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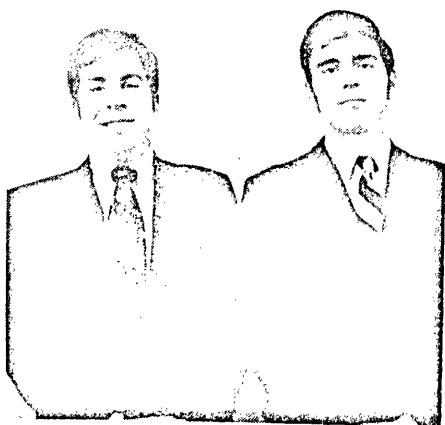
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## Central Church Consecration Nov. 22

The Consecration Service for the rebuilt sanctuary of Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, which



Joe McCoy (l.) and Steve Averitt (r.) were recommended for Licenses to Preach by the Charge Conference of Winfield United Methodist Church, meeting November 11th. Both young men are students at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock. This brings to eight the number of persons entering the ministry from the Winfield Church in the past several years. Mrs. Dorothy Claiborne, Fred Haustein, and Louis Averitt are now serving churches in the Little Rock Conference. Sam Albright is a student at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas and Roger and Robert Armstrong are students in Hendrix College.

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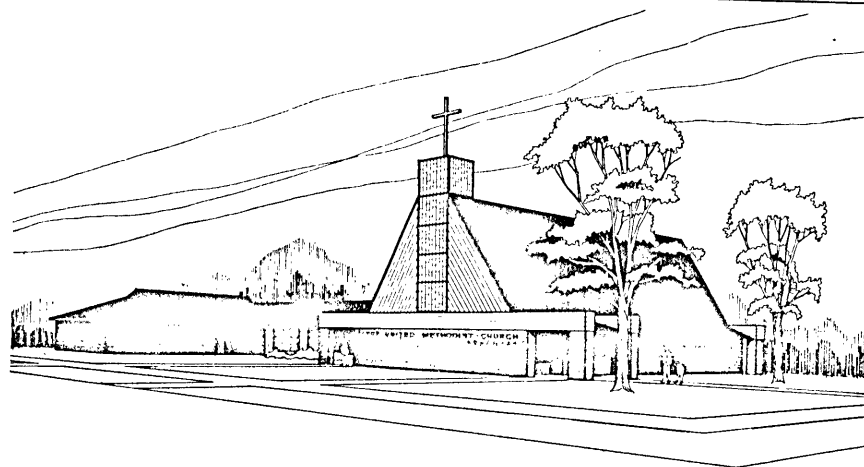
was gutted by fire last December 14, will be conducted by Bishop Paul V. Galloway on Sunday, November 22, in two identical services at 8:30 and 11:00 a.m., according to Dr. Joel A. Cooper, the pastor.

Bishop Galloway will be assisted in the service by Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Fayetteville District Superintendent, Dr. Cooper, Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, and the Rev. Victor Nixon, associate pastor.

The work which has cost approximately \$400,000 has restored the sanctuary to its former beauty, and in as many places as possible will have made it more nearly fireproof. A sacristy has been added and the rehearsal space for the choir has been made more usable with office space added for the director of music.

The new organ, which will not be completely installed until next February, will have a division added which was not a part of the former instrument. Dr. Cooper also reports that the

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Architect's sketch

## Des Arc Church to build

The congregation of First United Methodist Church, Des Arc, has approved plans for a major building project which will include a new sanctuary and educational building and remodeling of the present educational unit.

Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent presided at a Church-Charge Conference on Sunday, Nov. 8, at which the membership voted to accept the proposed plans. The project is expected to cost be-

tween \$80,000 and \$90,000, according to the pastor, the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth.

Contractors have the plans in hand and are working on their cost estimates for the building.

The church will soon enter a Capital Funds Drive for \$30,000 of which \$17,000 is now on hand.

The congregation is hoping they can be in the new building by Easter, 1971.

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## Little Rock churches to have four Thanksgiving services

United Methodist churches in the city of Little Rock have planned four cooperative Thanksgiving services for Wednesday evening, November 25, at 7:30 p.m. These will take the place of a single service held for several years on the morning of Thanksgiving.

The schedule of services announced by Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, district superintendent, is as follows:

**Downtown Area:** Capitol View Uni-

ted Methodist Church, the Rev. J. Frank Hamm, host pastor, with the sermon being delivered by the Rev. Edward Harris, pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church.

**Central West Area:** St. Luke United Methodist Church, the Rev. Alfred DeBlack, host pastor, with the Rev. William A. Stewart, Jr., pastor of Oak Forest United Methodist Church, bringing the message.

**Southwest Area:** Mabelvale United Methodist Church, the Rev. Ben G. Hines, host pastor, with the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie, pastor of Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, preaching.

**Northwest Area:** St. James United Methodist Church, Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., host pastor, with the message being delivered by the Rev. J. Robert Scott, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church.

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## Evangelism Congress to feature diversified agenda and array of speakers

The United Methodist Congress on Evangelism, planned for January 4-8 at the Hotel Roosevelt in New Orleans, will be unique in that it features twelve conferences in the over-all program.

Street preaching, academic lectures, a wide variety of speakers and workshops and an open air rally are just some of the diversified events during the meeting which is co-sponsored by the Council of Evangelism and the General Board of Evangelism.

The Congress will be highlighted by the Denman Lectures on Evangelism which are to be delivered by Dr. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology. He will be speaking on the theme, "Wesley's Theology for Today's World." The Denman Lectures were established in 1968 by friends of Dr. Harry Denman in his honor.

