the Vast," Augustus Wright Bamberger wrote . . . "Out of the vast comes nearness; for the God whose love we sing, lends a little of his heaven to every living thing."

FULFILLMENT

Our thoughts are birds that live in boughs of love,
When haze shows blue and mist looms gray.
Man seeks beyond the stars with probing mind
To keep his courage kindled for the fray.
The soul can soar above the clouds and dance
And the centuries follow weird and slow,
Beyond the edge of ever turning back!
This is the home road that mortals must know.
The stars of love and beauty may be found
Where stirring heart beats are attuned to land.
Man sets his stakes and plans his dream of dreams . . .
And endless as the desert's dune-heaped sand.

— by Remelda Gibson

RESOLUTION

To love . . . to grow . . .
To respond, and to seek
For truth . . . to know
Realities, aspire to heights
beyond my reach —
To rise above grieving
Heartbreak and sorrow —
Healed by believing
In the promise of Tomorrow,
To feel the pure flame
Of selfless giving —
To be filled with the meaning
and wonder of living!

— by
Dorothy Price Scheckenbach

quote and unquote

Bishop Gerald Kennedy told the recent Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity they represented both "great hope and great danger." He said: "If you can hold up to the world a great witness to Christ, the church will welcome this, but if this movement ends up simply as a critical, dissenting one, it will not help the church."

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Dr. Dennis F. Kinlaw, president of Asbury College, told the same meeting: "We must not stand in pharisaical judgment upon a leadership that does not speak to our need or turn to other ideological homes because of a generation gap in our Methodist family."

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The Rev. Tom Skinner, black Baptist evangelist from New York, told the meeting of United Methodists at the Adolphus Hotel in Dallas: "You must repent for the racism in your hearts and become radicals and revolutionists for Christ. A radical is a person who gets to the root of the problem. People who burn universities are criminals. A revolutionist is one who would take an existing, unworkable system, throw it away, and create a new, better system."

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The Rev. Ira Gallaway, president of the United Methodist Council on Evangelism, told the Dallas Convocation: "Some of us seem to feel that if we could get control of board headquarters in New York, Washington, or Nashville that all church crises would be averted. I don't think this is true. On the other hand, the church can be renewed if we as members witness to what Christ means to us through lives of integrity, good will and service to mankind."

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Another significant quote from Mr. Gallaway, referring to the youth culture: "Hippies are human beings. Unless we're redemptive we're going to lose the next generation because they're willing to risk all for a new world. We must go and plant our own lives where people hurt."

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Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, professor of Claremont School of Theology, addressing the meeting in Dallas, called America arrogant. He said, "The grace of God comes only after self-centeredness is shattered by the fear of God . . . God is not in the business of saving nations. The real consideration is not a nation but whether its people are sufficiently Christian to walk in the way of the cross."

Committee to coordinate ministries to Hispanic-Americans proposed

NEW YORK (UMI) — Hispanic-Americans are to comprise more than 50 per cent of the membership on a proposed churchwide United Methodist Committee on the Hispanic-American Community.

This was the decision made by a denominational interboard coordinating committee which met here September 9 to plan a structure for the Hispanic-American Committee. The coordinating committee voted to include community representation from all regions where Hispanic-American Methodists are found, including the Rio Grande, New York, Chicago, Florida, California-Arizona and Puerto Rico regions.

The denomination's Program Council endorsed a plan to establish a UM Hispanic-American Committee at a meeting last February in Los Angeles. The New York meeting was called by Dr. J. Edward Carothers, associate general secretary of the Board of Missions for the National Division, which

serves Spanish-speaking United Methodists.

Purpose of the new committee, as redefined in New York, would be to coordinate ministries to Hispanic-American persons and to serve as a liaison group among United Methodist boards and agencies, and with other denominations and ecumenical agencies. One of the original concerns which led to formation of the committee was the need for more Spanish language materials in United Methodist churches.

Coordinating committee members will now seek to select Hispanic-American church members for a future meeting at which the final committee will be constituted. A membership of some 25 to 30 persons is planned.

