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## Dr. Marshall Steel to deliver Young Lectures

Dr. Marshall T. Steel, immediate past president of Hendrix College in Conway, Arkansas, will be presented in the sixth annual J. Elmo and Edna Murry Young Lectures at the First United Methodist Church, Malvern, October 11-14, according to the Reverend Charles G. Ashcraft, pastor.

Dr. Steel, who retired in June, 1969, after eleven years as the sixth president of Methodism's institution of higher learning in Arkansas, is the son of Dr. E. R. Steel, a well-known Methodist minister who served as pastor of churches in Fayetteville and Pine Bluff as well as other charges within the state.

Dr. Marshall Steel came to Hendrix College as president in 1937 from Highland Park Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas where he had served as pastor for 21 years. Prior to that time he had been pastor of churches in Arkansas including Carlisle, Monticello, and Winfield Methodist in Little Rock.

During his tenure as president at Hendrix the college enjoyed comprehensive periods of growth and Dr. Steel's concern for quality Christian higher education was credited with the strengthening of all aspects of the academic program. His leadership led to the College's meeting requirements of the Ford Foundation in endowment funds which total \$3,000,000.

A native of Fort Smith, Dr. Steel earned the A.B. degree from Hendrix College and the B.D. degree from Union Theological Seminary in New York. He also holds an honorary D.D. degree from Hendrix College and an honorary LL.D. degree from Southern Methodist University in Dallas.

Dr. Steel is currently serving as a member of the Methodist Board of Education, and is a former member of the Methodist Board of Publications. He was a delegate to the Methodist Jurisdictional and General Conferences in 1948, 1952, 1956, 1960 and 1964. With Mrs. Steel, the former Miss Ouita Burroughs of Fordyce, he makes his home on Lake Catherine, a few miles from Malvern.

The J. Elmo and Edna Murry Young Lectureship was established in the First United Methodist Church by members of the Young Family in memory of J. Elmo and Edna Murry Young as an effort to perpetuate the interest of Mr. and Mrs. Young in the life and work

• Hispanic-Americans' concerns to receive special emphasis

## United Methodism's largest agency to meet in Los Angeles, October 21-30

NEW YORK (UMI) — Concerns of minority groups, issues raised by youth, reports on mission work, and determination of financial and other priorities are scheduled to be on the agenda of the United Methodist Board of Missions at its 1970 annual meeting October 21-30 at the Los Angeles Hilton Hotel. About 500 persons are expected to attend.

The Board of Missions is the largest agency of the 10,800,000-member United Methodist Church. With headquarters in New York City, it gives leadership in national mission and church extension work in the United States, and cooperates in mission with United Methodist and United Methodist-related churches in 53 countries overseas. Located in the Board is the national women's program of the denomination.

The Board has about 1,300 missionaries at work in Asia, Africa, Europe, and North and South America. There are more than 2,000 deaconesses and other home mission workers in the 50 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands.

Meeting concurrently with, and before, the sessions of the full Board of Missions will be its five major units: National Division, World Division, Women's Division, Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel.

President of the 145-member Board is Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, episcopal leader of United Methodism's New York Area. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, is general secretary.

Expected to receive special emphasis are concerns of Hispanic Americans. There are about 400 Spanish-speaking United Methodist congregations in Puerto Rico and on the U.S. mainland. A Caucus, MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans), has been formed,

of the church. The Lectureship also is given in memory of their two deceased sons: John Murry Young and Gordon E. Young.

Previous lectures have been given by Dr. Gaston Foote in 1965; Dr. Ralph Sockman, 1966; Dr. Elton Trueblood, 1967; Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, 1968 and Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, 1969.

with Dr. Elias Galvan of Los Angeles as president. MARCHA made a presentation to the special United Methodist General Conference in St. Louis last April. Also in April, the church's largest Spanish-speaking unit, the Rio Grande Conference, presented to the Board requests totalling \$548,000 over a three-year period for scholarships and other causes.

Also on the Board's agenda in the area of minority concerns are to be reports on (1) a total of \$1,850,000 allocated by the Board since October 1969, for black and other minority economic development, education and anti-racism programs in the U.S. and overseas, and on (2) placing of more black and other minority persons in the Board's top executive echelons. Special emphasis may also be given to

the concerns of American Indians and Asian Americans.

A Board Committee on the Involvement of Young People is expected to present issues of concern to youth, including an evaluation report on disposition by the Board of a major study presented in 1969 that was critical of the Board. Budgets for the Board and its units for 1971 will be determined, and with them program and fiscal priorities for the coming year. The financial decisions will be made against a background of an apparent decline in income that is affecting many church agencies.

Also scheduled are addresses and/or reports by top officials of the Board including Bishop Wicke, Dr. Jones and

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## Hendrix Convocation announced

Dr. William A. Holmes, pastor of University United Methodist Church, Austin, Tex., will be the speaker for the Fall Convocation at Hendrix College, Tuesday, October 29, at 10:00 a.m.

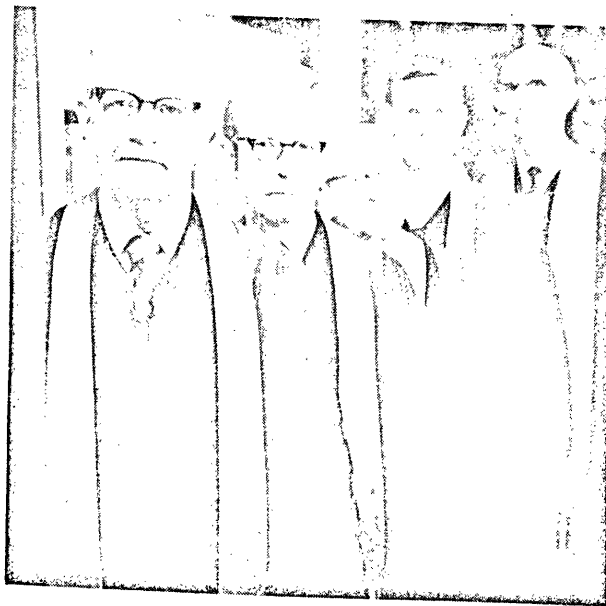
On this occasion honorary degrees will be awarded the Rev. Clint Burleson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, West Memphis, and the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Camden.

Dr. Holmes is a native of Little Rock and a graduate of Hendrix College.

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Mr. Burleson is a graduate of Hendrix College (1952) and Perkins School of Theology (1955). He has served as superintendent of the Paragould and Forrest City Districts and as pastor in Little Rock, Pine Bluff and Arkadelphia.

Mr. Dodson also graduated from Hendrix (1944) and Perkins (1947). His pastorates have included churches in Benton, Batesville, Siloam Springs, Pocahontas and Berryville.



Dr. Robert C. Goodrich, left, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, was the Pierce Lecturer last week at First Church, Pine Bluff. Shown with him prior to the lecture on Monday evening were (from left) Dr. John W. Lindsay, host pastor; Dr. William E. Brown; the Rev. Therral Wilson and the Rev. Elmo Thomason.

## Dedication at Hazen

Bishop Paul V. Galloway assisted by Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent, officiated at the service of dedication for the educational building of First United Methodist Church, Hazen, Sunday, Sept. 20.

Named in memory of Martin Luther Page, a long-time worker in the church, the construction of the building was begun in 1959 under the pastorate of the Rev. George W. Kerr. The present pastor is the Rev. Herston Holland.

This church which has a membership of 506 and property valued at \$225,000 is now debt free.

Dr. Hozendorf brought the message at the service and the preacher for the evening worship service was Mr. Kerr.

Following the evening service there was a reception honoring the Page family. Several former pastors were present for this occasion.

## COLT CHURCH DEDICATED

Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, district superintendent of the Forrest City District officiated at the Service of Dedication Service for Colt United Methodist Church on Sunday, September 20. He was assisted in the service by Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, program director of the North Arkansas Conference.

Dr. Dodgen is himself a former pastor of the Colt Church having come there for his first appointment in 1932.

The first service was held in the new building in July, 1968, and the indebtedness was paid in full on November 23, 1969.

Roy Ellis, Sr., one of the trustees, presented the building for dedication.

At the North Arkansas Annual Conference in 1969 the Colt Church received the award as Small Town Church of the Year from the Town and Country Commission.

The pastor is the Rev. Berlon Davis.

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## Missions Board

George Hergesheimer, general treasurer. Meetings of five major units of the Board will precede and be interspersed among sessions of the full Board, which will meet October 26-30. The units:

Meeting October 22-25, in advance of the full Board, will be the Women's Division. It is the national policy-making body for the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild, the women's organizations of the United Methodist Church. They have a combined membership of about 1,800,000 in 36,500 local units in the 50 states. President of the Women's Division is Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr. Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, is associate general secretary. The Women's Division hears reports and takes actions in such fields as Christian social relations, leadership development, mission education, spiritual growth, ecumenical relations and finance.

The Joint Committee on Missionary Personnel, which enlists, approves and trains persons for United Methodist missionary and deaconess service, will meet October 25. Bishop J. Gordon

## S.O.S. from JIM MEADORS

The North Arkansas Conference 1970 JOURNALS are in short supply. There were not enough to go around in the recent mailing, and none for emergency needs. Will those ministers, retired and active, who find that they have more copies than they need, please turn the extras over to the district superintendents?

—Jim Meadows, secretary  
Walnut Ridge, Ark.

Howard, Philadelphia, Pa., is chairman, and Dr. John W. Johannaber, New York, is executive secretary. The Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation, the Board's interpretive communications and promotional arm, will meet October 26. Bishop L. Scott Allen, Knoxville, Tenn., is president, and Dr. Lois C. Miller, New York, is associate general secretary.

The National Division, arm of the Board of Missions in the U.S., will meet Oct. 27, 28, 29 and 30. The World Division, unit for overseas mission work, will also meet Oct. 27, 28, 29 and 30.

## Little Rock Conference Youth Council urges early registration for November tour

(The following item appeared in a recent issue of ARKANSAS METHODIST and resulted in a good response. In case some of our regular readers may have missed it, we have been requested to repeat the information. Interested persons are urged to send in the registration blank at earliest opportunity)

The Council of the Little Rock Conference United Methodist Youth Fellowship will sponsor a trip to Washington, D.C. and New York from November 21-29, according to the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, associate Program director of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

To qualify for the tour a registrant must be 1) a United Methodist, and 2) in senior high school (tenth, eleventh or twelfth grade). Reservations will be accepted on a "first come, first served" basis. Interested youth should fill in and mail the registration blank which appears below.