In addition to Dr. Outler, those who

will be featured speakers before the Congress will include Dr. Oral Roberts, one of the world's best known evangelists and president of Oral Roberts University; Dr. Samuel Kameleson, senior minister of Emmanuel Methodist Church in Madras, India; Mrs. Virginia Law, who worked with her late husband as a missionary to the Congo for 15 years; Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of the Louisiana Area; Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte Area; Dr. Ira Gallaway, president of the Council on Evangelism; and Dr. Joseph Yeakel, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism.

Considerably more than "interest groups," the conferences have been planned as full blown events with their own leadership and styles of operation. Some of them are designed for training persons with designated responsibilities such as work area chairmen

and evangelism directors. Others are oriented around specific aspects of evangelism, such as preaching or lay witnessing.

Two conferences, the National Conference for Full Time Directors of Evangelism and the National Conference for Conference Evangelists will evolve around business sessions and their registrants will partake of portions of other conferences which relate directly to their work. Participation in these two conferences is limited to the members of the respective associations involved. All other conferences are open to all registrants except those indicating limited registration.

The meetings and a word about some of their leaders follow:

**National Conference on Preaching:** The emphasis here will be on preaching in the urban situation and the featured speaker and workshop leader

will be Lord Donald Soper of Great Britain.

**Conference on Effective Witnessing in Today's World:** The featured leader will be the Rev. Bruce Larson, well known author and director of the Faith at Work movement. Included in this conference will be sections for Lay Witness coordinators, Lay Witness team members, women in evangelism, retreat leadership, marriage enrichment, and small groups.

**Conference on Local Church Evangelism:** This is planned for two distinct groups—volunteer workers and professional directors. The leader will be Dr. Emerson Colaw, pastor of Hyde Park Community United Methodist Church, Cincinnati, O.

**Conference for Young Ministers and Their Wives:** The leadership will be

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## TWENTY HENDRIX STUDENTS MAKE "WHO'S WHO"

Twenty Hendrix students have been selected for Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges.

They are Tommy Bond, Bill Briant, Beth Butler, Walter Camp, Darla Heck, Gary Ingram, Betty Johnson, Gin Jones, Peggy May, Keith McNabb, Betsy Norwood, Kaki Parker, Tom Paulus, Grace Ellen Rice, Nell Roric, Judy White, Ken White, Eston Williams, Carolyn Witt, and Don Yarbrough.

The students, all seniors, were nominated for this honor by the student-faculty student affairs committee earlier this fall.

The book is printed by the time of June graduation every year and includes distinguished students from colleges and universities across the country.

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## "Lay Development"

nights held in  
Fayetteville District

Two sections of Lay Development nights were conducted recently in the Fayetteville District. The first section, for the west side of the district, was held at Wesley Church in Springdale, with the Rev. W. P. (Dub) Fiser, host pastor. The second section, for the east side of the district, was held at First Church in Harrison, with the Rev. William (Bill) Connell as host. The four evening sessions were attended by more than 90 persons.

Dr. Raymond Franks, superintendent of the Monticello District of the Little Rock Conference, was resource leader for lay persons. Dr. Franks led the group in four evening sessions on how to be better churchmen and churchwomen. Items considered by the

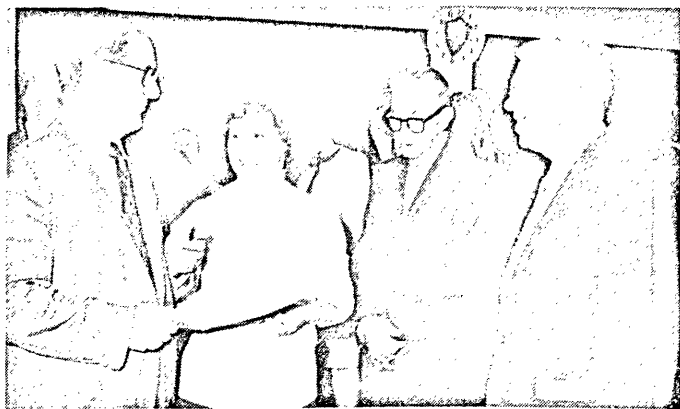
group included the structural make-up of the United Methodist Church, personal commitment, the every member visitation program, and the work of the pastor-parish relations committee.

Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Fayetteville

District superintendent, met concurrently with the pastors of the District to discuss the new materials on confirmation and church membership training.

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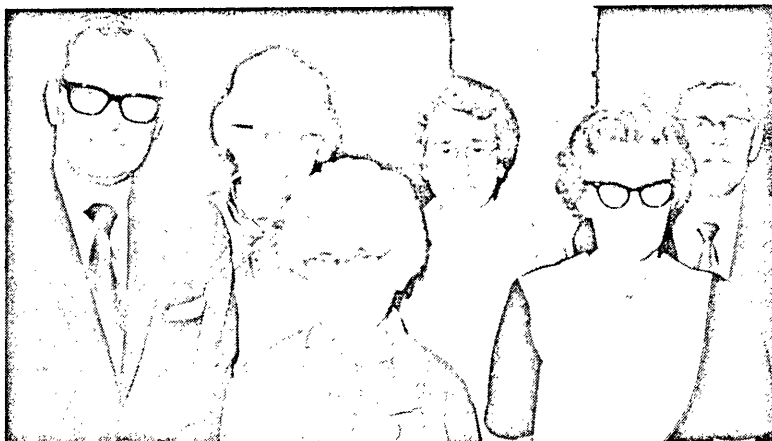
FROM LEFT: Dr. Raymond Franks, Mrs. Joe Nance, Paul Bennett and Tom Milliard, during a "break" at one of the "Lay Development" nights in the Fayetteville District.



LEFT TO RIGHT: The Rev. Roy Moyer, Dr. Raymond Franks, resource person, Dr. Myers Curtis, Fayetteville District superintendent, John Butts, and the Rev. William Connell, take a break during one of the "Lay Development" nights in the Fayetteville District.