Attending the meeting in New York were representatives of the Program Council, National Division, Board of Education, Board of Evangelism and the Rio Grande, Southern California-Arizona and Puerto Rico Conferences.

OPEN DOOR FOR METHODISTS

AT THE CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UN

On June 26, the 25th anniversary of the signing of the UN Charter in San Francisco, the United Methodist Office in the Church Center for the UN announced a new "open door" program. Every day, except Saturday and Sunday, at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. and 3:00 p.m. there will be one-hour programs at the Church Center for those who are visiting the United Nations or who are in New York for any reason.

The program-tours will start in the Tillman Chapel, feature a talk by a competent church leader on the concern of the church for the United Nations, the UN's past record and future, and what United Methodists may do to make the world organization more effective. In addition there will be a short film on some UN program, dis-

tribution of valuable printed items, and a visit to offices and floors which are open.

Since the XXV General Assembly opened on September 15, the tours began on that day and will continue until December 15. If the response is good, they will be re-established in early 1971. Dr. Carl Soule, one of the executives in the United Methodist Office for the UN, estimates that more than 50,000 United Methodists and 300,000 churchmen of all denominations visit the United Nations each year. He believes that many of these will want to visit the Church Center, which was erected by the Boards of Christian Social Concerns and Missions and in which both Boards have work on the eighth and eleventh floors.

GENERATION GAP



The drawing at left is a lot like the so-called "generation gap." You look at it one way and think you are seeing an old "hag." But after becoming better acquainted with it you see a beautiful lady. Too many young people are prone to pin unkind labels on older people. Get acquainted with them and you may come to see that their lives are beautiful.

Development of Whole Persons

Ernest B. Boynton Jr.

Early in 1960, health workers in the Philippines developed a clean, pretty, inexpensive and safe cement toilet to replace the unpopular latrine. The Philippine Rural Reconstruction Movement (PRRM) launched a high-pressure sales campaign to get villagers to buy such toilets, hoping that widespread use of a sanitary facility would cut the incidence of parasitic diseases.

The campaign worked fine. Filipino peasants bought toilets like candy. However, a follow-up survey two years later showed that one farmer reserved his facility for important guests, while another allowed only his pretty daughter to use it. Two new toilets served as flower pots to decorate a farmer's driveway. Reluctantly, the high-pressure tactics were abandoned.

The campaign was an admitted failure. However, other uses of high-pressure or, at times, tyrannical methods of helping people against their will have had far worse effects, often tipping the delicate social or ecological balance of a society or village.

Anthropologists such as Margaret Mead point out that imposing western health standards on an unwilling village can have more disastrous effects than an epidemic. In many instances, including settlements of Indian Americans in the United States, traditional people who have abandoned their so-called superstitions—their faith in the medicine man and in the traditional healing practices and taboos of the village — also quickly abandon the group laws and tribal values that united the individual to his society. The small village may fall apart completely, leaving its members to suffer the new ills of alienation, despair and loneliness. Members of the community may begin to develop painful psychosomatic illnesses the western doctor can't begin to cure.

Unenlightened use of chemicals to kill insects or produce crops can have equally devastating effects on the environment, as a small Associated Press story on August 8, 1968, points out:

The World Health Organization sent pesticide to Borneo to kill mosquitoes. It worked fine, but didn't kill all of the roaches, which accumulated the pesticide in their bodies. Lizards living in thatched huts ate the roaches. The pesticide slowed the lizards so that they were easily caught by the cats, which then died. With the cats gone, the rats moved in carrying a threat of plague. In addition, the pesticide killed a type of parasite that feeds on caterpillars; the caterpillars multiplied in the huts, where they fed on the roof thatching. Then the roofs started caving in.

The "villains" in Borneo, in the Philippines, in the traditional villages and societies around the world, is the peculiar western "good guy"—the man of boundless good will who helps others. To an American mind, help almost always takes the form of the big, good white man bringing the light of technology or religion or whatever to his less fortunate, less enlightened brown brother. It is a form of aggression, in that westerners are often trying to persuade others to believe like

them—rather than taking the lengthy, patient effort to enable others to achieve their own goals, their own ideals of good.