The cost of the tour will be \$135 per person and will include everything except meals en route and in New York City, and personal expenditures for such items as souvenirs, gifts, film, et cetera (meal at Mamma Leone's included in above cost).

At the request of the Conference

Council, the Rev. David Hankins, of Arkadelphia, is coordinating and directing the tour. A brief itinerary follows:

November 20, Youth arrive in Little Rock to spend night in Methodist homes in the city.

November 21, Leave Little Rock 8:00 a.m., arrive Knoxville, Tennessee, for evening meal and spend the night.

November 22, Leave Knoxville 7:00 a.m., arrive Washington in time for evening meal. The next two days to be spent in viewing sites in city (Arlington Cemetery, Mt. Vernon, etc.) and visiting Arkansas Congressmen.

November 24, 6:00 p.m. leave Washington, arrive New York 11:00 p.m.

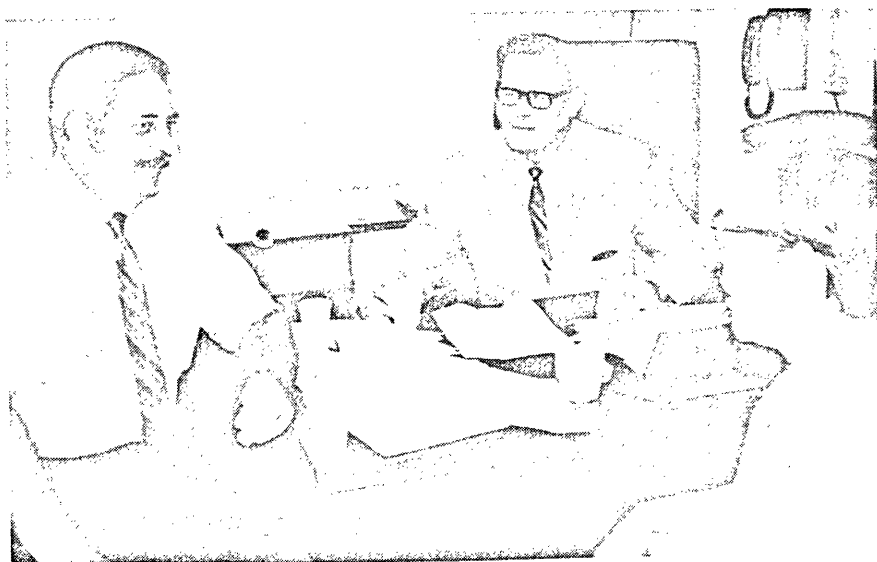
November 25-26, Tour New York City, see Broadway play, visit United Nations and Church Center at UN and eat at Mamma Leone's.

November 27, Leave New York 8:00 a.m. arrive Natural Bridge, Virginia, for evening meal and to spend the night.

November 28, Leave Natural Bridge arrive Nashville, Tennessee, for evening meal and to spend the night.

November 29, Visit Upper Room, see Parthenon and attend Worship service. Leave Nashville after lunch, arrive in Little Rock around 6:00 p.m.

A more detailed schedule will be available for those who register.



A. J. "Steed" Joyce, left, and the Rev. Dean Sudman, right, are shown as they conferred recently with Robert Sarver, Arkansas Commissioner of Corrections, concerning Mr. Joyce's new responsibility as coordinator of pre-release counseling at Tucker and Cummins prisons. Pastor Sudman's congregation at Faith Lutheran Church, Little Rock, initiated the project which is being funded by a grant from the Board of Social Ministry of the Lutheran Church in America and administered by an interdenominational board.

THE UNION COUNTY Christian Worker's School was held September 28-30 at St. Paul Church in El Dorado. The following instructors taught in the school: Miss Madge Franklin and Mrs. W. A. Rice, Little Rock; Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Ashdown; Dr. Roy Bagley, Camden; and Dr. Arthur Hopkinson, Nashville, Tennessee. Rev. F. Gladwin Connell served as Dean and Host Pastor.

Asbury Theological Seminary has joined four other Protestant and Roman Catholic seminaries in the Kentucky-Indiana area in development of an educational consortium known as the Theological Education Association of Mid-America.

Without a Sabbath, no worship; without worship, no religion; and without religion, no permanent freedom.—Montalembert

## BULLETIN

As we go to press word has been received of the death of the Rev. Jason W. Moore, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, who made his home in Paragould.

He died on Friday, Sept. 25 and the funeral service was conducted Sunday, Sept. 27, in First Church, Paragould. Participating in the service were Dr. S.B. Wilford, the Rev. Marshall Bridwell, the Rev. J. William Watson, the Rev. James R. Chandler, and the Rev. Ray McLester.

## Little Rock Conference UMY Tour REGISTRATION FORM

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

Church \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Present grade in School \_\_\_\_\_ Sex \_\_\_\_\_

\$35 registration fee enclosed \_\_\_\_\_ final payment of \$100 due by November 1, 1970. Reservation should be made immediately and mailed to: Rev. Joe E. Arnold, Suite 920, Three Hundred Spring Street Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

# Editorial

## SILVER ANNIVERSARY OF THE UNITED NATIONS

The Silver Anniversary session of the United Nations has convened—there has been a birthday party marking the birth of the organization 25 years ago in San Francisco—and groups everywhere are taking stock of what has been accomplished by this unusual organization. Although the session gathered under a cloud of the most volatile nature rising out of the Middle East, many voices of optimism were heard among the expressions of congratulations communicated to the UN.

As we think together on the challenges that lie ahead for this international organization, we should all be grateful for both the "open forum" atmosphere it provides and for the quarter of a century of constructive, cooperative achievements to which it can proudly point. Although there has been localized fighting in many spots since the close of World War II—many of which have cost us dearly in the lives of our young men—the fact remains that 25 years after World War I ended we were four years deep into World War II. Time after time during that period of time since 1945 we have "been to the brink," only to have the joyous experience of seeing parties in disagreement draw back from the ultimate triggering of a nuclear holocaust.

It is so easy for those who disagree with the basic philosophy of the United Nations to minimize directions that a Third World War would surely take. Too many, especially those who think there is nothing worse than sitting down at a conference table with those of an opposing political and economic philosophy, have conditioned themselves to believe that a hydrogen bomb is just a little bit worse than the largest bombs used during World War II. In a number of recent discussion groups we have caught such a tone from people who have forgotten Hiroshima and the mushroom-shaped cloud which floated from that Japanese city and which still remains just beyond the horizon to speak to us of the doomsday nature of another war.

It is because I still see that mushroom cloud on the horizon that I think the United Nations is still our last hope for survival. When in New York City I never fail to take the 42nd Street bus to its terminus at the UN Building. Even if there are no meetings in session, I find it helpful to walk for a little while in the

shadow of that noble structure. I see many people there that are different from myself—that's why we have such an organization. If tickets are available for the general assembly, it strengthens my faith to slip into a visitor's seat and put on the multi-lingual headphones and tune in on history. I remember that the last address I heard was dull and tedious concerning a relatively unimportant matter. But then perhaps there are no unimportant matters in a forum which contributes so much to world peace.

As we share with you our Silver Anniversary thoughts concerning the UN, we would like to include some of the messages written by outstanding leaders concerning its mission.

Secretary-General U Thant said in the anniversary issue of *Vista*, publication of the United Nations Association: "The primary objective of the founding fathers of the United Nations in 1945 was that the UN must involve itself very deeply and effectively in human survival and human welfare. As the language of the Charter says, this organization was founded to prevent wars and to create conditions for the prevention of war and for the promotion of peace." Then, he speaks of the primary allegiance one holds to his native land in normal times. Then, he continues, "But in these tense times under the shadow of the hydrogen bomb, this allegiance is not enough. In launching the next 25 years of the United Nations, in order for it to grow into a really effective instrument for peace, progress, human survival and human welfare, all of us, the peoples of the United Nations, need to develop a second allegiance to the international community. This is imperative if this organization is to de-

velop into a really effective instrument to perform all the functions defined in the Charter."

Ambassador Charles W. Yost, permanent representative of the United States to the United Nations, speaks of the real new challenge before the organization in its second 25 years—that of the human environment. He says, "The threat to man's environment really is a world phenomenon. All of us must learn to cooperate together; for we have only one earthly home, a single living system of air, water, earth and forms of life of which we must quickly be better trustees if mankind is to have a future at all."

We would like to use the closing words of Ambassador Yost as we conclude this little birthday greeting to the UN:

"The American nation does have a stake—a very great stake—in an effective United Nations in the 1970s. I suggest that when we address the generation who will soon bear the responsibilities we now bear, both at home and abroad, our message about the United Nations should be something like this. The United Nations is not dead, it is not irrelevant. It is alive and living in New York and Geneva, Santiago, Bangkok, Addis Ababa and many other places. It is not all it should be and must become, but it is still the repository of much of humanity's hopes for a decent world. We commend it to your care, to bring it to greater health and vigor than we, your elders, have managed to do, and to make its purposes prevail while there is still time."

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## the Editor's Corner



### RECOLLECTIONS OF AN ABLE CHAPLAIN'S ASSISTANT

The current issue of the *New World Outlook* has an excellent story concerning Walter and Mildred Reitz, missionaries in Panama since 1953, who are back in this country on furlough, preparing for a new ministry of music in that country.

Many of my friends who have visited in Panama have told of the wonderful work Walter has been doing there as a pastor and church administrator. Now, like many other missionaries, he is stepping aside as national churchmen assume positions of leadership.

My friendship with Walter Reitz dates back to the fall of 1942 when he became my chaplain's assistant at Gulfport Field, Miss. One of the greatest joys I had as a chaplain was this association which lasted almost a year.

Gulfport Field was a new establishment, and I was assigned as the chaplain of a newly-completed chapel which had not even been swept out after completion. This chaplain was manning a broom one Saturday afternoon when this sharp looking private walked in inquiring about the job he heard was available for a chaplain's assistant. He immediately had the job.

Although his first duty was to take over my broom, Walter brought with him more natural ability as a chaplain's assistant than I ever knew. He was a skilled musician, had a marvelous personality, and already had his eye on a career as a foreign missionary. He had completed part of his college work at Asbury and was in every way a skilled pastor's assistant at what we came to call "G" Street Chapel. The only worry I ever had about him was that he would be overworked—or that one of the other chaplains might steal him. He played the organ for most of the chapels on the base.

The thing I remember most was his charming way of attracting lonesome men to our chapel. We found some money and fixed up a lounge so that ours became a truly active community center.

