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Arkansas Council Assembly to study COCU plan

The 15th annual assembly of the Arkansas Council of Churches, Tuesday, November 17, will focus its attention on the Plan of Union being proposed by the Consultation on Church Union (COCU).

Dr. Lester B. Rickman, general secretary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Missouri with headquarters at Jefferson City, will be the main speaker and panel moderator for the meeting which will be held on the campus of College of the Ozarks at Clarksville.

S. H. "Herb" Allman is president of the council and will preside during the assembly.

Dr. Rickman replaces Dr. George G. Beasley, chairman of the Consultation on Church Union who had been previously announced as speaker for the meeting. He has been advised by his physician to curtail his activities for several months.

Dr. Rickman, a graduate of Texas State University and Brite Divinity School, Fort Worth, is a representative of his church on COCU and is a member of the Commission on



Dr. Rickman

Cooperative Policy and Practice of The Christian Church (Disciples).

Members of a reactor panel to discuss the speaker's presentation will include: Canon J. Gordon Swope, Episcopal, Little Rock; the Rev. Mark K. Reid, minister, First Christian Church, Fayetteville; the Rev. William H. McLean, minister, Pulaski Heights Presbyterian Church, Little Rock; Dr.

Walter R. Hazzard, president, Philander Smith College, Little Rock; and Father Raphael DeSalvo, prior, New Subiaco Abbey, Subiaco.

A presentation of COCU at work on the local level in Searcy will be made by Gen. (USA, ret.) William P. Campbell, a member of First United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Gale Bell, pastor of First Christian Church, in that city.

Dr. Rickman and denominational leaders of the participating churches, will lead the communion service with which the assembly will be brought to a close.

Registration is scheduled to begin at 9:00 a.m. with a period of coffee fellowship available before the opening business session at 10:00 a.m. The closing Service of Worship is scheduled to begin at 3:00 p.m. Lunch at the college will cost \$1.25 and it would be most helpful if you would return your registration blank to the office of the Arkansas Council of Churches, P. O. Box 6011, Little Rock, Ark. 72203 so that a place may be reserved for you at the luncheon.

"Light Company" name of new evangelism singing group

their faith as traveling evangelists, they have reorganized and will be performing as The Light Company in churches, schools, on campuses and street corners — wherever they are invited to give their witness.

All in the mid-20s, trio members come from Midwestern, Evangelical United Brethren backgrounds. They describe their theology as distinctly evangelical and deep set in the needs of modern man. Their music is contemporary and their methodology is fresh. They aim at both the "Pepsi Generation" and the "Geritol Generation" and are hoping to become a bridge between persons separated from God and one another.

Currently The Light Company is accepting bookings for 1971. The ministry, sponsored by the Board of Evangelism, is supported entirely through performances and through the sale of albums. For information, contact the Rev. Bill Hanlin, 5646 Elgin Roof Road, Dayton, Ohio 45406.

A similar evangelistic ministry through contemporary music was provided during 1969 and the early months of 1970 by Tom Page and Jim

Moore, 1968 Wesley Theological Seminary graduates who called themselves "Dust and Ashes."

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Members of a new trio known as "The Light Company" are (l. to r.) United Methodist ministers Dave Trout, Bill Hanlin, and Bob Morley. Formerly known as "The Newcomers", the trio is being sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Evangelism as they tour the country singing in churches, schools, on campuses and street corners—wherever they are invited to give their witness. The ministry is supported entirely by funds received through performances and sale of albums. (MI Photo)

Educational needs in small churches to get attention

Miss Jennie Youngblood of the staff of the Division of the Local Church of the United Methodist Board of Education, will concentrate on the educational needs of the small churches during a ten-day visit to the Little Rock Annual Conference beginning, Nov. 13.

This project in three districts of the conference is a continuation of a program that was started in March when local church leaders, district superintendents and conference and general board workers met in each district of the conference. After this current series of meetings, Miss Youngblood, who is director of services to churches of small membership, will return for additional meetings in each of the districts.

Her current itinerary will include meetings in the Little Rock, Arkadelphia and Camden Districts. In the Little Rock District she will meet with workers in the following churches: Providence, Pride Valley and Sardis. In the Arkadelphia District she will hold meetings at St. Paul Church, Malvern, Glenwood, Hardner Church, Hot Springs, and Sparkman. In the Camden District she will be working at Bearden, Pleasant Grove and Unity churches.

The philosophy of the General Board of Education back of this project is that almost without exception a congregation limited in membership has potential within itself, when properly motivated, to provide a meaningful ministry.

The purpose of the project is to reach every small congregation of two hundred members or less to assist in upgrading the educational ministry in each church. The current series of workshops will provide opportunities to develop skills in goal setting, planning, and carrying out the educational ministry of each church.

By focusing on three districts, it is anticipated that the churches will re-

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Mary Chamberlain Memorial Missionary Fund established at First Church, Malvern

The Mary Chamberlain Memorial Missionary Fund has been established at First United Methodist Church in Malvern because of a \$2,500 gift from her niece, Mrs. Harriett Meyer Johnson of San Antonio, Texas. Missions — both home and foreign — had been a special concern for Mrs. Chamberlain during her lifetime.

The gift from Mrs. Johnson, who "came under the influence of her aunt while still a young girl," has been invested so the interest derived from it will be used each year for special mission projects to be designated by the Church's Commission on Missions, according to the Rev. Charles Ashcraft, pastor.

Mrs. Chamberlain, who became a member of the Malvern church by baptism in 1904, suggested in 1960 that a special fund was needed for the church's missionary outreach. Subsequently, Sunday School classes and individuals added to a \$300 gift from

Mrs. Chamberlain for mission projects.

The first contribution was used to supplement the salary of an Oklahoma Indian Mission pastor. But the largest single undertaking financed by the fund was the building of a church in Alindra, India in the Gujarat Conference. This church—around which much of the community life centers—has been named "Malvern Methodist Church."

Mrs. Chamberlain assumed various places of responsibility in the Malvern (Ark.) Church—and in Little Rock, where she lived with her husband, the late Roy R. Chamberlain, from 1924 until 1944, and again when they returned to Malvern. Before she died in 1967 Mrs. Chamberlain set aside as the first bequest in her will a gift of \$1,000 to the Women's Society of Christian Service to be used for missions, and another \$1,000 for the local church.

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U.N. SILVER DINNER AT SILOAM SPRINGS

The 25th anniversary of the United Nations was marked at Siloam Springs at a "Silver Dinner" held in First United Methodist Church. A variety of foreign dishes were brought to the potluck dinner.

The speaker was Miss Virginia Ann Kenedy, who worked in New York three summers, guiding high school students around New York and the U.N. Center. Another participant was Miss Eulah Feemster, who lived in New York a number of years and watched the U.N. grow.

The offering received was directed to UNICEF.

The Committee on Christian Social Concerns sponsored the meeting. The Rev. John M. McCormack is the pastor.

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SMALL CHURCHES

ceive more specific help and the project can be expanded next year to encompass the entire conference.

Other annual conferences engaged in this innovative effort to involve churches of small membership in shaping their future intentionally are Tennessee, South Georgia, and North Arkansas.

"We have a big idea," states Dr. Wayne Lindecker of the Division of the Local Church. "If at all possible by 1976 each district throughout the United Methodist Church will have a person who has been specifically trained as a friend and concerned person to the local congregations of small memberships."

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WALLY GATTIS, member of St. Paul, Fort Smith, was the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission held at City Heights United Methodist Church in Van Buren the weekend of October 23.

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MUSIC PUBLICATION FEATURES ARTICLE BY ARKANSAN

The October issue of the "Instrumentalist" features an article on "The Natural Trumpet in the Modern Orchestra," written by H. M. Lewis who is serving on the music faculty at the College of the Ozarks. Mr. Lewis graduated from Hendrix with Honors in 1967 and since leaving Hendrix has earned the Master of Music degree at Northwestern University. He taught for two years in the public schools of Arkansas before joining the College of the Ozarks staff this past fall.

The Hendrix College Concert Band will feature a "Concerto" night during the winter term and Mr. Lewis will be one of the featured soloists. Lewis is the son of the Rev. H. M. Lewis, a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, and Mrs. Lewis.

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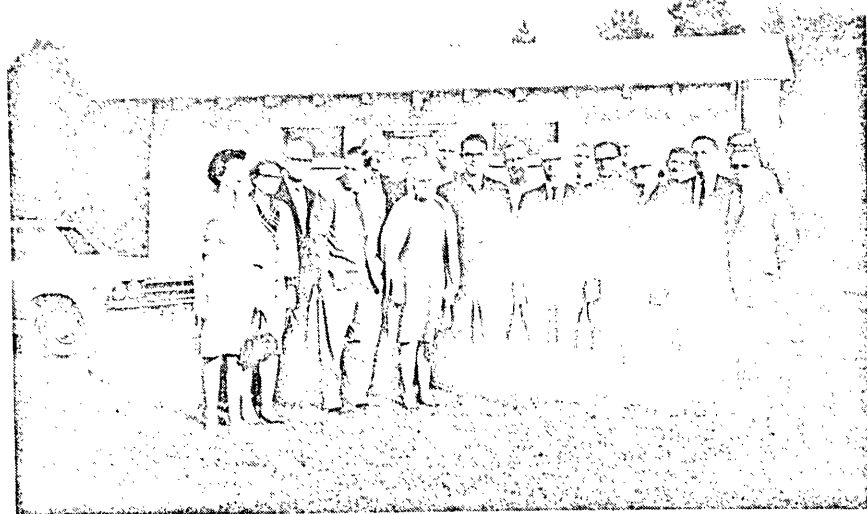
HENDRIX BRASS CHOIR DEMONSTRATES USE OF WIND INSTRUMENTS

The Hendrix College Brass Choir under the direction of Dr. Ashley R. Coffman presented an "Abendmusiken" on a recent Sunday evening at the Bull Shoals Methodist Church. Dr. Coffman gave explanations and demonstrations of how wind instruments have been used in worship services over the past 300 years. Dr. Hadley Yates assisted the Brass Choir at the organ and gave a solo concert number on the piano. Mrs. Wanda Yates was heard in a suite for solo trumpet and piano.

This was the second appearance of the Brass Choir since it was presented recently at "A Great Day of Methodist Singing" at the Gardner Memorial Methodist Church in North Little Rock.

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THE REV. AND MRS. BENNIE RUTH were honored on their 26th wedding anniversary with a surprise reception given by members of First United Methodist Church in Des Arc, October 26.



Batesville District Pastors' Retreat group at Kamp Kaetzell near Clinton, as photographed by District Superintendent E. J. Holifield: Mrs. Braska Savage, Mrs. E. J. Holifield, Brady Cook, Charles Casteel, Bill Womack, Fern Cook, Braska Savage, Ray Edwards, Mike Clayton, James Barton, H. L. Robison, Elsworth Watson, Mouzon Mann, Omma Daniel, Tom Cowan, Kenneth Renfro, Raymond Hawkins, Robert English, Willis LeGrand. The Retreat was directed by Dr. Mouzon Mann, pastor of First Church and the Rev. James Barton, pastor of Grace Church—both of Searcy.