This peculiar egotism is reflected in the stereotyped charity worker, who has not recovered from the notion that the poor and helpless should be "grateful" for the condescension and aid of his betters, some experts say. He insists that food and medicine be dispensed on western terms — that people accept the germ theory of sickness, relinquish superstition, adopt sanitary measures, and stand in line for food. At the extreme, he may be personally less interested in the internal happiness or well-being of the traditional people he helps than in assuring his own soul a spot in heaven, a former missionary of the United Methodist Church angrily charges.

Even when his goodwill is of impeccable credentials, all too often he combines it with naivete and ignorance, which easily leads to the disruption of social systems, agonizing ecological effects, over-population or other problems. And since these problems are not as "popular" as feeding cute babies, he is likely to ignore these far more serious, devastating consequences.

In short, his brands of health care is a form of imposing western values on peoples who do not share them because of radically different life styles, and in large part it characterizes the myriads of health, aid and even military programs exported around the world. The philosophy reads that we know what's best, and the poor primitives can't guess at it. Therefore, we should impose it on them, "for their own good." These feelings have been expressed by newly developed government officials in private conversations, but with exceptions are reluctant to state their feelings publicly for fear that economic aid for their countries will be cut off.

Happily there are exceptions. Fired by discipline, understanding, knowledge and empathy, some aid personnel reportedly are refusing to transplant western ideas wholesale to other systems, but are quietly and patiently allowing traditional people to select those elements that work best for them. They carefully allow the enthusiasm and demand for health methods and knowledge to come from the group itself, and stringently refrain from imposing strict sanitation or sick-care techniques that violate local ethics. After all, the most germfree environment is complete isolation, a concession even most westerners won't make to medical technology.

With such attitudes and care, many disasters are averted, and striking (if modest) successes begin to result. For instance, the PRRM of the Philippines abandoned its high-pressure techniques for selling toilets. It sent a young doctor to live in a village and look for opportunities to help the people. One day, he gave a powerful village official a lesson in using the microscope, which he'd been using to search stool samples

for parasites. The horrified official asked if such animals lived in his children, and was told they most probably did. Many villagers began bringing stool samples from their children, and crowded around to look for worms and eggs through the microscope. They demanded to know what could be done to stop the devastation, and soon began a vigorous village building program, actually supplying cement and labor. With such personal investment of time and money, the follow-up interviewers were not surprised to learn that the toilet had become a regular substitute for the pleasant bushes out back.

The Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church has undertaken the "development of whole persons" as one of its Quadrennial Emphases. In cooperation with colleague churches overseas, the Board's World Division is attempting to "get with it" in the field of development, but in a strategic and planned way. The Rev. Dr. C. Dean Freudenberger, former agricultural missionary to the Congo and now development consultant to the World Division, says that by the year 2000 the population may outrun food population. He said that poverty is a food and population problem but that development also relates to questions of justice and value priorities. He stresses agricultural modernization and "relevant social and economic action" as key points in any development strategy for the church.

Norway Plans

Theological Education

NEW YORK (UMI) — Norwegian United Methodists apparently are to embark on their own program of theological education in 1971 under action taken by the Norway Conference at its annual session.

Associated heretofore with United

Committee on Enlistment for Church Occupations to meet

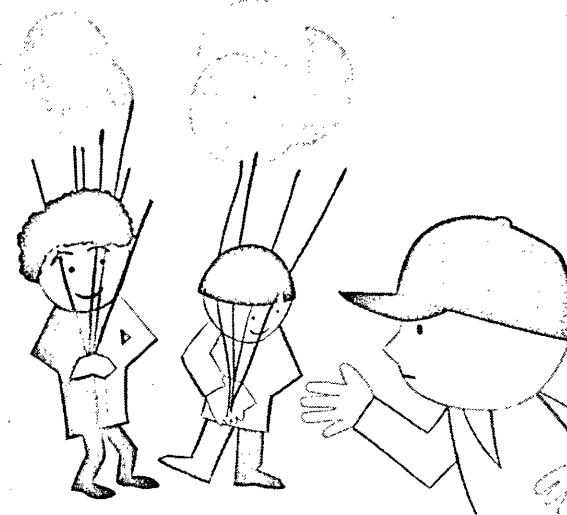
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Efforts to interest and recruit members of ethnic minority groups for occupational service in the church and church-related institutions will be a major item of discussion during the annual meeting here October 13-16 of the United Methodist Interboard Committee on Enlistment for Church Occupations.