Now, he continues to bless Panama with his consecrated talents.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A leader of the American Baptist Convention speaking during a Southern Baptist Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, N.C., said that the "youth revolution" in the U.S. is slipping from its original idealistic level. Dr. J. Lester Harnish, president of Eastern Baptist College and Seminary in Philadelphia said, "It started out on the high, altruistic level of brotherhood, but it is slipping to elitism, a 'we're in but you're out' attitude." He stressed the desire of young people to participate in the decision-making process, and their search for a new spirit in interdenominational relationships. They are not caught up in present church union movements, he said, but looking beyond them.

The director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation discussing his personal religious faith in a church-published booklet entitled "J. Edgar Hoover Testifies" warned against the dangers of materialism. "In too many families," he said, "children are provided every material request, but are denied the spiritual training and guidance so essential to constructive living." He called for renewed adherence in the nation to the principles of "justice, freedom, respect for others and dignity of the individual."

A report issued in London by the Southern Sudan Assn. and backed by a Norwegian television team charged that a Christian congregation of 27 was "massacred" by Moslem troops while assembled for prayer in the Southern Sudan. The association is reportedly a fairly new body, neither specifically black nor white, religious nor secular, formed by people interested in the area which was under British administration more than 50 years. The northern half of the Sudan is Moslem. The SSA said the report was based on statements by eye-witnesses and surviving victims now hospitalized in the Congo just over the border.

In a unique ecumenical experiment, two South African denominations are jointly producing a church newspaper. The Congregational Church and the Presbyterian Church agreed to merge their own journals — the Congregationalist of South Africa and the Presbyterian Leader to form The Christian Leader. The first edition went on sale for the first time on Sept. 3.

Several conservative Roman Catholic organizations in West Germany are said to have stepped up their efforts to fight what they call "the threatening dissolution of faith and the Church." The largest and most prominent among the groups is the "Movement for Pope and Church," headed by theology professor Walter Hoers of Frankfurt-on-Main. The group was founded early last year to oppose the activities and demands of left-wing "priests' groups" and "solidarity groups," which, meanwhile have consolidated as the "Working Commission of Priests' Groups," and are campaigning for sweeping reforms in the Catholic Church.

Dr. Loyal A. Northcott, executive secretary of the Dept. of Evangelism and Membership of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has called for 1,000 Disciple congregations to take part in a prayer chain leading up to Easter. Dr. Northcott said the goal is in line with one of the church's five "imperatives" for the 1971-75 quadrennium, the imperative of evangelism and renewal. Congregations enroll in the Fall for a 24-hour period in which their members pray continually for the church's evangelistic growth.

A Church of the Brethren educator has called for a partnership between the expertise of the colleges and the Churches' theological guides to help resolve the problems of American life. The theological input gives church schools a better chance of obtaining adequate solutions than secular institutions, according to A. G. Breidenstine of Lancaster, Pa. "It is Christian methodology that is the distinguishing feature of church-related colleges, observed the former deputy superintendent for public instruction in Pennsylvania. He said church colleges should be "in league with the churches on a continuing education program the like of which they have never seen."

A leading theologian of the American Lutheran Church predicted that the 1970s will see a convergence of Lutheran and Roman Catholic theology. Dr. Kent S. Knutson said the denomination is facing the problem of going toward Roman Catholicism or toward radical Protestantism — both of which he asserted are becoming more like Lutheranism. The Wartburg Seminary president (Dubuque, Ia.) noted that the 16th Century Reformation themes still predominate in Christian Churches today and said recent changes in the Roman Catholic Church show that it is "coming to grips with the Reformation and updating itself."

Obscenity and blasphemy in the theater were deplored when Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury preached in the parish church of Bearsted in Kent. "We need," he said, "to demonstrate our anxiety about these trends in every effective way that is open to us . . . We need to pray much for all those concerned with the theater that worthy standards may be upheld, I ask that such prayers may be regular in all churches."

Anglicans and Lutherans, in holding their first formal theological conversations on a worldwide level in Oxford, England, are said to have found "substantial agreement in some areas, particularly Scripture and ancient creeds." A second dialogue session is planned for the Spring of 1971 in Denmark to concentrate on the nature and mission of the church. A Fall meeting will follow devoted to the question of the ministry.

The editor of Liberty, a magazine concerned with religious freedom has warned that public aid for church schools would bring public control of those schools. Roland R. Hegstad, a resident of Washington, D.C., warned that if church schools receive public funds they will have to open their books to public officials, hire teachers without regard to their beliefs and affiliations, drop compulsory chapel, and take students without regard for religious affiliation. "The issue," Mr. Hegstad said, is "Does a school want to be a public school, administered by public officials, or a church-related school supported and controlled by the church and upholding church standards."

In remarks prepared for the Nat'l District Attorneys Assn. in Portland, Ore., U. S. Atty. Gen. John N. Mitchell took strong issue with the proposition that pornography is harmless and emphasized that the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography "is not connected with the Nixon Administration." He said the Administration intends to press for laws to curb public displays of obscene and pornography materials, the mailing of prurient advertising to adults who do not want it, and the purveying of pornography to minors.

The Christian Science Monitor will have a new, 40-year-old editor this Fall when Pulitzer Prize Winner John Hughes succeeds DeWitt John. Mr. John, 55, editor since 1964, is becoming one of five men charged with making the administrative policy for the First Church of Christ, Scientist, the Mother Church. A spokesman said it was the first time an editor of the Monitor has been promoted to the five-man board of directors.

Participants in the Symposium of the Episcopal Conference of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM)—both Roman Catholic delegates and Protestant observers —agreed on the necessity to advance their efforts to form a Christianity with native values and native forms of expression. Keynoter Paul Zoungou, said "The Church of Africa and Madagascar has an ever growing self-awareness that it must affirm its originality and its unity as it takes in hand its own destiny."



MIAMI — Members of the Miami Dolphins agree that their "personal relationships with God" add to the "new spirit" that has made them a winning team. The American Conference pro football team, which sports a 4-2 record in pre-season play, has had a chapel group for four years but is the largest this year — partly through the enthusiasm of new coach Don Shula and owner Joe Robbie — both Roman Catholics. Tackle Norman Evans (right), a Baptist, has arranged for interdenominational chapel services, which about half the team attends. Receiver Willie Pearson (left), a Methodist who organized chapel services while a college star, finds the services consoling. "You don't have to stand on a street corner and preach," he stated. "But when you're given the opportunity, you give your testimony about Christ." (RNS Photo)



## The Word of God

(Sung to tune of  
"The Battle Hymn  
of the Republic")

The Word of God is given and is  
food for mind and soul  
It will guide our stumbling feet  
until we reach the distant goal  
It will tell us of God's mercy and  
of His complete control

Our God is Marching on!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Our God is Marching on!

Let us open wide our Bibles, let  
us read them o'er and o'er  
Let us read of Christ our Savior  
and the heavy cross He bore  
As we read the Holy Scriptures, we  
shall love them more and more

Our Christ is Marching on!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Our Christ is Marching on!

Like an anvil in the village, God's  
true word has stood the test  
and the critics like the hammers  
have worn out like all the rest  
Oh I love the blessed Bible and it  
floods my trembling breast

God's word is Marching on!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
God's word is Marching on!

In the beauty of the Scriptures God  
reveals His truth to me  
Truth that opens like a fountain,  
flowing fresh and full and free  
We are sure of our redemption as  
we read of Calvary

His truth is Marching on!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
Glory Glory Hallelujah!  
His truth is Marching on!

-the Rev. John M. McCormack  
Pastor, Siloam Springs  
United Methodist Church

## God's yokefellows

(Portion of sermon delivered by the Rev. Sam Jones,  
pastor of First United Methodist Church, Star City,  
following a week at Junior High Camp)

"My yoke is easy, and my burden is  
light." (Matt. 11:30)

I have seen the results of people  
wearing this yoke of God. What kind of  
results? There is a joy, a satisfaction  
about life, a peace with oneself that one  
does not find any other way. Take for  
instance this past week at church camp.  
Some young people were touched by  
the love of God really for the first time  
in their lives. Did you ever see someone  
who realized the love of God for the  
first time? There is an expression of  
relief, of joy in his face not found to  
that extent any place else. There is a  
realization for the first time of the  
"yoke being easy and the burden being  
light."

Do you know why there was a spirit-  
ual current in this particular week of  
camp? The campers were just seventh  
and eighth graders, but yet whether we  
realize it or not, at the threshold of  
adulthood, at the point where there are  
budding adult emotions and personali-  
ties.

There was a current that followed  
them to their bunks, to their classes,  
their periods of recreation, their meals,  
and it was there because there were  
young adult men and women from late  
high school and in college there who,  
for no pay and with amazing, unex-  
plainable willingness, went to a lot of  
trouble and hard work. They really  
gave their time—barely were their ex-  
penses paid, and in some cases these  
were not even accepted. They arose  
early, went to bed late, and took on  
extra work for no pay. All the while

they could have been working at some  
other job, earning a lot of money. As  
a matter of fact, it made sense to one  
young person to quit a lucrative sum-  
mer construction job to come to this  
camp, and for others not to accept an  
opportunity to take a pleasurable trip.

This is why God's spirit was at camp  
to convert: because he had some fol-  
lowers who willingly took on the yoke.  
And all my friends, with all the stren-  
uous activity of this kind of disciplin-  
ed life together for five days, they  
went away on Friday—not only the  
campers who gave—they left light heart-  
edly, parting with a greater fellowship, a  
spirit that in giving had grown deeper,  
and an unexplainable bond that will  
never be quite lost. Yes, they discover-  
ed that the "yoke" they took on was  
"easy" and the "burden light," and  
praise God, they also communicated  
this willing discipline to the young men  
and women they worked with.

Thank goodness God has used their  
obedience to reach some of these bud-  
ding adults who would, like thousands,  
have aimlessly wandered through the  
morass of achieving adulthood without  
this touching of base. Thank goodness,  
some found there is a base to touch,  
and the person who has found there is  
a home base can surely get across the  
course with more assurance and ease.  
Because some took on the yoke, others  
will discover that the heavy-laden labor  
of life can also be easy and light.

And you know, I believe they will  
make it in home free, when they have  
touched base. I'm not worried about

those who know there is a base when  
they go through the experimental stunts  
of high school and college—no matter  
what they are, or how many opportuni-  
ties they have to get mixed up or  
stump their toe. I'm not worried about  
them because they have touched base  
at least once, and friends, they can do  
it again.