THE REV. BILL ELDER, native of Little Rock who now serves as a missionary in Japan, was the speaker for the fellowship supper at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Oct. 18. This church carries a part of the support for this missionary who grew up in Forrest Heights Church, now St. Paul. Dr. James B. Argue is the Pulaski Heights pastor.

AN OUTSTANDING TEACHER has been invited to direct the Helena-West Helena study of "How the Word Gets Around." She is Mrs. Fred R. Pfisterer of Louisville, Kentucky, wife of the pastor of Fourth Avenue United Methodist Church. She taught one of the sections of the course in Conway last summer during the school of Christian Mission. The course will be held the weekend of November 20.

THE CAVE CITY United Methodist Church was host to the Sub-District UMYF of the Batesville area on Sunday afternoon, October 18. Steve Street presided. Dr. Charles Casteel was host pastor.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of Central Church, Fayetteville, heard Miss Kay Collett, U. of A. instructor of political science, speak at the October 28 dinner meeting.

THE MUSICAL VESPER Service held in First Church, El Dorado, November 1, featured as soloists Jimmy Mason, El Dorado tenor, and Mary Beth Armes, new professor of voice at Centenary College in Shreveport. The 75-voice Sanctuary and Motet Choirs were under the direction of Helen and Gordon Betenbaugh. Music of Handel and Mozart was sung. Dr. Alvin Murray is the pastor.

Costumes from Canada's Stratford Theatre on display at Hendrix College

Costumes and props from the Stratford, Canada, Festival Theatre will be on display in the Hendrix College Library through November. The exhibit, which the public is invited to see, is being shown in connection with the college's production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," directed by Miss Jane Casson, a member of the Canadian theatre's repertory company. The play will be presented November 21-24 as a feature of the Hendrix College "Canada Year" observance.

The costumes and props are from the 1968 production of the Shakespeare comedy at the Festival Theatre. They were designed by Leslie Hurry, one of the world's foremost designers. He has designed for a number of world-famous theatres, including Covent Garden, the Old Vic, and the West End in London, the Shakespeare Memorial Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, England, and the Glyndebourne Opera Company in England. He first

went to Canada in 1955 to design sets and costumes for the Stratford Festival's production of "Tamburlaine the Great," which was presented also in Toronto and New York City.

On view at the Hendrix Library are fairy costumes, including that of Titania, queen of the fairies, as well as a rose velvet jacket of Victorian design worn by Miss Casson in the role of Helena. Also displayed are head-dresses of the fairies and Helena's wedding headdress, in addition to wedding gifts presented to Helena and Hermia. One unusual prop on display is Flute's rehearsal script for the Pyramus and Thisbe play within the play.

In addition to the costumes and props for "A Midsummer Night's Dream," the exhibit features Mr. Hurry's original design for Miss Casson's costume as Mrs. Candour in "The School for Scandal," given last summer, and several costume plates and posters from the Festival Theatre.

NOVEMBER 12, 1970

AN IMPORTANT STUDY IS BEFORE US

For some days now we have been seeking to become familiar with a document that could well be the most important one that has been published in recent years. This is the Plan of Union published by the Consultation on Church Union. Whether one is sympathetic to the goals of COCU or feels an antipathy toward the union it proposes, one cannot speak intelligently in the years ahead without discovering what it proposes. It is at the same time a complicated and a simple plan which proposes to make one church — the Church of Christ Uniting — of the nine churches which have worked in the consultation, or if any two or more of them that acts favorably on the proposal.

Every denomination which has been a part of COCU has now voted officially to receive the plan for study. No group has gone beyond that. However, unless the individuals and local churches that compose the denominations are challenged to put this study high on their list of priorities actions taken later on the assumption that the plan is well known and understood could be ill-advised actions.

This writer is still involved in his own intensive study of the plan and wants in the very near future to begin a series of articles which will make the document available to our readers who may not be serious enough to order their own copies of the plan. It will be our intention to deal objectively with the COCU proposal, underscoring the specific details of just what the proposed Church of Christ Uniting would be like.

Already a number of earnest efforts have been initiated in Arkansas and Louisiana which should be helpful for those who are anxious to discover enough about the plan to decide whether they are for it or against it. The Louisiana Area recently held a one-day session in Alexandria in which the plan was thoroughly discussed. The Arkansas Council of Churches will devote the major part of its annual assembly next week to a consideration of the document. Following these statewide meetings there should come the most widely-organized program of study that any of us have ever known.

Unless we as individuals and local churches become aware of the details of the proposed union of nine churches including

the United Methodist Church we will find ourselves at a decided disadvantage in the serious choices that lay just ahead of us in the matter of this particular ecumenical proposal. Already we have discovered in individual conversations that there are widespread differences of opinion as to just what is proposed. By the time of the 1972 General Conference of the United Methodist Church it is going to be assumed that members of our denomination are well informed concerning the Plan of Union. During the Annual Conferences in 1971 we will be selecting our delegates to that General Conference. It could be that we will want to base our decisions concerning those delegates partially on their understanding of and their position regarding the COCU proposal. This means it is already getting late for us to become informed about the plan.

Although there is no specific timetable for the consummation of the proposed union, there seems to be no doubt that the period between now and the end of 1972 will be the time in which the voices of individuals and local churches will have their greatest chance of being heard. The Resolution of Transmittal of the Plan of Union to the Churches says:

"The Consultation of Church Union on March 13, 1970, commends this draft of the Plan of Union to the member churches and to all Christians for study and response, seeking their assistance in the further development and completion of this Plan of Union. Responses and evaluations are to be submitted to the Consultation's office in Princeton, with copies to the appropriate denominational offices, by January 15, 1972.

"It is essential that the process of study, evaluation, and response — such as suggestions for change, approval of basic directions — be done, where possible, with all nine participating churches and others fully involved.

"During the biennium of 1970-72, the Consultation on Church Union does not seek official votes from the member churches; the Consultation on Church Union does earnestly seek assistance in the further development of this Plan which is pointed toward the union and the vital renewal for mission of Christ's church."

This means that we must all get down to the business of studying this proposal so that we can think clearly concerning any changes we wish to suggest while there is still time for it to be changed. There are many things about the Program of the church which many of us feel we cannot personally influence and so we often develop a "so-what?" attitude. Here is a most drastic suggestion about an entirely new direction for the life of our church. An earnest opportunity is being offered to be in on the revision of the plan. But it will take much more work than most of us have been willing to direct to studying the life and work of the church. It is work which this writer feels is the most important challenge that is immediately before us, and he wishes to use every means at his disposal to call you to that work.

We will begin in two weeks our series of articles on the proposal. We would like to think that by that time a number of you will have obtained a copy of the document and started your reading of it. It is available for 65 cents per copy (25 cents per copy in quantities of four or more) from COCU Distribution Center, P. O. Box 989, Philadelphia, Pa. 19103. It is our understanding that a copy has been sent to every pastor. We may be for it or every pastor. We may be for it when we have studied it, but for the sake of the future of Christ's church let us make our decisions on the basis of knowledge. Let there be more light than heat in our discussions!

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the Editor's Corner



A BRIDGE-BUILDER VISITS AMERICA

During our visit to the Holy Land last January one of the deepest and most lasting impressions was the visit to the Ecce Homo Convent where Mother Aline and her Sisters of Zion were contributing greatly to the cause of peace in Jerusalem and the entire Middle East through the "ulpan" — language school — established at the convent shortly after the Six Day War of 1967.

With the removal of the physical barriers dividing the city of Jerusalem, the Sisters of Zion recognized that language barriers were the greatest threat to understanding and peaceful co-existence of Jews and Arabs. Mother Aline notified her bishop that she and her nuns were giving up their traditional teaching chores in the parochial school to teach Jews and Arabs how to talk with each other. In the three years since, the ulpan has been attended by more than 1,000 students.

Last year, Hebrew University granted 200 diplomas to students who had successfully completed its courses. The demand for classes has been so great that it became necessary to open other "ulpanim" — in a Moslem school across the street from the convent, and in Bethlehem and Hebron.

Mother Aline, who is on a year's sabbatical leave from her position at the Ecce Homo Convent, plans to spend that time traveling in the United States and Canada.

She announced at a recent news conference in New York that the latest development in the area of bridge-building in which she pioneered is the building by Hebrew University of a new center on Mount Scopus, overlooking Jerusalem, to be known as the Martin Buber Center, in honor of the late, renowned Jewish philosopher. A gift of German Jewish benefactors, the center will not only house classrooms for the ulpanim, but will also provide space for artistic and folklore activities, and for social events in which Jews, Arabs and Christians will participate together.

Speaking of mutual understanding and social relationships which are being established through the language classes, Mother Aline said, "Peace may be achieved when Arabs and Jews work together on the sports field, in the laboratory, or in the factory. One day, peace will be achieved before the documents have been signed."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Two traditions were shattered when the American Lutheran Church (ALC) voted in San Antonio to ordain women to the ministry and to permit children to receive Holy Communion before they are confirmed. Another action was the lowering of the age of eligibility for delegates to national conventions from 21 to 18 years. Major steps looking toward overhaul of the structure of the ALC were approved, and the denomination's Division of Publication was authorized to explore the possibility of merger with its publishing counterpart in the Lutheran Church in America (LCA).

The Southern Presbyterian Bd. of Women's Work reportedly will ask that its officials be permitted to "sit as visitors" in the standing committees of the 1971 General Assembly. This year's Assembly approved a request for "youth delegates" to attend the Church's high court for the first time next year and to vote as members of its standing committees. Women, however, have direct access to the Assembly only by being a commissioner (minister or ruling elder elected to attend) or by being asked to appear for a specific purpose.

Dr. Robert J. Marshall of N.Y., a Lutheran pastor (LCA) rebuked Christians who would end foreign missions and other overseas church involvement. Dr. Marshall said the arguments that "missionaries have been servants of imperialism" and that church work has not served American interests, "contradict each other. Of the latter argument, he said the church's work was not intended to promote national interest . . . The church's work does not seek love for America but for Jesus Christ. As American Christians we might consider ourselves twice blessed if both kinds of love resulted, but we are clear about our responsibility as a church." As for those who believe Christian missions foster imperialism, he said, "It is at least equally true that missionary schools provided the education which helped develop leadership for new independent nations."

An observer at the American Lutheran Church's biennial meeting in San Antonio reports that the ALC will ask the Lutheran Church in America and the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod to develop common structures as rapidly as possible and to engage in joint activities as steps toward the ultimate goal of unity. The ALC, LCA and Missouri Synod embrace more than 95 per cent of the nine million Lutherans in the U.S. All three participate in the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A.

An American Jewish leader in inter-religious affairs called for a "crash" communications program in Jewish-Christian relations to effectively "focus and augment the impact" of thought and scholarship now taking place. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, speaking to participants in a four-day Christian-Jewish convocation in South Orange, N.J., said that the last five years have served to relax Jewish suspicion, "and in this freer atmosphere Jewish thinkers and leaders are beginning to reevaluate seriously . . . convictions about the legitimacy of Christianity as a valid form of salvation . . . in some true relationship with the Covenant of Israel."

The Episcopal Church authorized a study of the Consultation on Church Union's proposed plan of union during the coming year, but the General Convention noted that it was not endorsing the plan, yet.