Paragould Area Laboratory School officers at Nov. 8-12 Enterprise held at Griffin Memorial Church. FROM LEFT: The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, chairman of board of managers; Mrs. Inetta Cline, registrar, and the Rev. Marshall Bridwell, treasurer.



Staff members at recent Paragould Area Lab School: FROM LEFT, Dr. Charles Casteel of Batesville, Mrs. W. F. Bates of Quitman, Mrs. Elmus Brown of Fort Smith, Miss Lula Doyle Baird of Morrilton, Mrs. J. C. Edwards of Memphis, Tenn., and the Rev. Wayne Jarvis of Jonesboro.

## UMCOR releases filmstrip on Peru

The United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief has just produced a new filmstrip and long playing record on the Peru Earthquake. This is a first hand account of the disastrous quake that took 70,000 lives and made 700,000 people homeless. UMCOR made a Church-Wide appeal and sent immediately doctors and nurses into the stricken area.

This filmstrip entitled "Quake" is to be placed in the hand of each District Superintendent and may be borrowed from him. Two copies of the filmstrip have also been sent to the Annual Conference and will be in the Annual Conference film library. They may be used by churches desiring the filmstrip and Churches are encouraged to use this very helpful and informative visual aid.

—Alvin C. Murray  
L. R. Conference Missionary Secretary

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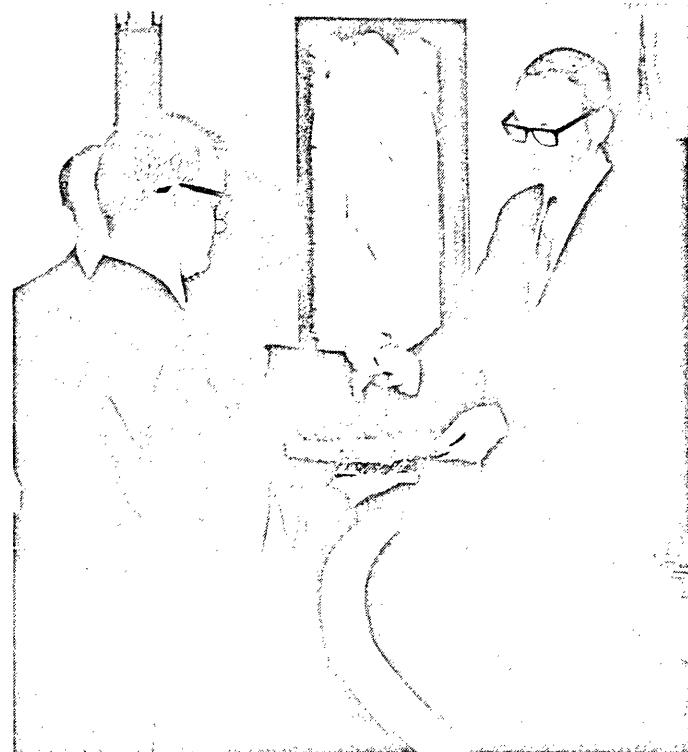
## NEW POLICY ON NORTH ARKANSAS MOVIE PROJECTOR

At a recent meeting of the Television, Radio and Film Commission of the North Arkansas Conference some new regulations were adopted relative to the use of the Super 8 projector owned by the conference.

The Rev. Larry D. Powell, chairman of the commission, reports that the projector has been damaged from time to time in mailing. He says that the projector will no longer be mailed but will be shipped only by bus.

Those churches using the Super 8 will be asked to remit a \$3.00 fee (to cover maintenance costs) and will pay the shipping expenses. Those who are able to pick it up and return it themselves will be asked to pay only the \$3.00 fee.

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The Rev. James B. Harris, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Piggott, presides over Oct. 25 note-burning ceremony, assisted by Ushers Bob Martin and Marshall Wheeler. The celebration marked the complete payment by the congregation of notes which had made possible the building of an attractive 3-bedroom home for the minister of their church.

# Editorial

## MICHIGAN AND NEBRASKA VOTERS REJECT AID TO PAROCHIAL SCHOOLS

While most political analysts are spending all their time trying to delineate Democratic or Republican gains in the recent elections across the land, little attention has been paid to important decisions made by the voters of Michigan and Nebraska rejecting state support of parochial schools. One observer called the results a "clear indication by the people of their refusal to weaken the constitutional wall of separation between church and state."

In Michigan, Proposition C—an amendment to the state constitution prohibiting state aid to church schools except for busing of students—won by a wide margin. Although both major candidates for governor and most other political figures in the state opposed the amendment, it won by more than 300,000 votes.

In Nebraska, 58 per cent of the state's voters turned down an amendment to the state constitution that would have authorized the legislature to pass a bill to pay for the teaching of secular subjects in parochial schools.

The adoption of the Michigan amendment voided a bill passed last July that would have given \$22 million to religious schools for salary payments to teachers of secular subjects. While the Michigan Supreme Court, in a 4 to 3 vote, held the state law constitutional, it simultaneously allowed the issue to be put to a referendum by refusing to rule Proposition C off the ballot.

These two decisions by voters in the General Election must be seen alongside recent court decisions in Louisiana and in Connecticut and Rhode Island concerning state financing of church schools. Dr. Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has called these decisions "the turning point" in the struggle against state financing of church schools.

In his statement Dr. Archer said: "The decision of the Louisiana Supreme Court on October 19 is another powerful blow for church-state separation. The

court ruled that citizens of Louisiana are protected by their constitution from being forced to pay a tax for religious schools. The decision follows an earlier decision this month by a federal court in Hartford, Conn. which struck down a state law providing \$6 million for church schools there. Yet another decision by a federal court in Providence, Rhode Island, went the same way. The court held that a law providing state aid to church schools constituted aid to religion and was therefore barred by the First Amendment.