I'm worried about the ones who have  
never had such a chance to reach up  
and discover, surprisingly, how much  
God has been reaching down all the  
while. It's those who have not known  
or encountered a "yoked" Christian  
that I am worried about. They are still  
struggling with a heavy-laden burden  
of growing up, making choices—of-  
ten wrong ones—and suffering merci-  
lessly for them; of perhaps never grow-  
ing up, or if they do, finding a facsi-  
mle of satisfaction in a substitute for  
"the Way." They have to settle for a  
life that is not really free, not really  
living, and always close beneath the  
surface is the reappearing specter rat-  
tling its chains of how, when all is said  
and done, their life is still a sham, a  
masked face, a still heavy-laden, un-  
conquered burden. I'm worried about  
those who have not touched base!

How do you touch base? When you  
have made up your minds to be God's  
yokefellow, you my friends, will have  
touched base; and you, too, will have  
discovered what Jesus means when he  
says

"I am gentle and lowly in heart, and  
you will find rest for your souls. For  
my yoke is easy, and my burden is  
light." (Matthew 11:29-30)

MISS MARY VIRGINIA KENNER,  
daughter of the Rev. Dan C. Kenner,  
minister of First Christian Church, Lit-  
tle Rock, has entered Wesley Theologi-  
cal Seminary in Washington, D. C. this  
fall in the Master of Divinity program.  
Miss Kenner graduated from the Uni-  
versity of Arkansas at Little Rock in  
June. Wesley Seminary is sixth in size  
among the 14 United Methodist semin-  
aries.

## UM News in Brief

Loans to two United Methodist  
related campuses by the U.S. Depart-  
ment of Housing and Urban Develop-  
ment have been announced. Birming-  
ham-Southern College received a  
\$50,000 increase to a total loan of  
\$1,000,000 for a women's dormitory  
and Northwestern University was given  
a \$36,530 increase to a total sum  
of \$169,830 for married student hous-  
ing.

The Rev. Julius S. Scott, Jr., a  
member of the Texas Annual Confer-  
ence, has been named executive direc-  
tor of the new Martin Luther King  
Memorial Center in Atlanta, Ga. The  
center specializes in black studies. Dr.  
Scott formerly was assistant director  
of the Southern Fellowship Fund. He  
also has served on the staff of Brown  
and Texas Southern universities and  
Wiley College, and spent three years  
as a missionary in India.

A group of 20 educators from a  
dozen states took part in a seminar on  
world development this summer at the  
Church Center for the United Nations  
in New York as part of a year-long  
leadership training emphasis conducted  
by the United Methodist Office for the  
United Nations and operated through  
the Board of Missions' Women's Divi-  
sion.

U. S. Senator Harold E. Hughes,  
(D-Iowa), a United Methodist layman,  
has received the Dr. A. B. C. Knud-  
son National Rehabilitation Award for  
1970 from Goodwill Industries.

The Interfaith Communications  
Committee on Poverty, a national  
Protestant-Catholic-Jewish coalition  
that includes United Methodists in its  
leadership, has extended its operation  
through the end of 1970. The com-  
mittee was formed in March to under-  
take a 100-day information campaign.

## MRS. MAUDIE JACKSON

Mrs. Maudie Jackson, a lifelong resi-  
dent of Howard County, passed away  
in a Nashville Nursing Home Septem-  
ber 6. Funeral services were held at  
Umpire United Methodist Church  
where she had been a member, with the  
Rev. J. C. Aylor, the Rev. DeWitt Har-  
berson and her pastor, the Rev. Charlie  
V. Mashburn officiating.

Her husband preceded her in death  
some years ago, and her son, Russell,  
died two years ago. Survivors are two  
daughters, Mrs. Odell (Opel) Wakley  
and W. T. (Beulah) Manasco, both of  
Umpire; a sister, Mrs. Ethel Sharp of  
Athens; two half-brothers, Otis and  
Jewel Faulkner, both of Oklahoma; two  
half-sisters, Mrs. Nora Allen of Texar-  
kana and Mrs. Ola Ralls of Texas; five  
grandchildren and five great-grand-  
children.



Some of the members of the Corning-New Home Charge in Paragould Dis-  
trict who held a recent Sunday morning worship service at Wayland Springs  
Camp. A potluck dinner and swimming followed the service. The Rev. N.  
Wayne Clark is minister.

# NEWS NOTES

MIKE YOUNG PRESIDED at the September 20 meeting of the Sub-District UMY held in First Church, Texarkana. Mrs. George W. Davis spoke concerning "Youth's Spiritual Needs Today." The Rev. Carl E. Beard of College Hill Church gave the devotional. Dr. Ralph Hillis was host pastor.

TERRY SCOGGINS was elected president of the Senior High UMYF of First Church, Newport, September 13. Glenn Gay, out-going president, installed officers. David Wright was elected president of the Junior High UMYF. Mr. and Mrs. James McLarty and Mrs. Bobby Fortune are counselors. The Rev. David Conyers is their pastor.

MINISTRY-YOUTH SUNDAY was observed in Goddard Memorial Church of Fort Smith, September 20. Young people assisting Dr. Charles Richards in the morning service were Ann Jones, Marilynn Stuetgen, Mike Maestri and Ricky Parker. Billy Carter, a Northside High student, preached at the evening service. The Youth Choir furnished the music.

THE REV. JOHN ALSTON, pastor of the Smackover United Methodist Church, was the speaker at the teacher appreciation banquet held in First Church, El Dorado, on Tuesday, September 22. Dr. Alvin Murray is pastor.

MASTER SGT. CHARLES KENNEMUR from the Little Rock Air Force Base gave a slide-lecture on Japan at the September 22 meeting of United Methodist Men at First Church, North Little Rock. The Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of the North Arkansas Program Council, was the speaker September 20 while the Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers was on vacation.

THE REV. JAMES MEADORS, JR., pastor of the Walnut Ridge Church, taught the course on "Foundations of Christian Teaching" in First Church, Batesville. Three sessions were held, two on Sunday and one on Monday, September 20 and 21. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is pastor.

## CONGO MISSIONARY TO BE AT WESLEY CHURCH, PINE BLUFF

The Walter A. Mason family, missionaries to the Republic of Congo, Africa, will be guests of Wesley United Methodist Church, 3010 Hazel Street, Pine Bluff, on Sunday, October 4. The Mason family has been supported in part by the Wesley congregation since January, 1968.

Mr. Mason is a layman who was in the electrical contracting business in Missouri before volunteering for short-term missionary service. He has been stationed at Luluabourg where his work was in construction, maintenance, repair and rehabilitation of buildings and equipment in the Congo.

The Rev. Bob Regnier is the Wesley pastor.

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THE MINISTERIAL ASSOCIATION of Russellville has arranged for Don Corley, director of Pastoral Care at Arkansas Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, to hold a three-day seminar for ministers on pastoral visitation in the hospital. The seminar is scheduled for October 19, 20 and 21 at First United Methodist Church in Russellville. The Rev. Charles Ramsey will be host pastor.

THE REV. MURIEL PETERS, director of the Russellville Tech Wesley Foundation, was the speaker in First Church of Russellville, Sunday evening, September 20. Homemade ice cream was served afterwards by church members to Tech students. The Rev. Charles E. Ramsay is the pastor.

DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE, executive director of the Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation, was guest preacher at First Church, Jacksonville, September 13, in the absence of the Rev. Bob Edwards.

MAJOR JACK WATERS, state director of the rehabilitation program of the Salvation Army, was guest speaker for United Methodist Men of Winfield Church at their first fall meeting, September 23.

SYLVAN HILLS UNITED Methodist Men of North Little Rock have elected D. L. Harkey as president, R. M. "Brad" Bradley, vice-president, and Robert Hall, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. James D. Keith is their pastor.

BLITHEVILLE UNITED Methodist Men of First Church have elected Dr. C. E. Campbell, Jr. to serve as president. Bill D. Jackson was elected vice-president, Leroy Brownlee, Jr., secretary, and Cleo W. Pope, treasurer. Dr. Virgil D. Keeley is pastor.

ROBERT SARVER, director of the Department of Corrections of the State of Arkansas, was the speaker on Monday, September 21, for United Methodist Men of Lake-wood Church, North Little Rock.

BILL WATSON, superintendent of Dardanelle public schools, brought the message in Dardanelle's United Methodist Church on Sunday evening, September 20. The Rev. Clyde Crozier, pastor, and a group of young people were attending worship services at Beebe.

THE REV. MITCHELL SANFORD, pastor of the Hughes United Methodist Church, was guest speaker in First Church, Rector, on Sunday evening, September 27. The Rev. H. J. Couchman serves the Rector Church.

MR. AND MRS. JOE GOAD celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on Sunday, September 27, with a reception held in the fellowship hall of Washington Avenue United Methodist Church of North Little Rock.

MR. AND MRS. TOM HAYES were honored by their children on their 50th wedding anniversary with a reception in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist at DeWitt.

THE GOLDEN AGE CLUB of Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, had a review of the book "City Problems" given by Mrs. Sylvia Swartz at the September 22 luncheon meeting.

PARK VIEW United Methodist Church at Benton has held a September month of revival services with the following guest ministers for the Sunday evenings: the Rev. Robert M. Van Hook II, Bryant Church, the Rev. Don R. Williams, Salem Church, the Rev. Carl D. Diffie, New Hope Church, and Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent. Family night was on Sunday evening the 27th. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

## 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.

Oct. 4—Sunday	John 4:7-26
Oct. 5	John 4:43-54
Oct. 6	Mark 10:46-52
Oct. 7	Luke 7:11-23
Oct. 8	John 9:1-11
Oct. 9	John 11:32-45
Oct. 10	Acts 3:1-10
Oct. 11—Sunday	Acts 13:28-39

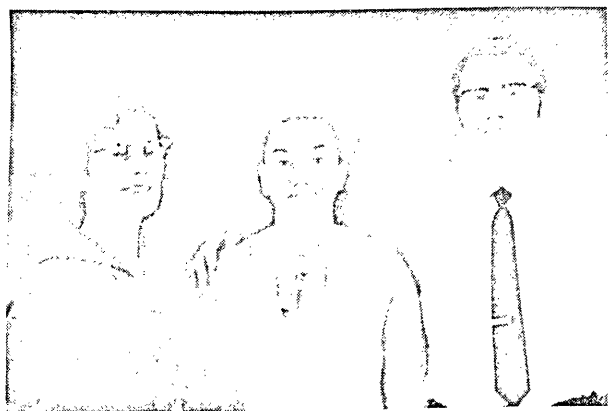
NORTH JONESBORO YOUTH Crusade was conducted the weekend of September 18. The Rev. Danny Thomas, associate pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, conducted the crusade Witness Mission style. The New Generation Band was an added attraction. A vital part of the weekend was a religious survey made of a 45-block area around St. Andrew's Mission, where the Crusade was held.