The number of church fires throughout the U.S. increased by 100 in 1969 to a total of 3,900, according to data compiled by the Nat'l. Fire Protection Assn. (NAPA). Loss of church property damaged or destroyed reached \$19 million. The 1969 figure, however, was more than \$1 million less than the 1968 low. Fires in schools and colleges resulted in a sharp increase in the dollar loss. Incendiarism was listed as a substantial factor in school and college fires.

Cooperation between Anglican and United Church of Canada congregations and support for union is stronger in the "frontier" areas and smaller congregations, according to the United Church Observer. The two Churches have agreed on a set of "Principles of Union," and are anticipating the unveiling of a plan of union in 1972, with actual merger said to be possible by 1974. A survey team received a variety of responses to a question asking what United Church members thought Anglicans were like. "Just like us — dull," said one reply from British Columbia.

Robert Morris, Dallas editor-publisher of the conservative Catholic weekly, *Twin Circle*, called on the Catholic press to take the lead in an extensive "infusion of spiritual values" into American society. Addressing the Catholic Press Assn., meeting in Trenton, N.J., Morris said only an emphasis on "first things"—the spiritual and religious fabric of the American tradition, the rule of law, and free enterprise—can halt the unrest, terror in the streets, and poverty and make this nation "a better country . . . a great country."

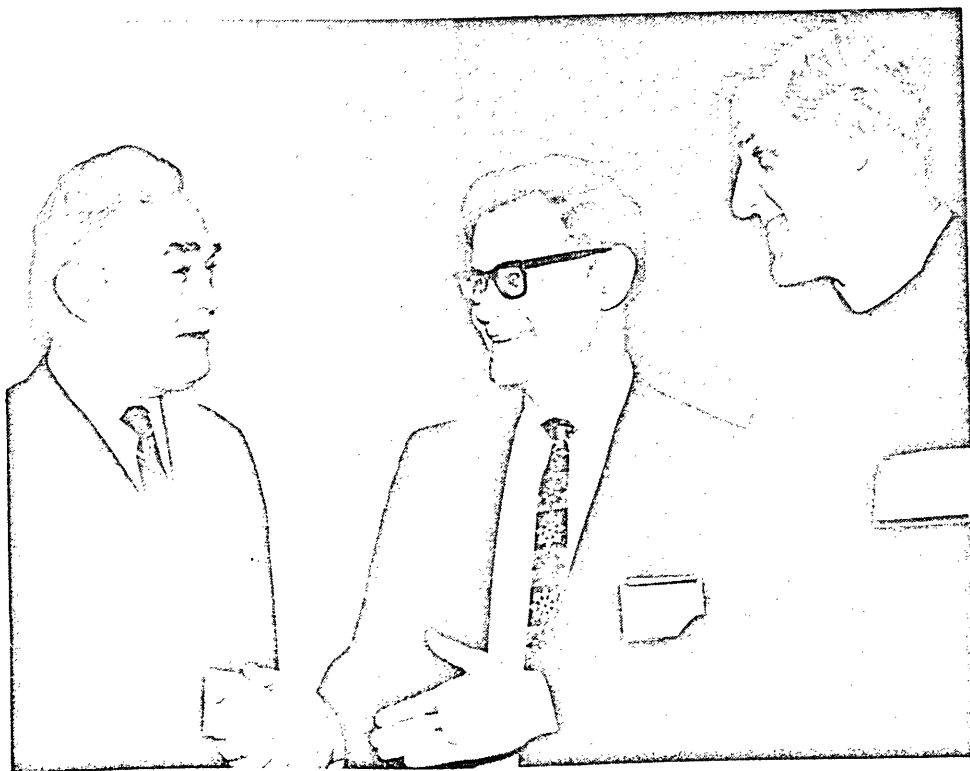
The Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) is sponsoring a denomination-wide convention to be held in Atlanta in October, 1971 on the general theme, "Taking Christ Seriously in the 70's." Its stated purpose is "to gather together people of the Church—to celebrate Christ as Lord and Savior; to be confronted by Christ's concern for the church and the world; to acknowledge and rejoice in the reality of divergent perceptions of the gospel, the church and the world; to examine the varieties of opportunities for Christian witness and service in the decade of the '70s and to be committed with new urgency to Christ, His church and its mission."

Citizens for Public Prayer, a non-sectarian, non-partisan voluntary organization headquartered in Washington, D.C., is reported to be promoting a drive aimed at precluding the possibility of the Baker Prayer Amendment dying in a Senate Conference committee or otherwise getting "lost in the shuffle." Introduced by Howard H. Baker Jr., junior Senator from Tenn., an amendment to the equal rights for men and women resolution, reads: "Nothing contained in this Constitution shall abridge the right of persons lawfully assembled, in any public building which is supported in whole or in part through the expenditure of public funds, to participate in nondenominational prayer."

The House of Deputies refused to concur with the House of Bishops' strong statement on the Vietnam war at the recent Episcopal Church's General Convention in Houston. The bishops had asked U.S. withdrawal from Vietnam by December, 1971 and called on the U.S. to halt supporting the Saigon government. Refusal of the clergy and lay delegates to agree on a resolution meant that the triennial convention concluded with no official statement on the issue.

Britain's first fully ecumenical theological college was inaugurated in Birmingham, Eng. in the presence of the heads of the two Churches initially involved — Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury and Methodist Conference President Rupert Davies. The new college resulted from a merger of the Church of England's Queen's College and Methodism's Handsworth College, both in Birmingham, but its premises are those of the former Anglican school. Before the inaugural ceremony there was a Eucharist for the College in its new ecumenical form.

Donors to religious and other charitable organizations were told by Conrad Teitell, tax lawyer and publisher of the monthly *Taxwise Giving Guide*, that year-end gifts in 1970 will result in greater tax savings than gifts made after Dec. 31. "You are likely to be in a higher income bracket this year than next because changes made by the new tax law which reduce your tax bracket are not effective until next year," he said in a pamphlet entitled "Charitable Contribution . . . Wise 1970 Year-End Tax Moves."



SAN ANTONIO — The newly-elected president of the American Lutheran Church, Dr. Kent S. Knutson (center) of Dubuque, Iowa, is congratulated by Dr. J. A. O. Preus (left), president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, and Dr. David W. Preus, re-elected vice-president of the ALC. The latter two are first cousins. At the ALC's fifth biennial convention in San Antonio, Dr. Knutson defeated Dr. David Preus in the denomination's first open campaign for the presidency. (RNS Photo)

COLUMBIA-LAFAYETTE UMYF SUB-DISTRICT MET AT STAMPS

There was a meeting of the Columbia-Lafayette County UMYF Sub-District October 26, at 7:30, at Stamps United Methodist Church.

The meeting was opened with group singing, and then the Rev. Allen Bonsall, director of the Wesley Foundation at Magnolia, talked about the attendance at district youth rallies and sub-district meetings. He announced that the next District Youth Rally would be Saturday, January 28, and the theme would be "Ways to Worship through Communication." He then led a discussion on "Why Youth Rebel."

The next sub-district meeting will be in November at Philadelphia Church.

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SALEM AND CONGO UMYF'ers had a "Trick or Treat" for UNICEF on Oct. 31. Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Courtney and Mr. and Mrs. Gary Wilson, counselors of the Salem UMY directed the drive at Salem. The WSCS furnished refreshments. Mrs. Manuel Davenport and Mrs. Earl McGee were in charge of the Congo UNICEF drive. A total of over \$153.00 was collected for UNICEF by the two churches. The Rev. Don R. Williams is their pastor.

Chile's Methodist Church

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ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT)

The 97-year-old United Methodist Church in Chile, which has recently become "self-governing and self-sustaining," looks to the future with hope and courage, said Rev. Luis Daza of Santiago in an interview here (Little Rock).

"The new church is more adapted to the people of Chile," Daza explained. "The church is passing through the trials that might be expected by a new autonomous body. We will have to wait four or five years to see what the future may be."

Daza has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Misael Bruna, who lives with her husband at 6009 R Street. He plans to return to Chile in late November.

The Brunas and their son, Silvio, 13, are members of St. Luke United Methodist Church, 6401 West 32nd Street.

Noting that Methodism was founded in Chile by a New York missionary in about 1873, Daza said the growth and progress of the church has been slow. There are 5,000 Methodists in Chile, 58 churches and 35 pastors.

As pastor of the Second Methodist Church in Santiago, Daza said he has received five new members into the church in a year of hard work and difficulty.

"It is difficult to make church mem-



Luiz Daza

bers in a non-Protestant country, like Chile," he said. "Many are indifferent and some do not believe in God, but they make faithful and loyal church members when they do become Christians."

The Chilean Methodist Church previously had been a mission field of the Methodist General Conference in the United States, known "as the Chilean

Central Methodist Conference." It became a self-governing body in January.

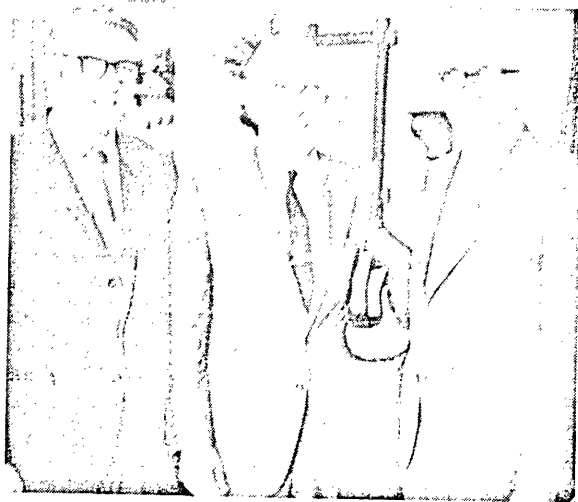
Chilean Bishop Raymond Valenzuela was elected to head the new church. His wife is an American-born missionary with 25 years service in Chile.

Daza said the layman are assuming responsibility and are working hard to finance the church. The people are learning to tithe—that is, to give 10 per cent of their income to church finances.

Shortly after Daza's recent arrival in Little Rock, United Methodist missionaries in Chile appealed to fellow Methodists of North America to "maintain a friendly and cooperative attitude toward Chile and respect the right of self-determination of the Chilean people," should the Chilean Congress decide in favor of Salvador Allende, the first democratically elected Marxist-oriented president in the Western hemisphere.

Daza, who was licensed to preach at 22, will retire in 1971 at the age of 65 after 43 years in the ministry. He is a graduate of the Methodist Sweet Memorial Institute in Santiago.

—Lelia Maude Funston
Editor of Church News,
Arkansas Democrat



Leaders in Fort Smith's recent Christian Life Conference were (l. to r.): Tom Gray of First Baptist Church, Major W. Ian Thomas, and J. Fred Patton of First United Methodist Church.

Christian Life Conference held in Fort Smith

Major W. Ian Thomas, founder of the Torchbearers' Evangelistic organization and author of several books, was the featured speaker for a Christian Life Conference in Fort Smith, Oct. 18-23. The Conference was sponsored by First United Methodist Church and First Baptist Church with assistance from the Christian Business Men's Committee.

J. Fred Patton, of First United Methodist Church served as chairman for the conference; Tom Gray of First Baptist was advisory committee co-chairman. Dr. John A. Bayliss and Dr. William L. Bennett were host pastors.