"The pattern of these decisions is happily clear. Neither the courts nor the American people themselves will permit 'establishment' of any church or churches via a strategy of public subsidy to religious schools. The ruse by which this is being undertaken—aid to so-called 'secular subjects'—is so transparent as to be ridiculous. The courts have discerned the truth of the matter and once again the people can thank them for protecting their religious liberty."

Michigan polls had predicted defeat for Proposition C in their state with its go-ahead for the \$22 million package of aid, which contained a built-in increase for 1972. However, the proposal rallied the support of a coalition of civic, educational and religious organizations.

Dr. Archer, issued a statement after election day in which he said: "The people do not favor government aid to churches or their schools. This has been demonstrated repeatedly in the

past and it has now been demonstrated again. We hope the politicians will get the message and stop tampering with our constitutional protection against taxes for religion. The people do not want such taxes. They will continue to repudiate them and they will also repudiate those who try to impose them. Surely there is a significance in these results which the National Administration needs to heed. The separation of church and state is now and will remain a cornerstone of our American democracy."

Another person who sees encouraging signs in these recent decisions is Leo Pfeffer, special counsel of the American Jewish Congress and a national authority on church-state law, who said that the Michigan and Nebraska results, taken with the recent court decisions, demonstrates that "church-state separation is very much alive." He commented: "It seems clear that New York voters knew what they wanted in 1967 and that Michigan and Nebraska voters know what they wanted today. They want to retain the clear dividing line between government and religion, which is nowhere more important than in the schools. They don't want their taxes earmarked for support of any religion to which they do not subscribe."

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## the Editor's Corner



### GOOD-BYE ANNAPOLIS

Recently at the service club which I attend I overheard a conversation between two fellow members concerning the efforts of one of them to secure an appointment for his son to the United States Naval Academy at Annapolis. He was seeking advice from another member whose son is now a plebe there.

This conversation brought back to memory an incident in my own life which saw me very near to Annapolis and perhaps a career in the Navy.

During my high school days we had a neighbor in Paragould who had visited Annapolis during her college days. She thought it was the most beautiful place in the United States and persuaded me to seek an appointment from my congressman.

In those days I was a prolific letter writer (some of my friends know that habit has changed). I was more excited about writing a congressman than I was about going to Annapolis. Our district was represented by the Honorable W. J. Driver of Osceola to whom a letter went off quickly. My father was a close friend of his, and a friendly answer came back from Washington telling me that his quota of appointments was filled but that my letter would be filed for future consideration. I must admit that I gave the matter little additional thought as I moved on through high school graduation and entrance into college at Arkansas State in Jonesboro.

One week-end during my sophomore year in college I was home for a visit and my mother informed me that I had received a telegram from Congressman Driver saying that I had been appointed to Annapolis. She also told me that she knew I didn't really want to go, so she had sent a telegram back in my name declining the appointment with gratitude. The only Annapolis graduate from our town was serving on a submarine, and that is all my mother could see ahead for me.

However, the experience was not without its effects as far as the Armed Services were concerned. My roommate was Vernon Mock of Pocahontas who was about to have to drop out of school. He had not even heard of Annapolis or West Point appointments, he said, but he got busy and within a few months secured an appointment to the Military Academy. Last year he retired as a "three-star general" after nearly 40 years of service.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The church is "astonishingly alive" in Soviet Russia despite restrictions about which nothing is known outside the country, according to Dr. David S. Russell, general secretary of Britain's Baptist Union, following a two-week visit to Russia and Soviet Baltic states. Referring to the famous Moscow Baptist church with its 5,000 members and crowded congregations, Dr. Russell said that contrary to suggestions that this was only "a showpiece," to impress the visitor, "this is just not so." He added, "Wherever we went, on Sundays or on weekdays, we found churches filled to capacity, the worshippers in some areas standing five deep right down the central aisle for many hours at a time." Describing church scenes in Leningrad, Estonia and other regions, he said, "In each one, the singing was led by magnificent choirs."

Michael Passer, a University of Rochester student, and Hall of Fame baseball star Jackie Robinson were among the speakers at a recent N.Y. State Narcotic Commission Conference. Robinson held that "for our society to become permissive about marijuana is to place an unfair test of strength on our kids." Discussing the difficulty of changing and shaping the attitudes of students toward drugs, Passer said an "objective-informative" type of approach has a much better chance for success than a "moral-preventative" approach. Mr. Passer, who is engaged in an "observation-interview" type of field study in the social psychology of drug use, said drug education programs at schools are extremely valuable—if an "honest, accurate, and impartial presentation of data concerning drug effects and drug use" is made.

Israel has agreed to compensate the Lutheran World Federation for damages to a hospital during the six-day war of June, 1967. Discussions between the LWF and Israel have been underway for some time concerning the damage to the more-than-60-year-old Augusta Victoria hospital on the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem. The hospital, built by Kaiser Wilhelm in 1907-1910 as a memorial to his wife, was a German church-foundation property until the close of World War II. Since 1950 it has been used for the medical care of Arab refugees under an agreement with the United Nations Relief and Works Agency.

The role of religion in the Johnson family emerges as a major theme in Mrs. Lyndon (Lady Bird) Johnson's White House Diary. Her feelings about their daughter Luci's conversion to Catholicism, listening to a preacher criticize her husband's Vietnam policy, and her admiration for the work of Evangelist Billy Graham are among the topics included in the book. She says, "I have been a member of the Episcopal Church for more than thirty years, yet I still remember and participate far better in those old songs from my 'Methodist upbringing.'"

Sixty-five national Protestant and Orthodox leaders are receiving first editions of the Roman Catholic Church's New American Bible in "recognition of the firm bonds of Christian unity that lie within the Sacred Scriptures." The gifts are being presented by the National Center of Religious Education of the U.S. Catholic Conference in association with the Bishops' Comm. for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Affairs. Bishop John Wesley Lord, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops is one of the recipients.