HARLEY COX, PINE BLUFF attorney and Methodist layman, discussed the proposed new constitution at the church-wide fellowship dinner held in Grand Avenue Church of Stuttgart, September 30. Mr. Cox served as a delegate to the Constitutional Convention. The dinner meeting was sponsored by the Commission on Christian Social Concerns, Miss Mae Wilhelm, chairman. The Rev. Louis Mulkey is pastor.

ST. LUKE UNITED Methodist Church of Little Rock honored church school teachers and workers at a recent Appreciation Dinner. The Rev. Joe Arnold, associate director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council, was the guest speaker for the occasion. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is the St. Luke minister.

## P. K. KORNER

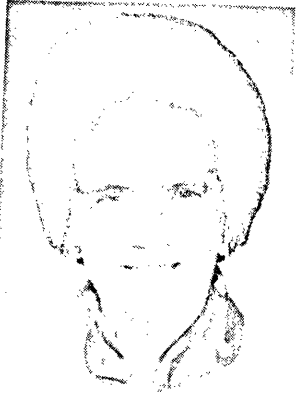
PAM MOONEY, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Von Dell Mooney of Conway, is the new organist for First Church, Morrilton where the Rev. Harold H. Spence is pastor. She is a student at Hendrix College and was director of youth work and organist during the summer at First Church, Harrison. Her father is director of the Wesley Foundation at State College of Arkansas.



At left: Leaders for the Aldersgate Retreat sponsored by the Conway District Women's Society, Sept. 17 & 18, included Mrs. Edwin Outlaw of Russellville, district chairman of spiritual growth, Mrs. Walter Albritton, center, and the Rev. Albritton of the Board of Evangelism's Koinonia Ministries. Fifty women plus a half-dozen men participated in the spiritual adventure.

At right: Batesville First Church sent four to the recent Retreat held at Aldersgate. From left are: Mrs. John Ferguson, Mrs. Peyton Golden, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr. and Mrs. J. B. McNealy.





Mrs. R. H. Levins



Mrs. R. M. McKinney

Presidents of host groups for Annual Meetings of women of the Little Rock Conference are shown above. Mrs. R. H. Levins of Gurdon is chairman of the Arkadelphia District Wesleyan Service Guild, units of which will be hosts at Camp Tanako, October 4. Mrs. R. M. McKinney is president of the Women's Society of Christian Service at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, where the conference Women's Society will meet, Oct. 7.

#### AGENDA, ANNUAL MEETING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

##### "THINKING THROUGH TOMORROW"

Sunday, October 4

- 9:00 a.m. Registration
- 9:30 a.m. Opening Session
- Mrs. Ruby Lee Jackson, Conference Chairman, presiding
- 10:00 a.m. Dialogue: "Does the Christian Faith Speak to the Future?" Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, leader, Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon, Mrs. Louise Pate, Mrs. Grafton Thomas
- 10:30 a.m. Conversation Corners
- Mrs. Lamar S. Clark, Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, Mrs. Louise Councille, Mrs. Ethel Carroll, Mrs. Dabney, Mrs. John Christian, Mrs. Fred L. Arnold, Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Miss Ada May Smith
- 11:15 Business Session
- Installation of officers, Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon
- 12:00 noon Sack Lunch
- 12:45 p.m. Search Parties
- Mrs. Dabney, leader
- Mrs. Christian - Missionary Outreach
- Mrs. Arnold - Spiritual Discipline
- Mrs. Gardner - Justice and Peace
- Mrs. Jackson - Programming
- Mrs. Davenport - Creative Leadership
- Mrs. Icenhower - "What Are We Planting?"
- 2:25 p.m. Address: "HOPE --- Setting the Pace for the Wesleyan Service Guild"
- Mrs. Lamar S. Clark

#### AGENDA, NORTH ARKANSAS WESLEYAN GUILD RETREAT

##### "GOD'S WORD - GOD'S WOMEN - GOD'S WORLD"

Saturday, October 3

- 1:00 p.m. Registration
- 2:00 p.m. Assembly
- Mrs. Julian Vogel, Chairman of Spiritual Growth Task Group, presiding
- Message: "God's Word" - Dr. Charles D. Whittle
- 3:45 p.m. Group Study
- 4:45 p.m. Free Time (Prayer Path, Bible reading by lakeside)
- 5:30 p.m. Dinner
- 6:30 p.m. Vesper Service at Shelter
- Dr. Harold Eggenberger, Leader
- 7:30 p.m. Evening Assembly
- "God's Word, God's Women and Aldersgate" - Ray Tribble
- Message: "God's Word" - Dr. Whittle
- Sunday, October 4
- 8:00 a.m. Breakfast
- 8:45 a.m. Morning Assembly
- Message: "God's World" - Dr. Whittle
- 10:00 a.m. Group Study
- 10:45 a.m. Creative Worship Hour
- 12:00 Lunch

Spiritual Growth Task Group:  
Mrs. Julian Vogel, chairman, Mrs. Lorene Houston, Mrs. D. C. Neal, Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson  
Registrar: Mrs. Glenn Hammond  
Housing: Miss Mildred Scott  
Worship Centers: Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson  
Group Leaders: Mrs. Meryl Kirkendall, Mrs. Julia Freeman, Miss Mildred Scott, Mrs. H. D. Womack, Mrs. Sue Woods

#### AGENDA, ANNUAL MEETING LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE WOMEN'S SOCIETY

##### "THEREFORE CHOOSE LIFE"

Wednesday, October 7

- 8:45 a.m. Registration
- 9:45 a.m. Opening Session
- Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Conference President, presiding
- Worship Choral Group, Pulaski Heights Church, directed by Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Lines
- Business
- President's Message, Mrs. Davenport
- Address Mrs. Edward Brandhorst
- 12:00 noon Lunch
- CHOOSE response, Mrs. J. H. McLarty and Mrs. John D. Christian
- 1:15 p.m. Consider Life & Choose, Mrs. William S. Arnold
- "It's Your Move", Mrs. Chas. Gardner
- Mrs. Louis Fish, Mrs. William Cook, Mrs. Gordon Buergey, Mrs. Bill Moore, Guitarists: Mrs. John Gibson, Mrs. Richard Hirt
- Soloist: Mrs. Hershel Moseley
- CHOOSE SERVICE
- Pledge Service, Miss Ada May Smith
- Installation of Officers, Mrs. Brandhorst
- Service of Commemoration, Mrs. Edgar L. Dixon & Mrs. Fred L. Arnold
- Benediction

#### MONTICELLO DISTRICT FALL WORKSHOP

The Fall Workshop and Officer Training of the Monticello District Women's Society of Christian Service was held September 23 at the First United Methodist Church of Dermott.

The Workshop was planned this year to include men. A good part of the program was given to mission studies for the year. Representatives from 22 women's groups were present.

"Drumbeats to Dialogue", a film-strip, was presented as an introduction to the study "How the Word Gets Around: Communicating the Gospel" by the Rev. Ed Matthews.

Mrs. Fred Arnold discussed "The Americas: How Many Worlds?" "The Psalms: Worship in Dialogue" was given by Mrs. L. W. Edrington.

Officers Training groups met in separate rooms from 1-2 p.m.

Miss Ada May Smith, conference treasurer, brought greetings from Mrs. E. T. Davenport, conference president, and urged members to attend the Little Rock Conference Women's Society Annual Meeting to be held October 7 at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

The Monticello District Day Apart was announced for October 14 at Lake Village.



Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw Mrs. Alta Day



Mrs. Hazel Dabney Mrs. Hezzie Clark

Officers elected by Church Women United in Arkansas at the recent executive session held in Little Rock, September 16, included: Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, United Methodist of Little Rock, re-elected treasurer; Mrs. Alta Day, Presbyterian U.S. of Hot Springs, elected vice-president. Not present for installation, Mrs. A. M. Roberts, A.M.E. of Little Rock, elected secretary. Miss Gay Gaddis, Christian Church, Little Rock, was elected to serve on the Nominating Committee. Mrs. Hazel Dabney, United Methodist of Pine Bluff, presided when Church Women United in Arkansas held the executive mid-year meeting. Mrs. Hezzie Clark, United Methodist of Prairie Grove, served as secretary.

#### CHURCH WOMEN UNITED ENDORSE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION

Church Women United in Arkansas held an executive meeting in Little Rock last week and business included the passing of a resolution endorsing the proposed revision of the state constitution.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff, elected last April to head Church Women United, presided at the meeting held in Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church of Little Rock, September 16.

Other business included an affirmative vote for a revision of the by-laws of Church Women United, as developed and presented by Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon and her committee, and the elec-



Some of the members of Church Women United in Arkansas executive committee are shown as they were in session in Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Ministers' Wives, Southwest Conference, met Saturday, September 19, with Mrs. Hattie Smith as hostess and 15 members present. A book review, "The Woman at the Well" was given by Mrs. Vida Thompson. The next regular meeting will be October 24 at Pine Bluff, with Mrs. Pauline Troupe as hostess. Mrs. E. M. Johnson, wife of the Program Council director, is the president.

MINISTER'S WIVES of the Little Rock District, Little Rock Conference, will meet Thursday, October 8, 10:30 a.m. at Edswood, the home of Mrs. E. D. Galloway, west of Little Rock off Kanis Road.

tion of four officers.

Officers installed by Mrs. E. T. Davenport included the vice-president, Mrs. Alta Day, Presbyterian U.S., from Hot Springs; secretary, Mrs. A. M. Roberts, A.M.E., Little Rock; treasurer, Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, United Methodist, Little Rock; and Miss Gay Gaddis, Christian (Disciples) Church, Little Rock, elected to serve on the nominating committee. These officers will serve until April, 1973, to bring all officers in line with the new by-laws.

Eight of the 13 participating denominations in Church Women United had representatives at the meeting. The total attendance at this executive meeting was 29.

The resolution passed was presented by the Legislative Affairs Committee, of which Mrs. Frank Gordon is chairman. It was worded:

"The Executive Board of Church Women United in Arkansas endorses the proposed Constitution to be voted on November 3 because we feel that it will better serve the people of Arkansas. We strongly recommend that our members study the document objectively and exercise their privilege of voting. We also suggest that our local units cooperate with other organizations in their community in clarifying and interpreting the provisions of the proposed Constitution."