Meeting in conjunction with the 26-member committee will also be approximately 75 annual conference chairmen of enlistment for church occupations from across the nation.

Other items on the agenda will include a discussion of the United Methodist Voluntary Service Program, particularly the involvement of youth in voluntary service during summer months, and consideration of a restructured enlistment capability for the church.

Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Tex., will preside at the October meeting in the absence of Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, Charleston, W. Va., chairman. Executive secretary of the committee with offices in Nashville is the Rev. Richard H. Bauer.

Methodists from Denmark, Sweden and Finland in the United Theological Seminary in Gothenburg, Sweden, Norwegian Methodists voted to start their own program by opening a United Methodist Study Center in connection with the University of Bergen. The Rev. Arne-Jacob Kristoffersen, United Methodist news correspondent for Scandinavia, said it was not clear what would happen to the Gothenberg school if and when the Norway Conference withdraws and that the matter will be discussed at a special Northern Europe Central Conference meeting September 24-27.



"IT'S NICE TO SHARE," is the theme for a new television spot announcement series for small children. It is the first of a series now in production, stressing basic Christian values, intended for viewing audiences in the 3-to-6 age group. It is done in the style of the popular "Sesame Street" series, recently produced by the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church in cooperation with TRAFICO (Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication) of the United Methodist Church. It is being broadcast regularly over the coast-to-coast facilities of the National Broadcasting Company. The spot is also available for placement during children's viewing time on local stations.

UNITED NATIONS CASSETTES AVAILABLE AS ORGANIZATION CELEBRATES 25th YEAR

In order to help celebrate the twenty-fifth anniversary of the United Nations, the Division of World Peace has made cassettes (sound tapes) of two major addresses given at the San Francisco Opera House on June 26.

Cassette I contains an address by Ambassador Charles W. Yost, the permanent representative of the United States at the United Nations. Yost agrees with former President Truman that the survival of the UN depends upon the will of its members to use it and that the UN can do much, if the nations will use it fully. If they do not use it, it will surely atrophy and die.

Cassette II contains an address by U Thant, the Burmese Secretary General of the United Nations. He urges the nations to support universality of membership in the UN. He believes that the People's Republic of China should be represented. It is his conviction that nationalism must give way to international authority and that no ideology, or religion, or nation has full truth on its side.

These cassettes may be used for church school classes, groups in retirement homes, MYF groups, classes in public schools, and civic groups, as people search for meaningful ways by which to celebrate the UN's 25th birthday.

These cassettes may be obtained for \$5 each from the Division of World Peace, Dr. Carl Soule, Executive Secretary, Room 11G, 777 UN Plaza, New York, NY. 10017. Accompanying each

NCC PRESIDENT ASKS U.S. ACTION ON HIJACKING OF JET PLANES

NEW YORK (RNS) — The president of the National Council of Churches has called on the U.S. government to "use every moral and economic pressure at its disposal to safeguard the lives of the hostages" involved in the hijacking of four jet planes to the Middle East.

In a statement issued at NCC headquarters here, Mrs. Cynthia Wedel also said it was "mandatory" that the government "obtain from the nations of which the perpetrators are citizens the outlawing of all manifestations of hijacking in which their people are involved."

"The lives of the hostages must come first," the ecumenical leader declared. "Simultaneously nations must take a firm position on the punishment of this heinous crime or we will find ourselves moving ever closer to international anarchy."