Major Thomas was reared in a middle class English home, and at the age of 15 was led to devote his life to Christian service. He served in the

British Expeditionary Forces at the outset of World War II, and after taking part in the evacuation at Dunkirk, began a ministry which has led him to travel and preach in Norway, Denmark, Germany, Austria, Switzerland, the United States, Canada and throughout the British Isles.

Between morning and evening lectures, Major Thomas spoke before a Southside High School Assembly, the Christian Business Men's Committee luncheon and other local groups.

Morning attendance in Roebuck Chapel averaged 225 and the evening services attracted an average of 600 listeners. Many persons from other denominations attended the conference.



Ready for the Crossett Christmas Bazaar Nov. 12, from left, seated are: Mrs. Jack Meadows, Mrs. W. E. Hastings, Mrs. Cecil Brayman, Mrs. Bruce DeLess. Standing: Mrs. Ferris Norton, Mrs. W. A. Regnier, Mrs. Baylor Anderson, Mrs. Robert Parkhill.

BAZAAR AT CROSSETT TODAY

The Crossett Women's Society of Christian Service is staging a FABULOUS CHRISTMAS BAZAAR on November 12 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Women and men of the church have been designing, creating and crafting gift items since last June at a weekly workshop in the old parsonage. Woodcraft, knitting, felt creations, Christmas ornaments, doorpieces, attic treasures, candlesticks, toys, crewel-work, and dolls overflow the building. A snack lunch will be served from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. and also featured will be large varieties of home baked cookies, cakes, candies and pies for the freezer. Mrs. Cecil Brayman is general chairman. Mrs. Winston Purifoy is president. The Rev. Ferris W. Norton, Jr., pastor.

RECENT CHANGES FOR ORGANIST-CHOIRMASTERS

David Aston, who has been organist-choirmaster at First United Methodist Church of Camden for two and one-half years, now holds that position in First United Methodist at Hot Springs. David Lee Crouse, a member of the music faculty at Southern State College, is the new organist-choirmaster in First Church, Camden.

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SPEAKERS in Layman's Day services at First Church, Russellville, included W. O. Tibbels, Miss Myrtle Roush, Mrs. Lin Hoff, Mrs. H. D. Coffee, Betty Vance, Robert Hays Williams, Mary Moores, and Mrs. Jack Hambrick. The pastor is the Rev. Charles E. Ramsay.

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NEWS and NOTES

A LAY WITNESS MISSION is scheduled to be held in Grand Avenue United Methodist Church of Stuttgart on November 20, 21 and 22. W. M. (Bill) Woodsmall, Jr. will be coordinator, assisted by Harold Davidson. Both are of North Little Rock. Lee Davidson, senior at SCA, Conway, will coordinate the youth program. Mrs. Erik Jensen is the local general chairman. The Rev. Louis Mulkey is pastor.

THE DEWITT YOUTH Service at the beginning of Youth Week, October 25, featured as guest speaker the Rev. Wayne Edwards, pastor of the Leola Charge. The Youth Choir sang. The Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor at DeWitt.

THE SYLVAN HILLS Church of North Little Rock is holding revival services this week, November 8-12. The evangelist is the Rev. John Lee of Weiner. The Rev. James D. Keith is pastor.

UNITED METHODIST MEN'S Clubs of the Dalark Charge met at the Dalark Club House on October 19. The Rev. David Hankins, director of the Arkadelphia Methodist Student Center, showed a film of the work of a typical student center, the problems encountered, and the work being done with other denominations on campuses. The Rev. Harold Rogers is pastor of the Dalark Charge.

MARION UNITED METHODISTS had as guest speaker on November 1 the Rev. James Major, vice-president of Hendrix College and former missionary to Chile, South America. The Rev. W. L. Douglas is the Marion minister.

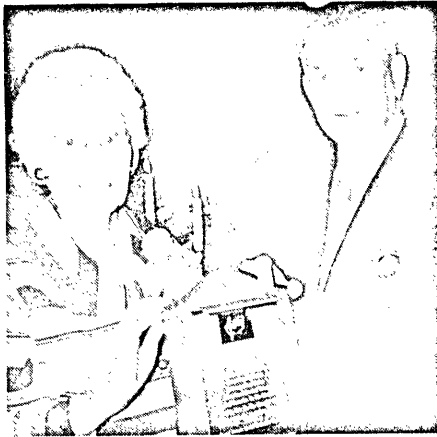
THE REV. EDWARD HARRIS, pastor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, attended a meeting of the United Methodist Board of Trustees held in Cincinnati, October 15. He is one of six ministers and seven laymen who comprise this board, which administers trust funds and investments for the church.

MEN OF GREENE COUNTY United Methodist Churches met at Pruett's Chapel Church in October. Judge J. P. Reed and Attorney Robert Branch presented the need for a new jail, to be voted on at the November general election. Host pastor was the Rev. Eugene Bain.

P. K. KORNER

THE REV. AND MRS. ROY MOYER, of Wesley Church, Conway, are the proud grand-parents of Eric Dej, born on October 10 to Mr. and Mrs. Don Chotikasilpa in Jonesboro.

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Mrs. Laura Kennedy Yoder receives plaque from Ned Moseley, Administrative Board chairman of Grand Avenue Church, Stuttgart, given in recognition of her 60 years service in the choir.

A REVIVAL IN SMACKOVER United Methodist Church was led by the Rev. George Wayne Martin, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District. The series was held Sunday through Wednesday, October 25-28. The Rev. John O. Alston was host pastor.

DR. CHARLES CASTEEL, pastor of Central Avenue Church at Batesville, was in Nashville, Tennessee, the last week in October to lead a Christian Education Workshop on Church Curriculum. In his absence, his Batesville pulpit was filled by the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, Wesley Foundation director in Jonesboro.

THE REV. BRYAN STEPHENS and the Rev. Everett Vinson attended a national meeting of Board of Education presidents and conference directors of Christian Education held in Nashville, Tennessee, the last week in October. The study projected was "Local Church Education in the Decade of the 70's".

THE EL DORADO MESSENGER of First United Methodist Church reports recent news from the Delos McCauley family, missionaries to Nepal whom that church helps support. They are busy in the study of the language and expect their real work to begin soon. Their address is: c/o United Mission to Nepal, P. O. Box 126, Kathmandu, Nepal.



Ministers of the Fort Smith District are shown in a recent meeting. Following their business, they joined their wives in the parlor of First Church, Fort Smith, for fellowship. The Rev. Archie N. Boyd, district superintendent, is seated in front row, second from right.

MRS. YODER HONORED FOR SIXTY YEARS SERVICE

The Grand Avenue, United Methodist Church in Stuttgart observed Sunday, November 1, as "Laura Kennedy Yoder" Day in honor of Mrs. Yoder, who has served as a member of the choir for 60 years. Most of Mrs. Yoder's family, including one sister, one brother, two sons, two daughters, three grandsons, one granddaughter, and one great grandson were present for the occasion, coming from all sections of the country.

The Sunday morning anthem by the choir was dedicated to Mrs. Yoder, and the entire evening service was in her honor, followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall of the Church. Participating in the evening service were: Mrs. B. R. Dever, Miss Doris Wilhelm, Mrs. Pat Mayfield, James Gingerich, Mrs. Joe Baldridge, Dr. T. H. Johnston, Mrs. Howard Alderson, Jr., Mrs. Kathryn Chinn, Mrs. Erik Jensen, Ned Moseley, and the pastor of the church, the Rev. Louis M. Mulkey.

A plaque was presented in appreciation of her services to the church through the choir by Mr. Moseley, chairman of the Administrative Board. Members of the Commission on Worship, Mrs. Dan Clary, chairman, planned the program, and served at the reception which was arranged by the Women's Society.

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DEQUEEN UNITED METHODISTS plan a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of November 20. Larry Hale is general chairman of planning, and the follow-up will be directed by Lee Chadburn. The Rev. David B. Wilson is the pastor.

THE SALEM AND CONGO United Methodist Churches observed Laymen's Day on Oct. 18. Nick Kekich, lay speaker of the First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, delivered the morning message at Salem. A pot luck lunch followed the service. Gary Wilson, a pre-ministerial student from the Salem Church was the guest speaker at the Congo Church. The Rev. Don F. Williams is pastor of both churches.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Nov. 15—Sunday	John 8:31-36
Nov. 16	Romans 6:15-23
Nov. 17	I Cor. 9:1-18
Nov. 18	I Cor. 9:19-27
Nov. 19	Gal. 5:1-6
Nov. 20	Eph. 6:1-9
Nov. 21	I Pet. 2:11-25
Nov. 22—Sunday	Psalms 9:1-11

THE REV. MARION MILLER has been appointed to the pastorate of the Westside United Methodist Church in Camden, according to Bishop Paul V. Galloway. Mr. Miller retired from the active ministry at the 1968 session of the Little Rock Conference. He and his wife, Louella Hughes Miller, will continue to live in their home at 1005 Amanda Street, Camden.

JERRY YARBROUGH, graduate of Hendrix and Candler School of Theology, now taking graduate work at the University of Arkansas, is beginning work with the youth of First United Methodist Church of Bentonville. The Rev. W. Maurice Lanier is the pastor.

THE REV. JAMES PLEDGER, a recent graduate of Hendrix College and former pastor of the Greenbrier United Methodist Church, has joined the staff of Winfield Church, Little Rock, as activities director with special responsibility for the youth program. The pastor is Dr. J. Edward Dunlap.

THE REV. BILL ELDER, missionary to Japan, was speaker for the Family Night program at First Church, DeWitt, Oct. 19. This church shares in the support of the Elders in Japan. Their pastor is the Rev. Thurston Masters.

THE PARAGOULD UMYF of First Church scheduled a weekend retreat for October 30 and 31 at Whispering Pines Ranch. The Rev. Marshall Bridwell is their pastor.

THE AUGUSTA CHURCH will have the study course "How the Word Gets Around" under the leadership of Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 17, 18 and 19.

OSCEOLA'S FIRST UNITED Methodist Church was host to the dinner meeting of Men of the Churches of Osceola, October 27. Bishop Paul V. Galloway, a former pastor in Osceola, was the featured speaker. Guests included Jonesboro District Superintendent William Watson, Forrest City District Superintendent Ethan Dodgen, Dr. Clint Burleson of West Memphis, the Rev. Arvis Lawson of Luxora-Keiser Charge, and the Rev. Joe Linam of Wilson. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells was host pastor.

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SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE MINISTERS' WIVES MET

Ministers' Wives of the Southwest Conference Little Rock District met in Pine Bluff with Mrs. Pauline Troupe as hostess. The Year Book was presented and excerpts were given from "The Herald", national magazine of ministers' wives. Twelve ladies were present. The next meeting will be in Little Rock with Mrs. Willie Mae Love.

CLUSTER #4, WSCS, MET AT WHITE CHURCH, L.R.