The new by-laws state that the purpose of Church Women United in Arkansas is "to encourage church women to come together in a visible fellowship to witness to their faith in Jesus Christ as divine Lord and Savior, and enabled by His Spirit, to go out together into every neighborhood and nation as instruments of His reconciling love."

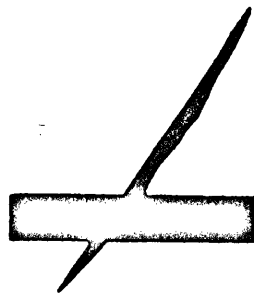
The membership is open to all women who are members of churches and/or communions which confess Jesus Christ as Savior and who desire to manifest oneness in Him through fellowship, study, and cooperative action.

The Arkansas organization is made up of the following types of memberships: 1. Units organized in local areas. 2. State denominational groups. 3. Individual memberships (composed of women who are willing to participate in Church Women United and contribute to its work but do not live in areas where organized units are present).



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR OCTOBER 11: New Life in Christ

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:1-9; Luke 19:1-10; Romans 8:1-9; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

**MEMORY SELECTION:** I have been crucified with Christ; it is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me; and the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To gain a deeper understanding of reconciliation as a basic Christian concept; to think through how reconciliation can be effected in several problem areas of life.

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The main question we will be confronting in today's lesson is, "What does it mean to be a Christian?" The two main passages of Scripture are 2 Corinthians 5:17-21 which describes the essential experience of "new life in Christ," and Matthew 5:3-9, the Beatitudes, which describe in some depth the main qualities of that new life. These are fundamental passages for a Christian but we find that many who profess the name of Christ do not have the remotest idea of the message of either. What about you? Do you feel that you could give a friend a satisfactory answer concerning the meaning of the new life of which Paul spoke so vividly in 2 Corinthians?

Before we can be a part of true living, we have to be alive, and so we deal today with what this is all about. We are seeking the meaning of the new life in order that we might possess it for ourselves and speak of it to others so that they, too, might be born again. One of the classic statements concerning this Christian experience is our memory selection today. What do you suppose Paul meant when he said, "nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ liveth in me"?

We cannot avoid agreement with the concept that ours is a day of revolution—a period in which new things are coming into existence and new concepts are taking hold of the world. In the presence of what is happening, many Christians wring their hands and cry that all is lost. This ought not to be true, because the Church has proclaimed revolutionary doctrines from its birth. The first Christians were quickly put in this category, and thousands of them lost their lives because of it. May we remind you of the New English Bible translation of 2 Corinthians 5:17: "When anyone is united to Christ, there is a new world, the old order has gone, and a new order has already begun."

Dr. Brooks Ramsey in a Sunday School commentary that is widely used among Christians who classify themselves as "evangelicals," (Rozell's Complete Lessons) says: "The church proclaims the most revolutionary doctrine of all. It affirms that God has brought into existence a new order in Jesus Christ. Through his redemptive death and resurrection, he has set forth new impulses in our world. His gospel challenges the old order and makes it totally irrelevant to the needs of man. The heart of our lesson will concern itself with discovering those facets of Christ's rule that have to do with our lives."

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### ON BEING A NEW CREATURE

So many people think that religion only makes superficial changes in them—cleaning up a few dirty spots in their lives and smoothing out a few rough places. It does do many of these, but we have totally missed the point if we think that is all there is to it. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says (International Lesson Annual): "Religion does many things for persons—gives them hope for life after death, brings them a sense of security for daily struggles, encourages them

to seek and find forgiveness, and provides them with a code of living. Yet doesn't it go deeper than all this? Are not these results rather than causes?"

The Rev. Judith L. Weidman in Adult Bible Studies says: "The passage from Corinthians is not theological reflection dropped out of the sky but a witness to persons with whom Paul has lived and worked and fought and made up. For him, reconciliation with friends was a perfect opportunity to talk about God's reconciling work in Christ. The human situation once again provided a starting point for talking about God."

No, Paul is not talking about some remote theological dogma, he is talking about the changes he knows in his own life and those he has seen so often in the lives of others. Dr. James Reid speaks of this in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "This mystical union in its degree is found in all intimate friendships, and need not be regarded as being beyond the experience of the ordinary man. 'A man in Christ' is Paul's definition of a Christian. Nothing less is adequate, for it implies an inner change which is equivalent to a new creation. He is not merely improved, or reformed, or altered in any way which implies no more than an external change, however great; he is remade. He is different even from what he was at his best."

The essential difference found in this "new life" is an inner change in which our thoughts and ambitions are no longer focused on ourselves, but on Christ and on the interests of others.

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### THIS LIFE COMES FROM GOD

In 2 Corinthians 5:18 and 19 we read: "All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; that is, God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself."

Paul is saying that in all this God is the active agent, the central source. It was his deep conviction that God had taken the initiative in his own experience. He believed that he had been the pursued and the pursuer. Herein lies the great life-changing force in our faith. Many who followed other teachings had believed that if they worked at it hard enough—if they approached their God often enough—they could remold their lives in the images of their deity. What Paul is saying here and elsewhere is that this is not the life of faith and religion Jesus came to make known to man. We have to let go and permit God who has been in pursuit of us all the time to catch us. When we consider the affirmation "God was in Christ," we so often let ourselves become lost in the search for adequate explanations of the incarnation when the primary emphasis should be on the activity of God in Christ—the love in his heart which motivated his pursuit of man.

At the heart of the theology of John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, was the great word "experience." He knew from his own life that there was no power in knowing about God unless one also knew God. We believe this springs directly from the teachings of Paul in passages like those we are studying today. In his life the message of reconciliation sprang from his experience of it. God had stepped into his life to commission him to become a minister of reconciliation. So we believe that the Christian can convince people of what God can do only if God has already done it for him.

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### RECONCILED TO RECONCILE

Paul speaks of the seeking God "who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation." This can be summarized as saying we were reconciled in order that we might reconcile. May we say again that this great affirmation resulted from Paul's experience. God stepped into his life to reconcile that life to himself, and to

send him out as a great witness. Dr. Reid says, "The ministry, which through this experience is committed to men, is the ministry of reconciliation, not of denunciation, or reformation, or exhortation, or any form of uplift. We are channels of God's reconciling love."

What many in our time are overlooking is that reconciliation with God is man's basic need. It does not end there, but it certainly does begin there. So many are willing to put the blame for their estrangement on God, but this is not so. The fault is ours, not God's. As one commentator has said, "The chasm has been dug from our side. But in Christ God has bridged it, because we could not bridge it ourselves."

The man who is reconciled to God is called by that experience to be a minister of reconciliation—to be what Paul calls "an ambassador for Christ." This begins with the reconciliation of those persons from whom we have been estranged—then we can be something of a catalyst for other men who are at odds with each other. Some are failing in their ministry of reconciliation among men because they have never been reconciled to God themselves.

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### CHARACTERISTICS OF THE NEW LIFE

In this lesson the passage from 2 Corinthians is seen in direct relationship to the Beatitudes—that portion of the Sermon on the Mount in which Jesus characterized the Christian life. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says (International Lesson Annual): "The Beatitudes, with which this lesson closes, present the marks of a true Christian. In other words, Christians live, think and act in this fashion."

This same commentator goes on to say, "The world does not cherish the qualities spoken of in the Beatitudes. The meek, the spiritually needy, the sorrowful, the merciful, and the peacemakers usually must take second place in our society. Only in the new day of the new order of the Kingdom of God will these qualities have priority."

Dr. Suzanne de Dietrich says in *The Layman's Bible Commentary*: "The Beatitudes proclaim a magnificent reversal of our human manner of measuring people and things. It is those whom the world judges 'wretched' whom Jesus proclaims blessed. It is those whom the world calls 'happy'—the rich, the powerful, those who 'succeed,' those who know how to gain the esteem of all—of whom Jesus pronounces the final destitution. (Luke 6:24-26)"

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### WHO ARE THE BLESSED?

Our main concern with the Beatitudes should be to discover what the words used by Jesus mean in our own time. "The poor in spirit" speak of those who are willing to recognize their own shortcomings. The phrase describes true repentance, does it not?

What about "those who mourn." Surely he is not limiting this blessedness to people in the midst of a great personal sorrow, although Jesus did give assurance that God is with them. It seems that the group referred to here is made up of those who, in recognition of their spiritual shortcomings, lament their condition.

"The meek" are the patient and humble-minded who can yield themselves to God and look to him for what he alone can do and give. Those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness" are those "whose heart's desire is to be rightly related to God, living the kind of life of which he approves." (Broadman's Comments)

"The merciful" are those who remember the mercy that God has shown them, and are able to demonstrate compassion to others. Several commentators say that the more accurate translation of "the pure in heart" would be "those with a single purpose." It means that this happiness comes to those who are single-hearted in their devotion to God's will. It is the opposite of being divided in one's loyalties.

The major idea in the word "peacemakers" is probably that of leading others into a reconciled relationship with God and with each other.

None of these characteristics come to us naturally or through our own effort. They are qualities that must be implanted in us by God. This then is the nature of the "new life"—the proud become humble, the wayward become obedient, lovers of sin become lovers of righteousness, the hardhearted become passionate, and the selfish become generous.





The hood of a jeep serves as a makeshift altar for a Marine Corps Chaplain as he leads U.S. servicemen in a Thanksgiving Day observance just south of the Demilitarized Zone in Vietnam. United Methodist ministers who serve as military chaplains are aided in their vital work by the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries. This commission receives one half of the offering given on World Communion Sunday in United Methodist churches. (U.S. Marine Corps photo)

## “... be mindful”

On Oct. 4, United Methodists will join with Christians around the world in the observance of World Communion Sunday. Members of most Protestant denominations as well as Roman Catholic and Orthodox Christians take this one opportunity a year to join hands in the celebration of Holy Communion.

The theme for World Communion Sunday this year in the United Methodist Church is “Eat, drink, and be mindful.” As people are mindful of Christ and his life through the partaking of the elements of the Lord’s Supper, they are asked to be mindful of the needs of others around the world.

### Purposes of Offering two-fold

United Methodists take this opportunity to be mindful of others through the Fellowship of Suffering and Service. This is an offering received only once a year, serving two specific purposes. Half of the offering goes to the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR), and the other half goes to the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries.

### UMCOR at work

UMCOR is the main agency of the denomination which provides emergency funds and services to people in need around the world. These funds and services are available to the innocent victims of wars as well as to victims of natural disasters.