Dr. J. Daniel Joyce, dean of the Graduate Seminary of Phillips University in Enid, Okla. was elected president of the World Convention of Churches of Christ (Disciples), meeting recently in Adelaide, Australia. The new president is well-known in his denomination for his column on the uniform Sunday School lesson which appears in "The Christian" (a Disciples publication).

Dr. Otis E. Young, an official of the United Church of Christ's Bd. for Homeland Ministries, said the interest in such things as witchcraft, tarot cards, and the "human potential" movement are manifestations of a search for transcendence. The "human potential" movement, with its emphasis on such things as sensory awareness and meditation, is a "kind of middle and upper class Pentacostalism," he said.

Dr. Hugo Schnell, president of the Hannover Chancellery of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany (VELKD), expressed grave concern over "deep-rooted theological differences regarding the use of force" between VELKD and the World Council of Churches (WCC). These differences, he said in a letter to Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of WCC, have become visible in connection with the WCC anti-racism program, and constitute a "serious burden" for cooperation between VELKD and WCC.

A community-wide Bible emphasis weekend known as the "Good News for Bethlehem" (in Bethlehem, Pa.) drew 2,000 participants. Men, women and children took part in the ecumenical venture sponsored by the Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in conjunction with the American Bible Society. Special features included seminars, films, a "Good News" youth rally, preceded by a Catholic youth sponsored folk Mass. Robert L. Short, author of "The Gospel According to Peanuts," told a congregation of 1,000: "The good news only becomes good for you if you know it." During the weekend prior to the observance, between 600 and 800 young people distributed nearly 25,000 copies of Today's English version of the New Testament—"Good News for Modern Man"—to homes of the community, free of charge. Included were 500 copies in Spanish.

Despite a campaign waged by the statewide Board of Directors of Texans Who Care, to defeat a liquor-by-the-drink amendment to the Texas State Constitution, the measure has been approved. United Methodist Bishops Eugene Slater and Kenneth Pope, and Dr. Gordon D. Casad, a district superintendent, had joined other religious leaders and prominent figures in opposing the measure.

Dr. Stewart W. Herman, 61, has resigned as president of the Lutheran School of Theology at Chicago, the largest of nine seminaries operated by the Lutheran Church in America—a consolidation of five Lutheran seminaries and part of the new Chicago Cluster of Theological Schools. Dr. Herman, head of the school for seven years, gave as the compelling reason for his resignation his feeling that the school needed new leadership in launching a \$2.8 million capital funds drive.

Richard Cardinal Cushing, who headed the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Boston for almost 26 years, died in Boston on Nov. 2, All Soul's Day—observed in the Catholic Church as a day of solemn prayer for all dead persons. The 75-year-old prelate, a preeminent practitioner of practical ecumenism and often described as a "legend in his own time," died after a long fight against cancer.

The Canadian Council of Churches, the Canadian Broadcasting Corp. and Religious Television Associates sponsored a recent Conference on Ecology and Responsibility and called for the cooperation of theologians, politicians and scientists to reverse the "dangerous contamination of the environment." "Man is commissioned to transform nature, but not to manipulate it exploitively," warned Dr. Norman Farmamelli, associate director of the Boston Industrial Mission.

After a break of nearly 400 years, Lutheran and Reformed Churches in Poland have celebrated Holy Communion together. The late October ceremony seals formal declarations of pulpit and altar fellowship (mutual recognition) made last April. The formal opening of a new building for the Christian Theological Academy in Warsaw was a part of the joint ceremony.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Capt. Thomas D. Parham Jr., a Presbyterian chaplain who is the nation's highest ranking black naval officer, receives the Meritorious Service Medal from Rear Admiral George P. Koch, commandant of the Washington Naval District. The medal, equivalent to a Bronze Star in the combatant category and second only to the Distinguished Service Medal, was presented to Chaplain Parham for his "unique contribution to the promotion of human relations within the Navy during a period of great social change." Chaplain Parham in 1966 became the first man of his race to attain the rank of Navy captain since the Civil War. (RNS Photo)





The Business Women's Group of Central Arkansas Church Women United held the World Community Day program in First United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Louise Pate, program chairman shown at right, presented as speaker Mrs. Martha Nelsen, supervisor of Adult Basic Education for the Little Rock School District.

## Churches challenged to include "Cross-Lines" as "Special"

In a letter distributed recently to friends of the Cross-Lines Cooperative Council of Kansas City, Kans., the executive director, the Rev. Donald C. Bakely, made a strong appeal for local churches to include the strategic inner-city program as National Division Advance Specials.

Mr. Bakely who has spoken in a number of Arkansas churches since he appeared at the Jurisdictional School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah two or three years ago, said in his letter: "This past summer was particularly hard on us financially, insofar as our expanded program skyrocketed our costs. We found out that churches give less in the summer. We are in a difficult financial situation at this moment."

Cross-Lines is an inner-city work in the south end of Kansas City, Kans. and in a small section of Kansas City, Mo. It is an interdenominational program drawing together the resources of the churches in their area and people from some 25 to 30 denominations.

Mr. Bakely also said in his letter:

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The film library of Little Rock Conference TRAFCO, the film library of the Area Town and Country Commission, and The Methodist Foundation of Arkansas offices are now located at 920 Three Hundred Spring Street Building (formerly Rector Building), Little Rock, Arkansas 72201. Telephone: 374-5027.

**Little Rock Conference Program Council**, Suite 920, Rector Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Telephone: 374-5027.

"Because it is difficult for all of our agencies to raise the money needed for their projects, we urge that you do not divert money to us that would have been sent to some other agency. We urge you to especially support Methodist projects before you support us. We found out that if Methodists don't support Methodist projects, these projects will die. If Methodists don't support us, we'll be hurt. There is a lot of difference between "dead" and "hurt." Please help us."