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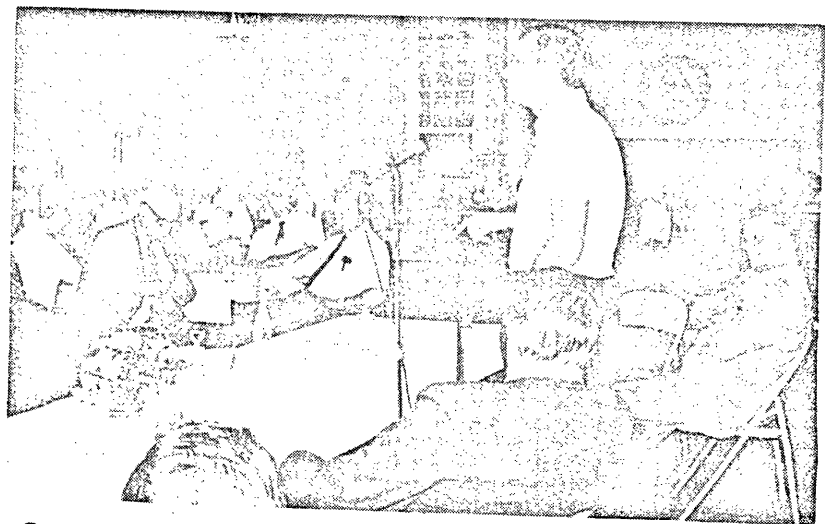
News in Brief

The Rev. John V. Allbright, pastor of the Redding, Calif., United Methodist Church, a pacifist who believes the draft should be abolished, has been appointed to the Selective Service Board serving two of the state's counties.

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cassette will be three mimeographed copies of the address, so that hearers may follow the text and discuss it afterward.

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Coach Frank Broyles addresses Sept. 9 meeting of Methodist Men in Central UM Church, Fayetteville. Al Donnbauer (right of Broyles) is the in-coming president. Coach Broyles, active Methodist layman, spoke of the character quality of the Razorbacks. Dr. Joel Cooper is pastor.

Boy Scouts of America launch Fall program

The Boy Scouts of America will join hands with its partners once again in an effort to involve more boys in a program that is relevant to a young man's environmental needs in the 1970's.

In keeping with the basic principle that the Boy Scouts of America is a movement which shares its educational program with its partners, the Boy Scouts of America is launching a program this fall, known as "Touchdown for Boypower." The skull practice for the kickoff is under way now in all local councils. Why not contact your commissioner or district executive and coordinate your plans with the plans of the Boy Scout council? After all, the program is designed for your use!

If the church is really interested in reaching young men in their everyday life, then the church must find a vehicle that appeals to most boys. Through studies made by the University of Michigan, Princeton Opinion Research, and others, boys do like Scouting. It is up to the Boy Scouts

of America and its partners, the churches, to reach these young men.

As a part of the Touchdown Roundup, the partners, with Scouting, will have an opportunity to reach disadvantaged boys in our urban and rural areas.

If you do not have Scouting in your church, talk to your committee on education; have them contact your local council, someone will visit your church and help the program get under way. If you do have Scouting, request your leaders to get involved in the Touchdown Roundup.

Scouting can serve as an arm of the church that says, "we are really interested."—From Protestant Relationships

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Recently elected officers of senior high UMY at Fairview Church in Camden. FROM LEFT: Gary Jennings, president; Laurie McManue, secretary, Bart Ghent, vice-president; (Kathy Dorflinger was elected treasurer). The Rev. Thomas A. Abney is minister.

Where's My Star?

by Laurence T. Heron

"I am the husband of a church-school teacher. I am he who rises early on Sunday morning to mingle baby with cereal and orange juice so my wife can go to church to teach other people's children.

I sit in the car in front of the superintendent's house until 10:30 o'clock the first Tuesday night of each month waiting for her to leave a worker's conference that was to have ended at 10.

That handsomely printed chart for keeping track of her pupil's home work — I designed it and made it.

Those smooth white stones with which her class so impressively constructed Abraham's altar for a department worship service—I drove 20 miles one Saturday afternoon to find them.

The week she was sick and couldn't teach—who was it made six telephone calls trying to line up a substitute, and finally having located one, carried lesson materials and messages back and forth between the two women?

That was a colorful dramatization my wife's class presented before the whole church school. Whose bathrobe did King Solomon wear? And the realistic shield with which Goliath protected himself against David—my hands fashioned it out of the lid of our old washing machine.