When a massive earthquake shook parts of Peru in June of this year, representatives of UMCOR were on the scene within 72 hours surveying the damage. The committee made an initial grant of \$10,000 for immediate emergency relief. More than \$425,000 from U.S. churches has now been sent.

World Communion Sunday is truly a world-wide celebration. Inland in Sarawak these students and their teachers kneel at the altar in the United Methodist Church at Kapit. A similar scene will be repeated in every Christian nation on Oct. 4. Members of the United Methodist Church take this opportunity to share with others in need through the Fellowship of Suffering and Service offering. (E. K. Wood)



UMCOR will continue to provide supplies and the services of people, as well as money.

UMCOR is also prepared to stand by for the long term job of rebuilding and rehabilitation following a disaster. Since the fall of Biafra in January, 1970, ending the bloody Nigerian civil war, UMCOR has worked with the Nigerian Council of Churches’ Relief and Rehabilitation Commission to provide and distribute supplies to the war’s victims. More than \$250,000 worth of clothing materials, grain and seeds were distributed at one time, along with 150,000 hoes, shovels and machetes. The World Council of Churches Nigeria Rehabilitation appeal is for \$4 million. UMCOR carries a large share of this load.

Two other areas of the world torn by war, the Middle East and Southeast Asia, have been receiving assistance from UMCOR for several years. One major concern in these areas lately has been relocating refugees and providing them with training so that they can once again have hope for the future.

### Chaplains and Related Ministries

The Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries provides many services for the 800-plus United Methodist ministers who are chaplains in the armed forces and in prisons, hospitals, and other civilian institutions. All United Methodist chaplains, both military and civilian, are certified and reviewed by this commission. They receive from the commission training and materials and assistance with problems. Pension coverage is provided by this agency if the minister does not have this protection from another source.

The Commission on Chaplains and

## Book Reviews

by AAK.

Hazen G. Werner, LOOK AT THE FAMILY NOW, \$2.45, Abingdon, 158 pp.

In his keen and concise style, Bishop Werner has given us here an ideal tool for the National Family Life Conference as it meets in October to consider the theme “The Family Faces Up.”

This outstanding writer in the field of family life education demonstrates again his ability to keep contemporary as he deals in this little book with all the new problems that confront families today. Of course, he keeps his emphasis on the old problems that never go away.

Bishop Werner points out that the modern family suffers from over-permissiveness and irresponsibility. He sets forth the prices families are paying for having failed to teach their children self-discipline and proper values.

Emphasizing the supreme importance of mutual love and a sound religious faith, he shows concerned parents how

to give their children proper guidance without living their lives for them.

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Charlie Shedd, PROMISES TO PETER, \$3.95, Word Books, 147 pp.

This new book from another outstanding writer in the field of family life will be welcomed by parents and teen-agers everywhere. Dr. Shedd is a minister and lecturer whose name is well known because of two of his previous books, *Letters to Karen* and *Letters to Philip*.

Described as a book for “building bridges from parents to children,” its style is summarized in the following answer to the question, “What are parents for?” — “Parents are for helping sons and daughters achieve their God-given best.”

Based on promises which the author said he made on the day of his son’s birth, the book develops its thoughts under three headings: “A Growing Self-government,” “Lessons in How to Love,” and “The Dignity of Work.”

His thesis is indicated in the following quote from the first section: “The more self-government we allow at the right time, the better things will be all the time — better for the children — better for us — better for their future — better for ours.”

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## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

*Someone once observed that life is never so bad at its worst that it is impossible to live; and it is never so good at its best that it is easy to live.*

### EVIL THOUGHTS

When evil thoughts come to my mind,  
And strive there to remain,  
May to their harm I not be blind,  
But recognize the same.

To come to mind to tempt, they will,  
For Satan works that way;  
He would that they remain until  
He holds me in his sway.

Whenever someone does me dirt,  
He urges that I hate;  
He would I dwell upon my hurt,  
To rise up to his bait.

But I’ll not let old Satan be  
In any way my guide;  
I hope that I can always see  
The danger to hurt pride.

So evil thoughts may come to mind,  
But I’ll not let them stay.  
And to their harm I’ll not be blind,  
Because to God I’ll pray.

—by J. Floyd Bullock

### I’M WEAK: I’M STRONG

Sometimes I’m strong as Noah’s Ark  
Able to withstand the very devil’s mark.  
And then again, a subtle devil I meet —  
I curse my luck, and give up in defeat.

Sometimes I’m sure, I know, I know,  
I can take the whole wide world in tow.  
Its disappointments, heartaches, fears  
untold  
Can never, ever move my soul, so bold.

So tell me why I slip and stray  
And flounder in this weakling way?  
Could it be I’m made of clay,  
Imperfect, incomplete, too easily led  
astray?

Oh give me strength to stay, to fight,  
And not give up or take to flight,  
Knowing that the stormy paths I trod  
Will someday, somewhere, reach the  
hand of God.

—by Nola Mae McFillen

Related Ministries provides another ministry to servicemen and their families by assisting churches that are near military installations. Often such congregations cannot carry the additional load of ministry to military families alone. The commission makes grants to these churches to do such things as employ additional staff, enlarge existing buildings and provide more educational and recreational materials.

### “Eat, drink, and be mindful”

The World Communion Offering, given on Oct. 4 this year, will provide much needed funds for the vital work we do as United Methodists by means of these two important agencies. So as people are mindful of Christ in the partaking of the Holy Communion, they are also mindful of the needs of others as they give of themselves to the Fellowship of Suffering and Service.

## Subsidized hospital training program now in operation

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — More than 100 "hard-core disadvantaged" have begun training for work in five United Methodist-related hospitals during the first six weeks of a program funded by the federal government's JOBS '70 program.

The program is scheduled to train 715 persons within the next 18 months under the contract for \$1,329,457 between the U.S. Department of Labor and the United Methodist General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries here.

Under the project, persons classified as "disadvantaged" by the state employment services are hired by the participating hospitals for five weeks of orientation and job-related education, and ten to 22 weeks of on-the-job training. Continuing jobs are guaranteed those completing the training satisfactorily.

As of mid-September, training had begun at Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, (N.Y.); Nebraska Methodist Hospital, Omaha; Methodist Hospital of Dallas (Texas); and New England Deaconess Hospital, Boston, Mass. Rochester (Minn.) Methodist Hospital will begin its program later in the autumn. Three of the hospitals have completed the initial five-weeks session, and one has begun its second class.

Participants are being trained as inhalation therapists; ward, diet, and X-ray clerks; and nursing, housekeeping, and dietary aides.

Of the initial trainees, all but five are from minority racial groups with the majority being black. They range in age from 18 through 57 and come from families ranging from one to 12 members with an average income of about \$2,600. They averaged 25 weeks of unemployment in the past year.

The project is believed to be the first time a major Protestant denomination has signed such a job-training contract with the federal government.

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## Program Council challenged to greater effectiveness

SYRACUSE, N.Y. (UMI) — Dr. H. Burnham Kirkland, program director of the New York Conference said here that there is no such thing as "an identifiable grass roots mind," and challenged the Program Council of the United Methodist Church to be more than a "haystack for gathering together dried out grass roots ideas."

### Fund Raisers Busy

NEW YORK (UMI) — A total of \$47,868,639 for capital funds and other causes was subscribed in 417 financial crusades by a professional fund-raising staff in the United Methodist Church during 1969, according to a report issued here.

The Rev. Forrest D. Hedden, executive secretary of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, said in his annual report that 34 field representatives of the department also trained 35,698 canvassers for service in the crusades. The figures are not specifically comparable to those for any previous year, Mr. Hedden said, because 1969 was the first year that records were kept on the basis of the calendar year.

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### PENSIONS EXECUTIVE RETIRES

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — The Rev. Harley E. Hiller, a top pensions executive in the United Methodist Church and one of its predecessor denominations, will retire here September 30.

Since union of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches in 1968, Dr. Hiller has been associate general secretary of the united denomination's General Board of Pensions. Prior to that, he served ten years on the EUB Board of Pensions and was for five years its chief staff executive.

During a dinner in his honor September 15 in Chicago, Ill., Dr. Hiller noted that his ministerial career had spanned more than 40 years in four denominations—the United Evangelical Church, the Evangelical Church, the Evangelical United Brethren Church and, now, the United Methodist Church.

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Speaking at the four-day meeting of the denomination's coordinating body, Dr. Kirkland predicted that boards and agencies of the church as they are now known will cease to exist in the future. He said, "The Program Council at every level offers us a unique opportunity to concentrate our efforts, rally our resources, and become more effective channels for the communication of the good news in an age, while new, is still burdened with history's bad news."

Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syracuse Area presided. In addition to the separate meetings of the three divisions of the Council, special attention was given to the needs of the 12 predominantly black colleges related to the United Methodist Church.

Another focus was a progress report on a process of developing a plan for ministries in the 1972-1976 quadrennium. Hearings and data gathering has been going on throughout the church following information coming from a tear-sheet in the March issue of The Interpreter which invited persons to express themselves on what should be the concerns of the church in the years ahead.

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## Pensions Board holds annual meeting

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Computer techniques will make it possible in about two years for the United Methodist Church to have a clear picture of its responsibility for retirement benefits for its 34,000 ministers, the denomination's General Board of Pensions was told here September 16.

The Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary of the board, said at the group's annual meeting that, while the final figure cannot be determined accurately now, it is already known that the present assets administered by the board are but a small percentage of

the total liability.

For instance, he said, if something like the current average benefits of \$65 per year of service are assumed, the 82 annual conferences should be setting aside about \$11,000,000 per year to finance the expected payout in pension and survivor benefits of more than \$35,000,000.

And even this sum, Dr. Hoyt added, would mean a pension income of only \$2,600 per year for a minister with 40 years of service.

As of June 30 the book value of assets administered by the board totaled \$274,089,974, according to the treasurer's report by Donald R. McKee.

In other business at its annual meeting, the board reviewed its various programs, voted a refund of \$100,000 to annual conferences participating in the death benefit program, and credited 4 per cent earned interest and 2 per cent realized appreciation to participating accounts. This latter action was possible in spite of the "severe test" given board operating policies by the current economic situation, Dr. Hoyt said.

It was reported that two annual conferences had joined the board's Ministers Reserve Pension Fund in the past year, bringing to 58 the number of such groups using this method to finance their pension program. The remaining 24 conferences operate on a current income plan.

The board also was told that more than \$2,000,000 had been paid during the past year in claims under its hospital and medical expense plan.

Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D.C., is president of the General Board of Pensions. The group will hold its semi-annual meeting here March 17, 1971.