### "TEN BRAVE CHRISTIANS" UNIT AT FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK

During the month of November the United Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, have started a group of "Ten Brave Christians." This is a challenge-program which has attracted attention across the nation since it was first organized in John Wesley United Methodist Church, Tallahassee, Fla.

Niles Montgomery, Little Rock area Scout Executive, is chairman of the group which has been meeting in his office at 7 a.m. each Wednesday morning.

Following the Tallahassee pattern, the group has agreed to the following disciplines: meet once each week to pray together; give two hours each week to God; give God one-tenth of their earnings; spend from 5:30 to 6:00 each morning in prayer and meditation; and witness for God their experiences to others."

Pratt C. Rempel, president of the men's group, states that he hopes the single group of "brave Christians" which is meeting during November will grow into more groups as other men hear the challenge and give themselves to it.

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### Fayetteville dedication

sound facilities in the sanctuary have been improved.

Paul Young, Jr. of Fayetteville who designed the building originally has been the architect for the restoration project. Brennan-Boyd of Fayetteville have been the contractors, and the pews and altar furniture were purchased from the L. L. Sams Co. of Texas.

## gleanings

From "Mid-Week at Wesley," Wesley United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff:

Thumbing through my files the other day, I ran across a quotation I had saved but where it came from I do not know as there was no indication as to where I found it. Needless to say it is not original with me. This is the quotation: "You never change a person's personality until you change his belief about himself in his mind."

I'm not sure it is the business of any of us to go around changing, or trying to change, other people's personalities. There is no excuse for any of us playing God. But most of us could stand to work on ourselves. I can think of many improvements I'd make on my personality. I would rather not list them all in public, but you can take my word for it, my personality could stand some improvement. Of course, you knew that already—Just as I already knew a few repair jobs could make you a more attractive and effective person, too. But how do we go about making the improvements? We must change our beliefs about ourselves, the quotation says.

That is more easily said than done. Suppose I believe myself to be awkward, full of feeling of inferiority, a little slow to catch subtle meanings in what people say, and likely to say the wrong thing when I speak up. How am I going to change all that?

Probably not by going at the problem directly. As long as I keep thinking how awkward, inferior and dull I am, I'll probably make myself that way even if I weren't in the first place. But if instead, I deliberately take my mind off myself and think about the other person or God, or if it comes easier, Jesus, I may wind up with a different attitude about myself as well.

If I think about the greatness and goodness of Christ, something in me rises to meet the reach of my own mind and I begin to grow like what I am thinking about. If I think of children blessing little children, or helping the helpless, or forgiving those who had done Jesus some wrong, I'll soon find myself reading those characteristics into my own character until my personality has indeed begun to change.

All this may be an over-simplification I know. But there is a measure of truth in it. Besides, it's Biblical: "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he."

"You never change a person's personality until you change his belief about himself in his mind." See you in Church Sunday!

—Bob Regnier

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From "The Methodist Messenger" of First United Methodist Church, Osceola:

What I consider to be a very strange coincidence has happened here at the Church. Just outside the windows of the pastor's study and the office there is a beautiful garden that has been planted by professionals and is being very well tended. The walls of the church enclose it on three sides while a brick wall and locked iron gate complete the enclosure.

## OH, EMPTY PEW, YOU CAN BE FILLED

Empty Pew, how can we fill you?  
That's a problem we've had long;  
We have tried a lot of methods,  
But it seems they've turned out wrong.  
Since we always have you with us,  
We don't seem to have the cue  
That will bring the saints together  
To fill you -- Empty Pew.

There must be a way to fill you,  
For I know it has been done;  
I have seen you filled quite often—  
In the days that are now gone.  
In our day, we have trained preachers,  
And attractive churches, too;  
Which should make it quite inviting,  
For the folk to come and fill you.

I'm convinced you won't be empty,  
When our ministers relate;  
The glorious life of Jesus,  
With its power to liberate;  
And where there are loyal helpers,  
To assist them as a crew;  
All consumed with this same passion—  
Then we'll fill you -- Empty Pew.

You represent a stainless Life,  
Who loved so much, He gave;  
His blood to transform sin-stained souls,  
And all the nations save.  
When those of us who placed you there,  
Are mastered by His Grace;  
Restless folk will come to fill you --  
There will be no empty space.

E. D. Galloway  
Retired,  
Little Rock Conference

During the Spring and Summer months we have been admiring a fast growing tree with exceptionally large leaves that has sprung up and been growing in the garden. No one could identify it, nor could anyone say who had planted it. Without a doubt it was not part of the original planning.

One of our friends sent one of the leaves to the Agriculture Extension Service and we received a letter, part of which we quote, "The common name of this plant is Royal Paulownia, and the botanical name is Paulownia Tomentosa. This plant is a native of China."

Does this say anything to you? It says much to me. Here we plan and plant a beautiful garden enclosed by walls and fences for our own enjoyment as members of a church. Yet we are suddenly reminded that there are other plants and flowers on the other side of the world that can grow in our garden.

Could it be that the Lord might be trying to say to us that when we build our walls and beautiful art glass windows to make a beautiful setting for our people, there are other souls who might grow and be nurtured there too. I wonder.

—Rufus Sorrells

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The bulwark of religious training is vital if the line is to be held against the forces of corruption, crime and disloyalty. I believe that men imbued with spiritual values do not betray their country. I believe that children reared in homes in which morality is taught and lived rarely become delinquents.—  
J. Edgar Hoover

# NEWS and NOTES

MRS. STELLA BECK, mother of the Rev. R. O. Beck of Stuttgart, was buried at Tuckerman on Wednesday, November 4, following services held in Umsted Memorial United Methodist Church at Newport.

THE KEENER Sub-District UMY held the October meeting in the Hamburg United Methodist Church. Towns represented were Crossett, Portland, Parkdale, Wilmot, Eudora, Lake Village and Hamburg. Entertainment was presented by Shad Williams and His Scarlet Thread religious folk music group from Memphis.