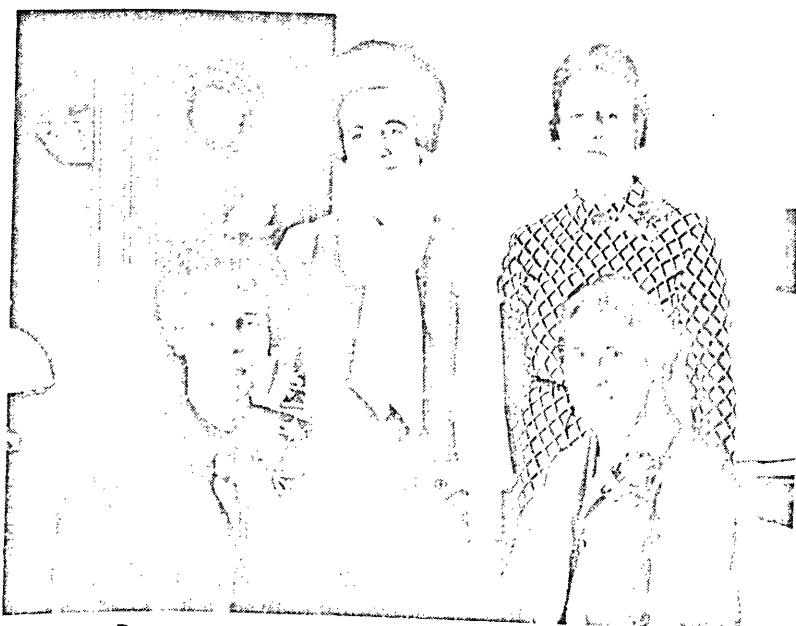
Cluster #Four of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Little Rock District, Southwest Conference, met at White's United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Miss Doris Walters is president of the White's society. The theme was "Love", with songs, readings, and the making of collages on the subject. This new experience proved to be interesting and different from previous meetings. After the passing of the "Peace", the group enjoyed a fellowship time. The next Cluster meeting will be at Duncan United Methodist Church in Little Rock. Mrs. Elsie Cole is the Enabler.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Mrs. Paul V. Galloway met with Methodist Ministers' Wives of the Forrest City District at the district parsonage with Mrs. Grace Dodgen as hostess on October 15.

Wives of local ministers of other denominations joined the group to hear Mrs. Galloway, a former resident of Forrest City when Bishop Galloway was a minister there, as she told of the great need for a literacy project for adults in Arkansas.

The president, Barbara Haltom, was in charge of the business meeting. The devotional was given by Mauzel Beal, the subject being "Brotherly Love."



Conway District Ministers' Wives met in North Little Rock, October 16, in the home of Mrs. Harold Eggersperger. Guest speaking in all districts of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences, presenting a challenge for ministers' wives to become involved in eliminating adult illiteracy in Arkansas. Shown above are Mrs. Eggersperger, standing at left, and Mrs. Galloway beside her. Seated at left is Mrs. Ralph Clayton, wife of the Conway district superintendent, with Mrs. Lloyd Conyers, district president of wives.

Illiteracy becomes concern of Ministers' Wives

LITERACY PROGRAM LAUNCHED

The problem of illiteracy in Arkansas has become a concern of United Methodist Ministers' Wives. They are seeking to concern others about the problem, to ferret out the illiterate and persuade them to take training, and some wives hope to become skilled in teaching the non-readers.

Their efforts are being coordinated and promoted by the wife of the resident bishop, Mrs. Paul V. Galloway. She has recently met with minister's wives in all districts of the North Arkansas Conference. These meetings are already spinning off projects and plans, demonstration-sessions and workshops.

Mrs. Galloway's emphasis is that the efforts must not be in competition with the adult literacy program of the OEO, or any adult education program of city or county public schools, but should supplement them. She suggests that since the others aim primarily at the semi-illiterate, the thousands of functionally illiterate in Arkansas need the patience and encouragement of volunteers to help them learn.

She recommends the Laubach system of "each one teach one" as being the simplest. The Laubach system was originated by a missionary in the Philippines 50 years ago. Frank Laubach, the missionary, died last June at the age of 85. In his lifetime he had seen his simple formula used in teaching of millions of people in 100 countries around the world and in 300 dialects and languages. His projects will be carried on through a foundation he established called the World Literacy Committee which has headquarters in Syracuse, N.Y.

Mrs. Galloway reveals that Arkansas already has leaders trained in the Laubach method who are eager to train others. With that encouragement, ministers' wives are already mapping plans to take training.



Mrs. Paul V. Galloway was the guest of honor in Fort Smith when Ministers' Wives met, October 19. She is standing at right with Mrs. John Bayliss and Mrs. Elmus Brown, wives of the First Church pastor and associate pastor, respectively. They are being served by Mrs. Archie Boyd, wife of the district superintendent.

Forrest City Initiates Program

Mrs. Ethan Dodgen, wife of the Forrest City district superintendent, reports that a three-day training school has been set up for next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, November 17, 18 and 19. The classes will be held in Forrest City in the Planters' Bank meeting room, from 9:30-3:30 o'clock each day.

As teacher, they have secured Mrs. W. B. Wood of Parkin, who is experienced in teaching the illiterate and also in training others to help illiterates. She conducts a free teaching service two days each week for adults who cannot read or write. Mrs. Wood was featured in an article in the Memphis **Commercial Appeal**, October 12, for her remarkable ability and dedication.

Mrs. Dodgen states that although the Methodist ministers' wives initiated the project, trainees are expected from several churches and from the surrounding community.

Conway District has set up a "demonstration-class" whereby women may find out what is involved in becoming teachers, the techniques used for finding illiterates and persuading them to take training to overcome their handicap. This class will be held at Conway on Tuesday, November 17, from 10:30 until 12 noon, in the Wesley Foundation Building at State College of Arkansas, according to Mrs. Ralph Clayton, wife of the Conway District Superintendent.

Fort Smith District plans a similar demonstration-class for Wednesday, November 18. Mrs. Archie Boyd, wife of the district superintendent reports that the meeting will be held in the First United Methodist Church at Fort Smith at 10 a.m.

Leader for both of these days will be Mrs. Lela Tisdale from Fayetteville. She has long been associated with the literacy program and gives of herself freely, whether for teaching illiterates or training workers.

Mrs. Elmer Holifield, wife of the Batesville District Superintendent, states that interested wives in that area have already found 12 adults who want to learn to read and write.

The Arkansas efforts for literacy were brought to the attention of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions recently when Mrs. Earl Hughes of Heber Springs, in attendance at the Dallas Regional Advisory Committee, described the approaches being made to overcome the handicap of adult illiteracy. The Division expressed an interest, to the point of sponsoring a pilot project in the Heber Springs area. Mrs. Hughes states that planning is in the initial phase, with the interest of all faiths expressed through the Heber Springs Church Women's Alliance.

Mrs. Galloway encourages all to make their efforts community wide.

JOINT MEETING OF DISTRICT WIVES

Mrs. Paul V. Galloway was the speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Ministers' Wives of the Jonesboro and Paragould Districts in the home of Mrs. J. William Watson of Jonesboro, Wednesday, October 28.

Mrs. Galloway spoke of the Laubach method of teaching people to read and of the opportunity for service in this field and urged each one to investigate the possibilities in her local situation.

The Ministers' Wives showered Mrs. Galloway with home-canned preserves, pickles and relishes.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

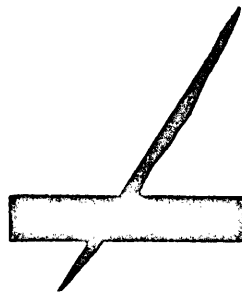
Ministers' Wives of the Batesville District met at the district parsonage in Batesville with Mrs. Elmer Holifield.

Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, bishop's wife, was a guest and spoke to the wives about the illiteracy rate in Arkansas, suggesting that each recruit volunteers to help with teaching the Laubach Method (each one teach one).

After lunch, plans were made for a Ministers' Wives' Retreat to be held at Bald Knob, November 3 and 4.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 22: Training for Service

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Proverbs 2:1-15; Mark 1:16-22; 6:7-13, 30-34; Ephesians 4:11-16

MEMORY SELECTION: Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men." (Mark 1:17)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To become aware of the many ways in which God may call one into Christian service; to see that no matter which of these seems to be our vocation there is some training that is indicated for its fulfillment.

We continue to see in this lesson how God helps us to mature as Christians. Today we are considering the many fields of service for those who would respond to the call of Christ. Beyond this we are to see that there is some period of training and preparation indicated for the maturation of our souls in that service. Gone is the day if it was ever here—when a person could affirm that God had called him to a task and that he would automatically endow the servant with the skills needed for the task. Our two major Scripture passages—one from Mark and the other from Ephesians—should show us that even the call of Jesus to his disciples did not exempt them from a long period of training.

It appears that Jesus' plan for extending his kingdom was a simple one. He would just call on one man to reach out and touch another man with the message of God's love. However, some overlook the conviction that Jesus had that he needed trained men for this work. The major portion of his earthly ministry was not devoted to public appearances. As the time drew closer for his departure he withdrew almost entirely from the public and devoted himself to the intensive training of these men upon whom so much depended. Dr. Brooks Ramsey speaks of this training in *Rozell's Lessons* and raises this question: "If our Lord felt it necessary to spend so much time and energy training the first disciples, do you think that training for service on the part of any of us should be taken lightly?"

Training for any task is seldom very exciting and it can often be burdensome. But we do not question the fact that the person who wants to enter any kind of profession must first train and learn some fundamental skills. It is so hard for anyone to recognize how essential it is to learn the fundamentals. The piano student wants to stop playing scales and go on to "real pieces"; the art student tires of exercises and wants to move on immediately to painting masterpieces. It is only when we look back from the finished performance that we can see that the training in the fundamentals was worthy of the time and the effort.

The service of the Lord is the greatest of all possible labors. Should training for such service be given less consideration than other areas? In this lesson attention will be given to these important passages which demonstrate something about the value and the methods of training for services in God's work.

CALLED TO BE FISHERS OF MEN

The Gospel of Mark moves directly into the active years of Jesus' ministry, and in the first chapter we have the story of the invitation he extended to a select group of men to have the opportunity of serving with him and then being trusted to carry on his mission. In verse 17 we read that direct in-

itation extended to Simon and Andrew: "Follow me and I will make you become fishers of men."

Dr. Halford E. Luccock comments on the insight of the Master which guided him as he selected these first two disciples. He says: "What eyes Jesus had! In many different ways it would be no exaggeration to call them X-ray eyes, that could see into people and things . . . This sight of Simon and Andrew was no casual glance. He saw what other men saw, men at work in fishing boats. But he saw more. He saw Simon and Andrew in all their potentialities, not only as they were but as they might be, saw them as possible forces in the Kingdom of God."

The beginning of any training program is the recruitment of the trainees. In the case of the disciples it was necessary to call them into Jesus' service before they could be prepared to serve. How many people have backed away from God's call to service because they felt themselves ill-prepared! We should all know that we are not going to be called into any form of divine service without an opportunity coming to us for proper preparation.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon makes this interesting observation in *International Lesson Annual*: "Notice that not a single minister or Bible teacher was included among the twelve. I have often wondered about this. Were people of this type too theoretically oriented to have the common touch? Could it have been that they had minds that were closed to the truth?" What do you think of that observation?

"AND STRAIGHTWAY . . . THEY FOLLOWED HIM"

It is interesting to note that none of those Jesus called sought to avoid the responsibility. In verse 18 we read, "And straightway they forsook their nets and followed him." Some commentators make a great deal of the suddenness of the response, implying that Jesus had a great deal of the miraculous and the dramatic in his voice. However, the other gospels, particularly John, seem to be telling us that these men had met Jesus before. In John 1:35-43 we read how John the Baptist pointed Andrew in the direction of Jesus.