The teacher's book says invite the boys and girls to your home for parties. Who grills the hamburgers? Who wears himself out umpiring a baseball game? Who keeps the most active pupils from maiming one another or ruining the next door neighbor's petunias? Even t u a l l y, who chauffeurs them to their homes?

Then comes the Sunday when there are tears in teacher's eyes as she walks into the house and lays her Bible and lesson helps on the table. The session didn't go at all as she had planned. Bill asked silly questions, Barbara giggled during prayer and Ted upset the offering basket. If that's the way they're going to act, she'll quit — she must be a very poor teacher!

Who comforts her and says of course she's a good teacher — that it was just one of those days and she can try something different next Sunday?

Yes, sir, I'm the unknown, unrecognized, un-honored assistant in the nation's religious education program and I think it's time somebody knew it!

I am the husband of a church-school teacher."

Thank God for the husbands AND wives of our teachers! When we realize the sacrifice so many make to have a good church school, all the members of the church should be inspired to help make the Church School larger and better.

—Copied from THE MEMO (Special church page for Noel Memorial United Methodist Church, Shreveport, in the LOUISIANA METHODIST)

WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN

Report for August, 1970

BENEVOLENCE FUNDS

	August 1969	August 1970	Fiscal Year Thru August 1969	Fiscal Year Thru August 1970	Percent Increase (Decrease)
World Service	1,078,057.65	1,082,141.13	11,512,028.88	11,195,593.57	(2.75)
General Advance Specials					
World Missions	477,500.00	444,889.53	5,453,706.55	4,651,197.32	(14.71)
National Missions	72,900.00	75,175.54	1,204,396.52	1,139,696.25	(5.37)
Overseas Relief	66,985.12	162,425.11	893,087.77	860,466.12	(3.65)
One Great Hour of Sharing	19,778.04	13,013.62	698,263.50	618,383.44	(11.44)
Fellowship of Suffering and Service	9,906.20	7,226.39	197,167.02	131,252.09	(33.43)
World Service Specials	6,116.42	6,548.08	162,514.90	151,539.52	(6.75)
Temporary General Aid ...	48,649.45	37,164.59	417,447.55	394,826.07	(5.42)
Fund For Reconciliation ...	156,552.64	79,907.75	1,431,571.85	1,147,051.82	(19.87)
Ministerial Education		140,240.42		1,571,357.93	
Race Relations		25,381.52		539,505.16	
United Methodist Student Day		43,674.02		122,088.18	

ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Episcopal Fund Receipts ...	157,524.27	135,394.03	1,469,375.47	1,469,903.36	(0.04)
General Administration Fund Receipts	87,779.01	65,960.05	725,723.12	688,133.83	(5.18)
Interdenominational Cooperation Fund	38,096.69	26,778.07	340,906.68	305,176.27	(10.48)

The leadership of The United Methodist Church has a most significant responsibility with respect to General Benevolence and Administrative funds during the period September - December this year. As of the end of August receipts to all funds were less than for the same period last year. When we speak of those with leadership responsibilities, we must include particularly Bishops, District Superintendents, Annual Conference Commission Chairmen of World Service and Finance, Treasurers, Pastors and Annual Conference, District and Local Church Lay Leaders. This is a problem that will be solved only if all who share leadership work together to accomplish the fiscal objectives as approved by the General Conference.

The October issue of the INTERPRETER contains special materials designed to be helpful in confronting the churches with their responsibilities to the World Service and other general funds. If we at the Council on World Service and Finance can serve you in any way, please let us know. We want to do our part—whatever we can do—in finding acceptable solutions to our fiscal problems.

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Vacation church school group at Promised Land United Methodist Church in Jonesboro District. The Rev. Bill Kirkland is pastor. Mrs. Sue Dixon served as director of the school which was the first to be held in recent years.



During the recent Rally Day and promotion service at Clarendon United Methodist Church this group was honored for perfect attendance with individual records of attendance ranging from one to 19 years. The Rev. Glenn Bruner is pastor. Faye Wheatley was awarded the top honor for 19 years of perfect attendance and Butch Register ranked second with 14 years. Rush Harding III and Jo Anna Brewer tied for third place among the contenders, with 10 years each.