A CLARKSVILLE FELLOWSHIP supper held at First United Methodist Church, November 8, honored six couples of the church who are celebrating golden wedding anniversaries during 1970. These couples are: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clemmons, Mr. and Mrs. John Lemley, Mr. and Mrs. Joe James, Mr. and Mrs. David Randle, Mr. and Mrs. James W. Miller and Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Roberts. The Rev. Clarence Wilcox is their pastor.

MISS PAT LUNSFORD, teacher in the Booneville Schools, told Booneville Methodists about her mission work in the problem areas of Boston for ten weeks during the past summer. She spoke at the evening worship service, November 8. The Rev. Norman Carter, pastor, is on a preaching mission in England.

THE HENRY FAMILY TOUR of Canada and Alaska during the summer was presented by Mr. and Mrs. Lewie P. Henry through use of their slides at the November 8 meeting of the UMYF of First Church, Texarkana. The Henrys are counselors of the Junior High UMYF. Dr. Ralph Hillis is pastor.

OSCEOLA UNITED METHODIST Men heard a native of the Philippines speak at the supper meeting, November 10. He is Jose Herrar, a teacher in the Osceola schools who is seeking American citizenship. A Charge Conference, conducted by District Superintendent William Watson, followed the program. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells is the pastor.

CONWAY YOUTH of First Church observed Halloween by serving others on three evenings. On Friday, they provided a party for the children from the disadvantaged area who attended the Aldersgate Day Camp on camperships provided by First Church last summer. On Saturday they solicited UNICEF funds, collecting \$228.40, and on Sunday evening collected another \$100 for UNICEF. Their pastor is the Rev. Ben Jordan.

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## POLICEMAN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST HELD AT OAK FOREST CHURCH

The monthly Policeman's Association Prayer Breakfast was held in Oak Forest United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Thursday, November 5. Seventy-five law enforcement officers from city, county, state and federal agencies attended for a Christian worship experience. Hosts were the Oak Forest Church Administrative Board chairman, John Osment, the pastor, the Rev. William A. Stewart, and three policemen who are Oak Forest members: Paul Halley, Ed Etheridge and John Yancey.

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEMBER will be celebrated in Western Hills United Methodist Church at Little Rock on Sunday, November 22. Activities at the come-and-go affair will include display of Christmas decorations and gifts, an art show, films and plays, carol singing, display of books, and a sampling of Christmas goodies. The Rev. Robert Robertson is pastor.

RAYMOND HILLIS, MALVERN businessman, was the guest speaker for United Methodist Men of Washington Avenue Church in North Little Rock, Tuesday, November 10. This club is beginning its 22nd year of continuous charter.

THE CORNING CHURCH will hold a Lay Witness Mission this weekend, November 20-22. Dr. Glenn Swingle from Marked Tree will be the coordinator. H. J. Pillow, Jr. is serving as general chairman. Bob Shannon will be chairman of the follow-up committee. The Rev. Wayne Clark is the Corning pastor.

THE REV. BOB EDWARDS, pastor of First Church, Jacksonville, was in Kansas City last week where he taught in a five-day school at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, in the Department of Christian Education.

## DRUG CONCERN SUNDAY HELD AT FORDYCE

Activities in Fordyce's United Methodist Church centered around concern for drug misuse on Sunday, November 8. The morning sermon "Drugs, Trip or Trap?" was brought by guest speaker, the Rev. Jon Guthrie, minister to students at Hendrix College, Conway.

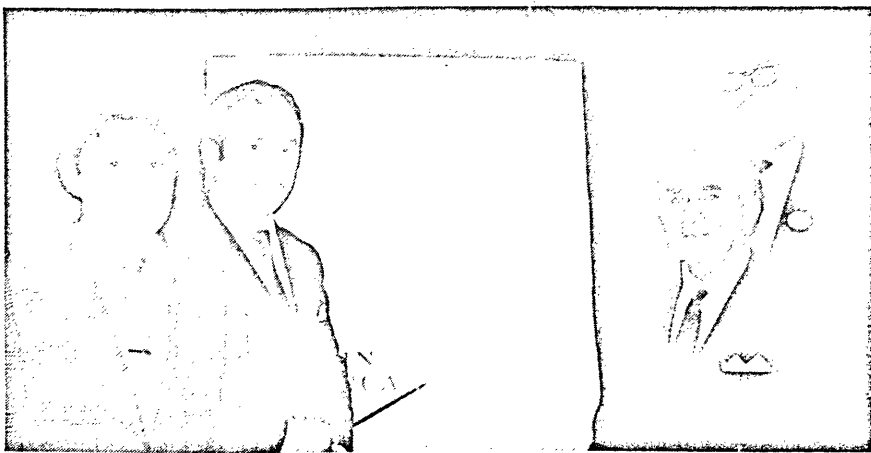
The Warren-Fordyce Sub-District Youth Fellowship members were guests at 5:45 for a panel discussing the problem. Mr. Guthrie moderated this panel, as well as another at the regular evening worship service.

The Rev. Ed Matthews is the the Fordyce minister.

THE MARYSVILLE-SILVER HILL UMY participated in Trick-or-treating for UNICEF this year for the first time. They collected over \$100. Co-chairmen in charge of the drive were Barry Couch and Lucky Crumpler. After the collection, they returned to the Marysville Church for a party. President of the UMY is Randy Braswell. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is their pastor.

THE W. R. SCHISLERS, Arkansas missionaries to Brazil now retired and living in Atlanta, were honored by an Advance Special given through the Marianna Church by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Kinder, formerly of Marianna. The recipients of the special gift will be James Edwin and Nancy Tims, daughter and son-in-law of the Schisler's, and their work in Brazil.