In the *Biblical Sunday School Commentary* we read: "The call had not come as a surprise and the response was immediate. Their previous association with Jesus had convinced them that he was worthy of their complete devotion, even to the point of turning their back on the former way of life. The task that lay ahead and the one who would teach them in the performance of the task were sufficient challenge and inspiration to compel them to leave their nets and enter a new life."

The men who heard Jesus call were willing to leave their work, to make a radical change in their whole way of life, in order to go with this man. Not everyone whom Jesus has called has been required to leave his task to follow him. You will remember that in Mark 5 we read the story of a man who had been healed and wanted to become one of the disciples, but Jesus sent him home to work among his neighbors. We all need to carefully consider the mission Jesus has for us and then go in search of the training that is indicated for it.

IN-SERVICE TRAINING

In Mark 6 we read the account of how the disciples, after accompanying Jesus for some weeks and watching him work, were sent out on their own for what we might call "in-service training." They had heard him preach and teach, and had communicated to Jesus their need for some actual experience in service. The educational principle of learning to do

by doing came into practical application as the Master sent them out two-by-two on their first mission.

Up to this point the predominant verb in the story had been "come." Now another verb is added—"go." Dr. Luccock says, "This was an important step, a watershed in the work of Jesus, the sending out of human carriers of his message. It was evidently a temporary mission. But it was the first, and of major significance."

Too often the church has been satisfied to speak in the name of Jesus and invite men to come, and has been derelict in not sending them out following an interval in which they have been strengthened and trained. Many have become too satisfied with safe and cozy corners, and have shrunk from the truly apostolic task of carrying their message into the total life of the nation. We read in the Book of Acts the history on which the Christian faith is based. Acts 26:26 reminds us that "This was not done in a corner."

BUILDING UP THE BODY OF CHRIST

As we turn to Ephesians and read chapter 4 we get some idea of the various needs for service in the maturing church. As Paul indicates it takes many persons with diverse talents for "building up the body of Christ." We read: "And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints; for the work of the ministry for building up the body of Christ." (vv. 11 and 12).

Paul is listing the spiritual gifts which are granted to Christians. We all know that Christ utilizes men's lives in different ways. Not all of us have the same gift that we can use for the advancement of God's cause. The main message this passage is communicating is that the work of the church must be done by all members and not just by the ministers. The main task of the minister should be the training of others. If he fails to understand this and if the people do not see their responsibilities in proper perspective the "body of Christ"—the church simply will not be built up as it should be.

NO LONGER CHILDREN IN CHRIST

Paul uses an expression in our lesson today which speaks directly to the point of our maturing in the Christian faith. He tells us in verse 13 that the mature church is one with spiritual unity. This unity is always enhanced by a common striving to know better the Son of God. Then he says the purpose of such growth is "that we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby, they lie in wait to deceive." (verse 14)

Certainly we will all be motivated for more preparation as we hear Paul describing the untrained Christian as one who is like a child in that he is a person of instability, irresponsibility, and helplessness. The apostle tells us that as we grow in truth and love we are constantly moving toward a more perfect union with Christ who, as head of the church, is the source of all truth and love.

TYPES OF TRAINING THE CHURCH SHOULD PROVIDE

If Christians are to receive the training they need, their churches must provide it. No church is too small to ignore its responsibility here. There are a number of guidelines to which we might refer as we consider what our own local church is doing in this connection.

We are familiar with the membership training which is itself undergoing a great deal of rethinking in our denomination. Some of us know that there are periodic opportunities for the teachers in our Church School to participate in training enterprises. There is also a growing feeling that all the membership should receive training in such areas as Christian doctrine, ethics, church history and the policy and organization of their own church. The Church School offers a substantial part of this training, and we who are a part of it have a responsibility for recruiting others who need to grow in their spiritual lives.

Abingdon Press to publish new Commentary in '71

Standing proudly in the tradition of *The Interpreter's Bible* and *The Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible*, will be Abingdon's new 1408-page *Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary on the Bible* to be published on September 7, 1971.

Seven years in the making, this is the first such Commentary published by Abingdon since 1929. Based on the Revised Standard Version of the Bible, it stresses new interpretations for a broad readership of laymen, ministers, and scholars. The Commentary is completely new in all respects, even to new revisions of 16 full-color Oxford maps.

Seventy scholars—Protestant, Jew-

ish, and Roman Catholic—have utilized the latest information from archaeology, scholarship, and technology to develop their up-to-date biblical interpretations. Among the contributors are many whose names are recognized for their years of substantial contribution to Bible study along with names of many of the younger scholars in the field. Together they provide exceptional balance and perspective.

The Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary on the Bible consists of four major parts: Commentary on the Old Testament; Commentary on the Apocrypha; Commentary on the New Testament; and General Articles. The General Articles provide up-to-date background for the study of the Bible and include biblical interpretation; geographical and historical settings; the making of the literature; texts, canon, and translation; and for popular appeal: History of Israel, Archaeology, Dead Sea Scrolls, Teaching the Bible to Children, Teaching the Bible to Youth and Adults, Impact of the Bible on History. In addition to the 16 full-color Oxford maps, the volume is profusely illustrated with 171 photographs, drawings, and spot maps depicting geographical and archaeological detail. There are also indexes of scripture and subjects, along with tables on chronology, measures, and money.

The new Commentary is being published under the general editorship of Dr. Charles Laymon, chairman of the department of religion and professor of religion at Florida Southern College in Lakeland, Florida. Dr. Laymon holds the Th.D. from Boston University School of Theology. He is the author of more than a dozen books on religious subjects and has been a major contributor to curriculum publications.

Abingdon is announcing a special introductory price of \$14.95 for the regular edition and \$16.95 for a thumb-indexed edition. This price is effective through December 31, 1971. Thereafter, the prices will be \$17.50 for the regular edition and \$19.50 for the indexed.

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Adchurch offers help in local church public relations

Every week thousands of churches in the United States place advertisements in their local papers. These often appear on the Saturday "church page" and are lost in the columns of other ads, all similar in nature, telling about the church only by name, location, time of service and listing the pastor's name.

Few other businesses attempt to reach the public in this fashion. It takes more than the location and business hours, or the managers or owner's name to attract customers. Why does the church feel that a different approach will work? Custom . . . or habit . . . or just the way church advertising developed.

A new company has been formed to try and change the image of church advertising, and to assist local churches in developing both a better advertising program and an improved public image. This company hasn't been won over by Madison Avenue and its approach, but it does believe the church has better messages to proclaim than

just the address and time of services . . . or to say this is a friendly church. The company was formed after a national consultation on church advertising agreed such help would be a benefit to local pastors and congregations — but that no United Methodist General Agency had a mandate to provide such service. It was reported that many churches would consider an advertising program if such were available.

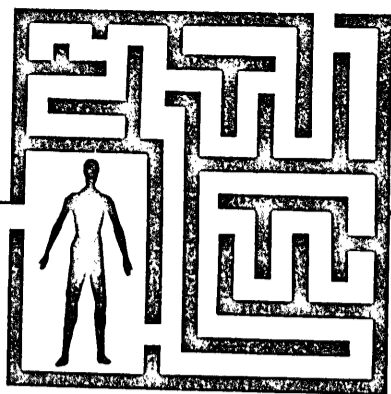
Adchurch is the name of the company, located in Evanston, Illinois. This company offers local churches a selection from three ad series a quarter, allowing the pastor or public relations committee to select the type of ads they want to use. The series will vary in size, in theological approach and general appeal. No one series will please everyone — but every church should be able to identify with one of the series.

Each series is designed for the smaller daily and weekly papers. In many communities the local papers offer a

very special advertising rate for churches — sometimes even offering the space free. Adchurch will supply ads for a full quarter — 13 of them — for \$15. These ads will be sent either as repro proofs or as mats, depending upon the need of the local paper.

As a help to local churches wishing to improve their public relations program, Adchurch is offering free with each subscription to their service a new book, **Public Relations in the Local Church**. Also, twice a quarter they will supply a "tip sheet" which will have many suggestions for helping local churches improve their PR image, and will help pastors and committees take advantage of seasonal and topical interests through their local papers.

Any local church interested in more details may write: Adchurch, Room 502, 1100 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois for information. A descriptive brochure will be sent listing the series of ads available beginning January, 1971.



guidebook for modern living —the bible

Want to put direction in your life and make your existence a meaningful reflection of God's goodness? Pick up your bible, read it every day.

30th Annual Interfaith National Bible Week
Nov. 22-29, 1970

For A Plan of Daily Bible Reading, send a self-addressed stamped envelope to:

National Bible Week
Room 710
1865 Broadway
New York, New York 10023

Sponsored by: Laymen's National Bible Committee, American Bible Society, Catholic Biblical Association of America

President supports National Bible Week

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Americans have been urged by President Nixon to observe National Bible Week by seeking to "refresh our spirits and fortify our resolves by reading the Holy Scriptures."

The President is the honorary chairman of the Bible week, Nov. 22-29. This year's theme for the observance is "Life for Modern Man."

"In this decade," the President said, "we are more than ever called upon to turn our hands and hearts to assisting those in our country for whom our general prosperity is still a distant dream."

"I join the American Bible Society, the Catholic Biblical Association, and the Laymen's National Bible Committee," he said, "in urging every American to participate in the uplifting tradition of this 30th annual National Bible Week."

A Roman Catholic layman, J. Peter Grace, is national chairman of the program.

Honorary co-chairmen include Mrs. Earle Brown, president of the General Federation of Women's Clubs; Bob Considine, journalist; Duke Ellington, composer and conductor; James A. Farley, former Postmaster-General; Jerome Hines and Richard Tucker, Metropolitan Opera stars; George Meaney, president of the AFL-CIO, and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale wife of the minister of Marble Collegiate church, New York.

National Bible Week is the work of a group of business and professional men who proposed the observance through the Laymen's National Bible Committee. The "week" was begun December 7, 1941, the day when the Pearl Harbor attack plummeted the United States into World War II.

Book Reviews

by AAK.

Flora Slosson Wuellner, **TO PRAY AND TO GROW**, \$4.25, Abingdon, 159 pp.

In this her second book on prayer Mrs. Wuellner, whose husband is professor of New Testament at Pacific School of Religion, shares a number of experiences which illustrate the relevance of prayer for contemporary times. Some of these are personal experiences and some represent a sharing of the experiences of others with whom she has counseled.

With great depth of personal understanding, she answers such questions as: How do I get beyond thinking prayer is good discipline to finding it the most exciting experience in the world? How can I know God's will? How does God guide me? What happens when I hit a dry spell? How does group prayer life provide new dimensions of growth?

In her book Mrs. Wuellner says: "The living Christ, when he takes over, does not make us unfree children. We become more free. He does not thrust down the tides of life within us. He welcomes our powers and our hungers, unites them to himself, and brings them to deeper levels of powerful beauty than we had thought possible."

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James C. Hefley, **GOD GOES TO HIGH SCHOOL**, \$4.95, Word Books, 190 pp.

James Hefley, a prolific free-lance religious writer who is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and of New Orleans Baptist Seminary, has done an excellent job here in telling the story of the development of the Youth for Christ movement. He tells of the influence it is having on the witness of teen-agers today and of the great number of Christian workers around the world who have made their decisions for Christian service through Youth for Christ.