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING TO HELP SUCH AS THESE

Three small boys survey with disbelief the shattered remains of what was once their home in Chimbote, Peru. The disastrous earthquake which struck there on May 31 of this year has been termed one of the worst natural disasters in the history of Mankind. The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief was on the scene in Peru within 72 hours of the earthquake to survey the damage and to offer \$10,000 in immediate relief funds. UMCOR has pledged over half a million dollars in aid to this stricken nation and will remain there to provide relief and rehabilitation as long as the need exists. UMCOR receives one half of the offering given in United Methodist churches on World Communion Sunday. (RNS Photo)





Young people at Carr Memorial Church in Pine Bluff worked all summer at numerous money-making projects to make possible their Aug. 17-19 trip to Six Flags Over Texas, and other places of interest in the Dallas-Ft. Worth area. Janet Puckett, Carr's summer youth director, gave leadership in the projects which included car washes, an ice cream supper, spaghetti supper, pie and coffee sales and two Trash and Treasure Sales. More than \$700 was raised. The trip included a tour of Southern Methodist University, Cokesbury, the Methodist Publishing House, the "Chapel in the Sky" and Lyle Lodge—a Methodist Retreat Camp sponsored by First Church, Ft. Worth. The Rev. Carl Matthew, pastor, Miss Puckett and Mr. and Mrs. Doug Fisher, Mrs. Tom Montgomery and Dewey Freeman were chaperones for the 28 young people who made the trip.

## TWO-HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION TO COMMEMORATE ARRIVAL OF FRANCIS ASBURY

Wilmore, Ky. — The two hundredth anniversary of the arrival in America of Francis Asbury, Founder of American Methodism, will be observed by Asbury Theological Seminary and Asbury College in Wilmore, Kentucky, October 26-28, 1971. Announcement of the observance was made jointly by Dr. Frank Bateman Stanger, President of Asbury Theological Seminary and Dr. Dennis F. Kinlaw, President of Asbury College.

Asbury arrived in Philadelphia on October 27, 1771. He had come to America as the personal representative of John Wesley, founder of Methodism in England. The Wilmore program will feature a recounting of the life and ministry of the intrepid "prophet of

## AT THE LORD'S TABLE

Christian brethren, in heaven you are known by the name of Christ. On earth, for convenience' sake you are known by the name of Presbyterians, Episcopalians, Methodists, Congregationalists, and the like. Let me speak the language of heaven, and call you simply, Christians. Whoever of you has known the name of Christ, and feels Christ's life beating within him, is invited to remain and sit with us at the table of the Lord. — Henry Ward Beecher



the long trail." Scholars and church leaders will be present to review the contribution made by this frontier Methodist Bishop to the Church and to American life in general.



## GIFTMAS OR CHRISTMAS

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## Ways to say "NO"

Young people are asking how to say "No" to the invitation to take a drink or to use drugs.

It's not a big deal to refuse a drink or a shot of some type of drug. Try one of the light-hearted ways collected from teens across the country:

### No, Thanks . . . . .

- I feel good enough already.
- I want a clear head to appreciate you.
- I don't drink or use drugs.
- I can get the same effect just by taking off my glasses.
- I'm on the wagon.

### Sorry . . . . .

- My analyst won't let me.
- I never drink or get high on Mondays (Fridays, etc.).
- I promised my parents I wouldn't.
- I'm allergic to (alcohol and drugs) and fresh air.

### No, No . . . . .

- I'm testing my will power.
- The party's gay enough as it is.
- I'm out for football this year.
- I'm back-seat driving.
- I've given it up for (Mother's Day, Lent, money . . . fill in your own).

### I'd love one But . . . . .

- I get high on grape juice.
- I'm counting calories.
- I prefer to watch . . .
- It irritates my ulcer.
- I really don't like the taste.

### What I'd love is . . . . .

- Seven-up, straight, please.
- A coke.
- A little water on the rocks for now.
- Getting high on Christ. He is man enough.

## A MESSAGE TO PARENTS WITH SCHOOL-AGE CHILDREN

You may discover your child is using drugs — what should you do, Four things to remember:

1. Don't panic. Ask God to help you keep cool: to give you real wisdom. James 1:5 "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given to him."
2. Get educated. Go to your doctor or some competent person and find out all you can about drugs.
3. Try to understand the child; then forget about the drugs and start looking at your child, trying to understand his or her motivations and needs.
4. Take stock of yourself; examine the priorities of your life and your home. Is there a spiritual vacuum? Perhaps the whole family needs Bible study and prayer, church attendance—to get "High on Christ."

There is no simple answer to the drug problem. Proper legal control, proper medical treatment, proper social action, are needed. Young people need to be brought into a satisfying relationship with God. One teenager says, "We have to go to the root of the problem, and the root of the problem is not where people get their narcotics. It has to do with the heart."

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## News in Brief

The Rev. Sterling F. Wheeler, San Antonio, Texas, retired United Methodist pastor who was administrative vice-president of Southern Methodist University and a professor in its Perkins School of Theology, has been named interim president of the Roman Catholic Incarnate Word College in San Antonio.

Carl Case, director of public relations for **The Upper Room**, has been nominated to succeed Mrs. Sam Witthoft as treasurer of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism. His official election is expected to take place at the annual meeting of the board later this month. Mrs. Witthoft has been named business administrator of the North Hollywood (Calif.) United Methodist Church. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Kermit Long, former general secretary of the Board of Evangelism. The Rev. Richard W. Ricker, now an associate editor, will assume most of Mr. Case's former responsibilities.

Two new program resources for Women's Societies of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guilds are being distributed. One is the program resource book entitled **Risk and Reality**. The other is a study book on Psalms.

The Rev. Phillip C. Lawson, executive director of the Kansas City, Mo., Inner-City Parish and pastor of St. James United Methodist Church, was to return in mid-September from what he described as a "mission of peace and goodwill" to North Vietnam.

Four staff executives of United Methodist agencies in New York have resigned. Included are the Rev. Francis L. Brockman, secretary for cultivation in the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief since 1960; Dr. Reeve H. Betts, medical secretary in the Board of Missions' World Division since 1966; Mrs. Robert Marshall, assistant secretary in the World Division since 1957; and the Rev. Robert L. Wilson, director of research and survey in the Board of Missions' National Division since 1958.

As a new method of communicating the gospel in Korea, the Methodist Hour will be broadcast through the nation-wide Christian broadcasting station each Sunday.

## Workshops Planned at United Nations Center

NEW YORK (UMI) — The different assumptions that people hold concerning American security and the bearing that Christian faith and ethics has upon these assumptions is the common theme of six workshops to be held this autumn at the Church Center for the United Nations here.

Held primarily for persons involved in group or denominational leadership, the workshops will employ a laboratory method to help participants evaluate issues, encourage others to assume responsibility and to help them help others become more proficient at examining the emotional forces that influence behavior. They are sponsored by the National Council of Churches, under the leadership of the Rev. Paul M. Dieterich, program director at the CCUN and a United Methodist minister.

## FORMER CRUSADER SCHOLAR TO DIRECT AFRICAN LITERATURE CENTER

NEW YORK (UMI) — The editor of one of the principal United Methodist publications overseas has been named the first African director of the Africa Literature Center, a major unit of the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation at Kitwe, Zambia.

Ezekiel Makunike is editor of **Umbowo**, journal of the Rhodesia Conference of the United Methodist Church. A trained journalist with two degrees, a former Crusade Scholar and internationally recognized Christian communicator, Mr. Makunike and his **Umbowo** colleagues have taken bold editorial stands against racial injustice in Rhodesia and have spoken out against the white-dominated government of Ian Smith. Under his editorship, circulation rose from 1,000 to 7,000.

## BLACK CRUSADE SCHOLAR CHOSEN FOR SPECIAL MUSIC DEGREE PROGRAM

NEW YORK (UMI) — Alvin E. Singleton, a black United Methodist Crusade scholar and composer, is one of a select number of Yale University School of Music students chosen for the university's master of musical arts degree program.

Born in Brooklyn in 1940, Mr. Singleton joined Janes Memorial United Methodist Church in Brooklyn, where he sang in the children's and youth choirs. He has shown a "tremendous amount of accomplishment both musically and academically," a university spokesman said, and is "one of our best students." His "Winwood Quintet," composed at Yale where he has been a student for the past two years, premiered last summer at Tanglewood Music Festival in Lenox, Mass., and was presented this past winter at Lincoln Center in New York City.

The master of musical arts degree is awarded to Yale students who show the best chance for a successful career. It is a requirement for the doctorate of musical arts which is awarded on the basis of professional achievement alone.

## PROPHECY OF DOOM FOR SEATTLE STIRS MOVEOUT OF SOME FAMILIES


SEATTLE (RNS) — A revivalist's prophecy that great disaster is about to befall Seattle and the Puget Sound area as the judgment of God on a sinful and wicked people has caused an undetermined number of families here to sell their possessions, pack their cars and prepare to flee eastward.

A Seattle shipyard worker reported he came home from work and discovered that his wife and six children had left for some undisclosed sanctuary to escape the wrath to come.

Another Seattle family was busy winding up a garage sale of incidental possessions. Their house had been sold and they were preparing to move to Nampa, Idaho.

A Seattle man was in Burlington, some 60 miles north of here, helping a friend's family there to pack. A group of 19 persons was assembled in Spanaway, a small community near Tacoma, as part of the great escape.

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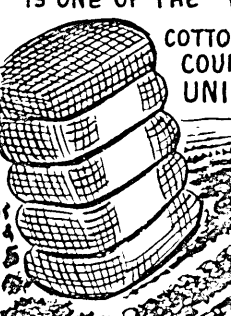


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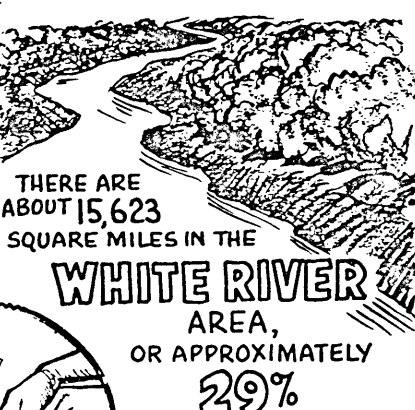
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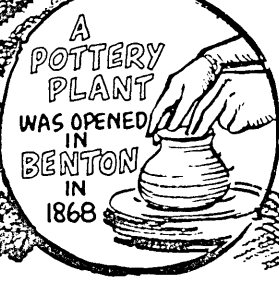
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