If you are interested in evaluating this spiritual phenomenon this book is a helpful resource.

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New Publishing House vice presidents named

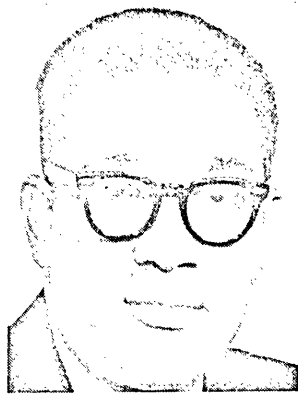
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Four new vice presidents, including Dr. W. T. Handy, Jr. of Louisiana Annual Conference B, were announced at the recent meeting of the Board of Publications here. Dr. Handy, the first black vice president in the House's 181-year history, will be responsible for personnel and public relations policies of the operation.

The other new vice presidents are: Donald A. Theuer, former publisher for the Evangelical United Brethren Church, who will serve as executive vice president and general manager, manufacturing division; Thomas K. Potter, Jr., who has been manager of Graded Press, the curriculum publishing department, who becomes vice president, publishing division; and Thomas E. Carpenter, who has been manager of Abingdon Press, the book publishing department, who becomes vice president, Cokesbury Division.

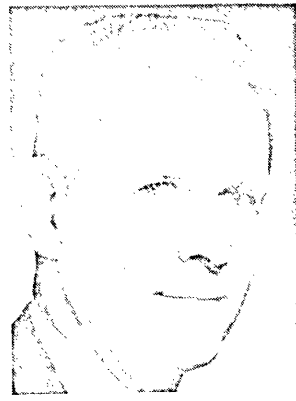
At its meeting, the board honored four retiring executives: Lovick Pierce, president and publisher; Cecil D. Jones, executive vice president; H. Carl Compton, vice president, sales, and E. Forrest Waters, vice president, manufacturing.

At a dinner on the evening of the meeting, Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy served as master of ceremonies for a dinner honoring Mr. Pierce who retired October 31 after nearly 50 years of service.

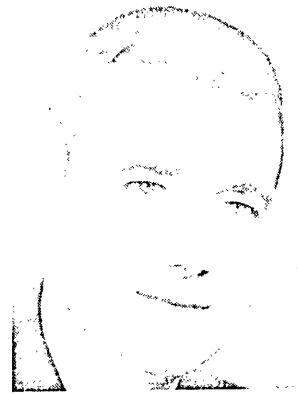
Declining profits, due largely to decreasing volume in curriculum orders and general church periodical subscriptions as well as production costs



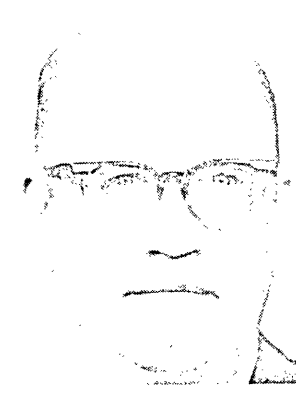
W. T. Handy Jr.



Donald A. Theuer



Thomas K. Potter Jr.



Thomas E. Carpenter

were of major concern during the meeting.

Mr. Pierce told the board that the Methodist Publishing House operations were in "good, sound financial condition," but that for the first time in his 25-year tenure as chief executive there was a net loss for the year ending July 31, 1970 of \$1,318,467.

According to the treasurer, John Laird, the loss represented \$851,222 from operations and \$467,245 from the sale of manufacturing facilities of plants sold within the year at Cincinnati and Dayton, O. and Harrisburg, Pa.

Despite the loss in net profits the board agreed to allocate \$1,000,000 for the church's annual conferences to benefit retired ministers, their widows, and dependents. This amount was taken from reserves usually retained for future MPH operational growth.

In light of the loss some board members questioned the entire \$1,000,000 pension allocation. Bishop Kennedy urged a cut in the amount, saying, "The church won't get the idea any other way. If they don't support the Publishing House this money won't be provided. I hope they understand that we're doing this in spite of loss in

profits.

Taking note of its concern for declines in curriculum orders and church magazine subscriptions, the board took note of staff cuts in its operation as well as in the Division of Curriculum Resources of the Board of Education, housed and financed by the Publishing House.

Dr. Henry M. Bullock, general secretary of the curriculum division, told the board that the circulation of curriculum resources parallels church school attendance and that both are down. He also said that research and contacts in the field have prompted his division to simplify curriculum resources, provide more aid for teachers, and give more prominence and visibility to Biblical material.

Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editorial director of general church periodicals, reported that the decline in circulation of **Together** was not as great as that suffered by many other major denominational journals. He announced economy moves that include the reduction of color pages and the combination of the August and September issues.

Book editor Dr. Emory Stevens Bucke showed the board the first pages of an "Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary on the Bible" and announced that more will be done in the multimedia field with tapes, visual aids and posters.

Board members were also given copies of a "compliance review" report made by officials of Project Equality, Jack B. Russell, Richmond, Va., chairman of a special committee working with Project Equality, said the review had been "helpful, congenial and open."

Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf of Little Rock and Dr. Keith Mason of Shreveport are members of the Board of Publication.

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NEW RESEARCH CENTER ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL

DURHAM, N.C. — The J. M. Ormond Center for Research, Planning and Development was established this fall in the Divinity School at Duke University.

Named in honor of the late Dr. Ormond, professor of practical theology at Duke before his retirement in 1948 and the creator of the program of rural church work under the Duke Endowment, the Center is under the direction of Dr. Robert L. Wilson, newly-named research professor of church and society in the Divinity School.

The Center was established through the joint efforts of the two United Methodist annual conferences in North Carolina, the Divinity School, and the Duke Endowment.

Scientific data-gathering and research techniques developed in the social sciences will be used in studies on religious issues or needs of churches, church-related groups and officials.

Special emphasis will be placed on church relationships within the community as well as those beyond local and denominational levels.

Through the conduct of such projects, the Center is expected to fulfill a primary mission of contributing to

Judicial Council affirms makeup of next General Conference

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (UMI)—One of the major decisions handed down by the Judicial Council of the United Methodist Church in its October 31 meeting here was that the 1972 General Conference must have 87 per cent of the delegates from the former Methodist Church and 13 per cent from the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.

It also ruled that an annual conference can impose a "service charge" on conference benevolences, ruled that an annual conference can order audits of its treasurer's books as it desires, and held that previous consecration as a director of Christian education or music meets the require-

Bishop's Request for Retirement Accepted

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI)—The request for retirement by Bishop Paul M. Herrick of the Richmond (Va.) Area was accepted here October 20, effective December 20, but designation

ministerial education and to the training of pastors in data-gathering analysis, and planning.

ments for lay worker status in the church.

The denomination's "supreme court" voted to consider an appeal from the Southern Asia Central Conference concerning United Methodist participation in the proposed United Church of North India which had been scheduled for inauguration Nov. 29-30.

The case from India involves confusion created by the calling of an extra session of the Southern Asia Conference to give a formal vote to union concerning the plan which had been previously transmitted to the annual conferences by a favorable vote, and voted on affirmatively by the annual conferences involved. However, when

of an interim episcopal leader of the area until 1972 was not made.

The selection was delayed until the Council of Bishops meets November 17-19 in Portland, Ore., by the South-eastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops, according to Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, president of the college. The referral to the Council of Bishops was made in view of the heavy responsibility involved in the Richmond Area, which is one of the denomination's largest, Bishop Goodson said.

the "extra session" was convened in August the vote was 106 to 48 against the plan.

The appeal asks whether the extra session was constitutionally competent to take a fresh vote on union and reject the vote of the annual conferences, and if the 1969 "commendation" to the annual conferences fulfills the legal requirements of the denomination's top law-making body in regard to the proposed united church.

The decisions concerning the 1972 General Conference were made at the request of the conference's Commission on Entertainment and Program for clarification and interpretation of a number of Disciplinary provisions.

In setting out the percentages from each former denomination in the 1972 session, the Judicial Council said that the secretary of the General Conference should determine the number of delegates from the former denominations to be elected by each annual conference. The decision also stated that reserve delegates elected by the annual conferences must have the same percentage proportion from each former denomination as the regular delegates. When a reserve is seated he must be from the same denomination as the delegate whose place he fills.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

of Arkansas

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in October as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

FRANK ANTHONY
by Alice and Sonny James
by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Livingston
by Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Newcome
by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pugh
by Mr. & Mrs. Benton Newcome
MRS. C. P. ARNOLD
by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Hambricht
by Mr. Martin Guthrie
by Mrs. Fred White
by Carol Scott
DR. R. L. ARMSTRONG
by Mr. W. B. Wilson
by Mr. & Mrs. Guy W. Boyett
GUSSIE H. ATWOOD
by Mrs. Lois Dickinson
BERT ADAMS
by Mr. Marie L. Gilliam
VALTER ALLISON
by Mrs. Erle Jackson Newton
ROSS E. ANDERSON
by Dr. & Mrs. Alastair D. Hall
YEAGER ABRAUGH
by Dr. & Mrs. Harold McCormack
MRS. LILLIAN BLASSINGAME
by Friendly Matrons Class,
Henderson Church, Little Rock
MRS. BLANCHE BROWN
by Past Matrons Club, O.E.S.,
Rogers
CLARENCE BERRY
by Mr. & Mrs. Mark A. Shelton, Jr.
MRS. R. O. BECK
by Ruth & Ollie
MRS. DORA BECK
by Mr. & Mrs. Glen Cox
WALTER BLAIR
by The Grady Fincher Family
by Nan Brown
BERT BROWN
by Mr. & Mrs. Cloyce B. Stevens
by Steve
MAX BISHOP
by Friendship Class, Lakeside
Church, Pine Bluff
T. K. BLACK
by Belle Bennett Sunday School
Class, Stamps United Methodist
Church
SID BAXTER
by Dr. & Mrs. Clyde Flanigan, Jr.
MRS. ELLA MAE CROOK
by Gussie Carmical
by Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Seabrook
WALTER COTTON
by The A. M. McKennons, Sr.
T. W. CHAPMAN, SR.
by Charles & Ellis Spencer
by Mrs. Stewart Erwin
by Mr. & Mrs. John H. Foote
by Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Vaught
MRS. CARR
by Mr. & Mrs. Louis Reap
WILLIAM CAGLE
by Mr. & Mrs. Virles Wasson
MRS. J. L. FREEMAN
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W. C. ERFURTH
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by Mr. & Mrs. J. Bert Webb
by Mrs. Myrtle Hicks
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Gannaway
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Treadwell
MRS. LAWRENCE GLASS
by Mr. & Mrs. Odell Elliott
ROY HAMRIC
by Mrs. E. L. Hayley & Bob
MRS. HOLLIE HANKINS
by Mr. & Mrs. Virles Wasson
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Shrum

by Mrs. W. G. Rye
by Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Robinson
by Trinity Methodist Church, Okolona
by Mrs. J. O. Hobgood
MRS. C. N. HUDSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Lee Dunham
MRS. ANNIE JORDAN
by Mr. & Mrs. E. H. English
W. R. JORDAN
by Mrs. Betty A. Green
by Mr. & Mrs. Turner Bradford
PAUL DYE JERNIGAN
by The A. M. McKennons, Sr.
ALF JANSKE
by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Bass, Sr.
by Mr. & Mrs. George Brown
by Mrs. Nat Butcher
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Herscheider
by Mrs. Uvy Nation
by Mrs. Gertrude Tinnell
by Mrs. Lorraine Wade
V. A. JOHNSON
by Gladys O'Neil
MRS. AGNES JORDAN
by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Luckie
VICTOR KRUEGER
by Dr. & Mrs. Lee Parker, Jr.
MRS. MAUDE LEDBETTER
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Ledbetter
HARRY LOCHERT
by Primrose United Methodist
Church
P. F. C. JAMES VERNON LLOYD
by Akin Brown Sunday School Class,
Pullman Heights Church, Hot
Springs
JASON WILLIAM MOORE
by Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Trice
HENRY MOORE
by Leonard & Elizabeth Cogbill
CLARENCE MOBLEY
by Mrs. Paul Teeter
JOHN MCKNIGHT, SR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Sam Luckie
BEN MARTIN
by Mr. & Mrs. John Jacobs
EUGENE P. McDANIEL
by Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Joyce
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MRS. J. B. McDANIEL
by Mrs. Walter Laney
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MRS. D. O. NIHART
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by Rev. & Mrs. W. Neill Hart
by Mr. & Mrs. Lev H. Goodrich
by Mrs. Guy L. Gill, Sr.

CHURCH AND COMMUNITY COUNCIL SPONSORS STUDY

The Hot Springs Church and Community Council, under the leadership of Mrs. Grace Dwyer, sponsored an all-age, area-wide mission study on five Sunday evenings October 4, 11, 18, 25 and November 1.

Gardner United Methodist Church was host for the mission study with the help of New Salem United Methodist Church.

The theme of the mission study was: "How the Word Gets Around: Communicating the Gospel." The teachers were Mrs. Carol Frazier and Mrs. Judy Frazier of New Salem, Primary; Mrs. Irene Hunter and Mrs. Nola Green of Gardner and Mrs. Fern Lavender of New Salem, Junior; The Rev. Claude E. Barron of the Gardner-New Salem Charge, Youth; and Mrs. Grace Dwyer, Hot Springs Church and Community Worker, Adults.

One of the highlights of the mission study came on October 18 as the youth of Oaklawn Church presented a program: "Let It Be: a look into the world of the deaf." The youth had learned sign language under the direction of Mrs. G. O. Parker of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church and developed the "Let It Be" program which has now been presented at Oaklawn, Grand Avenue, and Gardner Churches in Hot Springs and at Cummins Prison Farm. The youth counselors are Mrs. Patsy Gardner, Mrs. Sue See, and Mrs. Betty Hall.

Through the Mission Study "How The Word Gets Around" the persons involved learned a little about communication and a little about the gospel and a lot about communicating the gospel. The study has ended, but the communication of the gospel is only beginning.

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by Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Seabrook
ARTHUR G. TIMMONS
by Sunshine Sunday School Class,
Glenwood
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MISS WILMA WILD
by Mrs. John S. Booth
MRS. ICKLE HEATH WESTER
by J. Marion Newman

IN HONOR OF

Mr. Ralph Blair
by John and Mary Ann Jacobs

MISCELLANEOUS ITEMS

Mrs. Don Nolle
W.S.C.S., Stuttgart
St. Mark United Methodist Church,
Camden
Pulaski Heights Lions Club
Mrs. Troy Ellis
Joe Morgan
Mr. W. F. Hibbard
Mrs. Billy Rogers
Mrs. P. A. Bates
Mrs. C. L. Hughes

MRS. WALTER G. RIDDICK

Mrs. Marguerite Rice Riddick, a former president of the Junior League of Little Rock, a leader in the Girl Scouts and a member of the Board of Directors of Aldersgate Methodist Camp, died on Oct. 23 in Little Rock at the age of 42.

She was the wife of Walter G. Riddick, an assistant United States district attorney. She was the daughter of Mrs. Marguerite English Rice and the late James H. Rice. She was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church.

She attended the Little Rock public schools, Washington University, St. Louis, and the University of Arkansas. She had served as president of the Ouachita Girl Scout Council and was a member of its Board of Directors. She served for a time in 1964 as temporary executive director for the council. She was a delegate to many national and regional Girl Scout meetings and was a member of the National Nominating Committee.

Mrs. Riddick was president of the Little Rock Junior League in 1966-67 and was active in starting its program for children at the Museum of Science and Natural History and a halfway house for women. She also served as counselor for the day camp program for exceptional children at Aldersgate Camp.

She was also active in PTA work and had served on the Board of Trustees of the Arkansas Art Center, and was a member of the Pulaski County Health and Welfare Council.

Other survivors include: a son, Walt Riddick, and three brothers, James H. Rice, Jr., Peyton Rice, and Patrick J. Rice, all of Little Rock. The funeral was conducted on Oct. 26 at Trinity United Methodist Church, Little Rock, by Dr. Joseph E. Taylor. Pallbearers were Robert F. Fussell, Edward I. Hines, James G. Mixon, Reburn Reynolds, C. Ray Tribble and Hartwell T. Wilson.

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PERRY FLOYD GRAVES

Funeral services for Perry Floyd Graves, aged 70, were held recently at Greens Chapel Methodist Church, with the Rev. Charlie V. Mashburn officiating. Mr. Graves, chairman of the Administrative Board at his church, died unexpectedly while driving his car. Mrs. Graves was with him at the time of his death.

Mr. Graves, a dedicated Christian who served his church and community in numerous ways, had led the singing at his church the Sunday before his death.

Survivors include his wife; one daughter, Mrs. Donald Hogg of DeQueen; five sisters: Mrs. Clara Alexander, Mrs. Elsie Cox and Mrs. Zula Watson, all of Greens Chapel; Mrs. Jennie Gilbert of Dierks and Mrs. Merle Chambers of Tyler, Texas, and one grandson.

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MANY CHURCHES FACING FINANCIAL TROUBLES

(Excerpt from Louis Cassels in Memphis Press-Scimitar, October 10, 1970)

Many factors seem to be involved in the decline in giving.

Inflation has put a severe squeeze on millions of middle income family budgets — and giving to the church is a painless place to economize.

Some pledge-cutters justify their giving strike as a protest against social activism by the church. This is a classic example of burning down the barn to drive out a rat. Out of every dollar given to the churches, less than one half of one cent goes into social programs designed to help victims of poverty and racial discrimination.

Still another factor is increasing competition for the giver's dollar. Some people who used to give generously to churches are now diverting a major portion of their annual giving to educational institutions, welfare agencies, or health programs.

The most important factor, perhaps, is a widespread public impression that churches are rolling in wealth and don't need any more money. This is pure nonsense. Churches do own a great deal of real estate—about 100 billion dollars worth—but most of it consists of unsaleable buildings which are used for only a few hours a week. Far from producing income, church property is a liability; it has to be heated, lighted, insured, swept, painted, and periodically re-roofed. The overhead costs of building repair and maintenance consume a very large share of the average church's income.

New congregations have the option of avoiding this heavy burden by meeting in rented or makeshift quarters.

But an established congregation which already owns a costly building has little choice but to go on making the mortgage payments and trying to keep the place in repair.

Possibly it's time for Americans to ask themselves: Do we really want to dispense with the Church as a community institution? If not, we are going to have to start supporting our churches a little more adequately.

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FROM YOUR PASTOR

A message in weekly news bulletin by the pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, to the congregation

I am sure you have seen the advertisement, as I have, of a picture of flowers with the caption underneath "Don't make it an occasion; make it a habit!" There is genius in that slogan. Most of us symbolize with flowers an occasion, such as a birthday, anniversary, a sorrow. But the florists suggest that flowers should beautify not an occasional event, but the daily routine of living. That is an excellent suggestion—for those whose bank accounts can stand it.

The suggestion, however, has wider merit than the sending of flowers. It is a reminder that our appreciative faculties ought to be called into play, not occasionally, but habitually. Aside from the fact that many people are carrying heavy loads and needs the life of frequent words of praise, we also individually need to give it. It can help us to look habitually for the people toward whom we can express our appreciation.

There is another phase of life where habit should be supplanted occasionally, and that is a man's worship life. More true than in the sending of flowers does the statement "Don't make it an occasion; make it a habit!" applies to a person's attendance at

worship.

I am not unaware of the peril involved in this practice. The habitual doing of anything can rob it of the glow of inspiration and the thrill of expectancy. Jesus warned against using

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

"There is no day in which one cannot exhibit courage and goodwill, and be a help instead of a hindrance to one's fellowmen." (Hugh Tigner)

LOVE FOR OTHERS

True
Love grows
From warm trust
Like that a child
Displays, and exalts
The best in friend or foe . . .
Coming from an honest heart
Often at the confessional
Admitting its own imperfections —
It asks no measure better than it gives.

—by Roberta Ethridge Allen

WORDS

Justice,
Human dignity,
Brotherhood,
Love,
Eternity —
Mere words are they?
Words, true,
But the throbbing syllables
Of a living Lord,
Who Himself is
The very Word of God.
Upon the deeper meaning
Of these words
Rests the destiny
Of humankind.

—by Jewell Kirby Fitzhugh

MASS RUBELLA IMMUNIZATION PROGRAM PLANNED FOR PULASKI COUNTY

In a program sponsored by the Pulaski County Medical Society, the School Districts, and the State, County, and City Health Departments, the new rubella vaccine will soon be offered to all county children from 1 through 10 years of age.

Immunization teams will administer the vaccine in ninety-five elementary school clinics located throughout the county from November 12 through November 19.

Rubella — also called German measles or three-day measles is usually a mild childhood disease. However, rubella is now recognized as a grave threat to pregnant women and is considered a serious illness because of its possible effects on unborn children.

Rubella immunization for children between 1 year of age and puberty is recommended by the American Medical Association, the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists, the Public Health Service Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, and the Arkansas State Medical Society.

To date, thirty-five of Arkansas' seventy-five counties have completed mass programs, in which approximately 80,000 resident children have received rubella vaccine. An additional twenty-one counties have such programs planned for the near future.

"vain repetitions." Isaiah heard God saying: "This people . . . honor me with their lips, while their hearts are far from me."

It is true that some people make worship a habit, and nothing more. It never becomes, to them, a high occasion when they gather new insights into the meaning of life and are conscious of a fresh outpouring of the spirit of God. When a non-church-attender points toward the spiritual effect of a religion of mere habit, he is surely right.

That, however, is not the whole truth. The other side of the story is equally true: only those who have learned to make worship a habit experience those other high moments when worship becomes an occasion.

Isaiah, a young man, entering the temple to pray, saw the Lord, "high and lifted up; and his train filled the temple." It was not a coincidence that Isaiah entered the temple. He was a man of religious habit and out of habit came the occasion. That occasion reshaped his life.

Never a Sunday passes in our church, or in any other, but that "habit" becomes transformed into "occasion" for some person, perhaps for several persons. Those who experience this lifting of life on occasion are those who have conscientiously followed the lowly pathway of habit. Therefore in your worship of God "Don't make it an occasion; make it a habit!"

If you do, you will be surprised how many times it also becomes an occasion!

—Bob Regnier