AT FORT SMITH, members of Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church heard two high school students speak at the Sunday service, November 8. Susan Brockman and Jim Saviers, seniors at Southside High, gave reports on their experiences at Camp Minniwanea, Michigan, for leadership training last summer. The Rev. Waymon Hollis is pastor at Hendricks Hills.



Chileans were guests of Amboy Methodists in North Little Rock at the closing session of the study of "The Americas". From left are Silbio Bruna, Pulaski Heights Junior High student, with his father, Misael Bruna, and the Rev. Luiz Daza (who was featured in an article in the last issue of this paper). All are from Santiago, Chile. The Bruna family is now residing in Little Rock where Mr. Bruna is a tailor for Mr. Wickes. Mr. Daza, father of Mrs. Bruna will return to Chile in a few weeks. At right rear is the Rev. Dois Kennedy, Amboy minister.

## 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. 22—Sunday	Psalms 9:1-11
Nov. 23	Psalms 34:1-22
Nov. 24	Psalms 103:1-22
Nov. 25	Psalms 116:1-19
Nov. 26	Psalms 118:1-29
Nov. 27	Isaiah 25:1-9
Nov. 28	I Peter 1:1-9
Nov. 29—Sunday	Psalms 90:1-17

## LAVACA CHURCH CELEBRATES ITS 100th ANNIVERSARY

The Lavaca United Methodist Church celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday, November 8.

The first Methodist Society was organized at Oak Bower in October, 1870, with six members. The Rev. W. M. Granade, pastor of the Fort Smith Circuit, was in charge. M. L. Ahault was appointed leader and later was elected steward. A short time afterwards, the Rev. S. S. Key became the first appointed pastor.

In 1906, Oak Bower was named Lavaca, and the circuit thenceforth was known as the Lavaca Circuit of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

District Superintendent Archie L. Boyd brought the Centennial Message at the eleven o'clock hour. A bountiful meal was served at the noon hour in fellowship hall to an overflowing crowd.

The afternoon program consisted of special singing, recognition of former pastors and members present, and recognition of senior citizens who had rendered long years of service to the church.

The closing message of the day was delivered by the Rev. Waymon Hollis, pastor of Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church in Fort Smith.

The Rev. Anthony L. Chaffin, pastor, was master of ceremonies.

## LEACHVILLE CLASS ENJOYS HALLOWEEN PARTY

Twenty members and guests of the Junior High Class of the Leachville United Methodist Church enjoyed a Halloween party held October 31. The recreation room of the church was appropriately decorated by David Weatherford, Angela Hall and Trent Pierce, members of the Senior High group who were special guests at the party.

Susan Robins and Janie Whetsell were awarded prizes for the best costumes. An evening of games was climaxed by the appearance of Madame Zoro who kept the class engrossed in reading their fortunes.

Teachers are Mrs. Leslie Hall and Mrs. T. J. Pierce, who were assisted by Mrs. Tom Middleton in chaperoning the group. The Rev. Frank Weatherford is the Leachville pastor.

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Mrs. John Page of Dover was crowned "Queen of Service" at the Conway District WSCS Fall Meeting held in First Church, North Little Rock, October 29. Mrs. Earl Horton, second from left, district president looks on as Mrs. Ed Davis, district treasurer, places crown. Mrs. Carl Lacy, at left, district vice-president, presented roses to Mrs. Page.

### CONWAY DISTRICT WSCS AT NORTH LITTLE ROCK

Mrs. Earl Horton presided when the Conway District Women's Society of Christian Service held the Fall Meeting in First United Methodist at North Little Rock, October 29.

The opening meditation was by the host pastor, the Rev. Lloyd Conyers. The morning message was by the Rev. Jim Keith, pastor of the Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church.

The pledge service during the morning's business was directed by Mrs. Ed Davis. Mrs. Horton reported on the Women's Assembly held at Houston, last May. Mrs. F. L. Hilliard presented the study courses for the year and Mrs. Malcolm Daily displayed materials for the studies and programs.

Mrs. John Page was called forward and surprised with a special presentation. She had been singled out for her many services to the district and was crowned "Queen for the Day." In various offices, Mrs. Page was on the district executive committee for 14 years. She is currently president of her local society at Dover, teaches a Sunday school class, and is a conference WSCS officer, serving as chairman of program materials.

Local WSCS members, Mrs. J. B. Reynolds, president, were hostesses during the lunch hour.

Officers held separate sessions in the afternoon. Upon regrouping, Mrs. Edwin Outlaw reported on the recent spiritual life retreat at Aldersgate Camp, at which the Rev. Walter Albritton was the leader.

Special entertainment was by the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

The next district meeting will be at First Church, Russellville.

**RUSSELLVILLE SUB-DISTRICT** United Methodist laymen heard Hendrix College President Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., at the barbecue chicken dinner held Monday evening, November 16. The quarterly meeting was held in First Church, Russellville. Singing was led by B. J. Dunn. Jerry Burns was head cook.

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### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT WSCS FALL SEMINAR HELD AT GRADY

The Pine Bluff District Women's Society was held October 29 at the Grady United Methodist Church with 95 persons representing 20 churches attending. The theme of the meeting was "Therefore Choose Life."

Special guests including Dr. Arthur Terry, Mrs. Terry, Mrs. George Meyer, Mrs. D. E. McCoy, Mrs. Hazel Dabney, and Mrs. Louis Ederington, were introduced by Mrs. H. L. Kennedy, district president. An array of posters, collages, and acrostics on display depicted the "Purpose" of the Women's Society of Christian Service. An original hymn, composed by a group of DeWitt ladies, was sung.

Mrs. W. R. Patton, work area chairman on missionary education, presented materials to be used in studies. Mrs. Henry Dietrich, program materials chairman encouraged every-

one to read and to be informed members, stressing the importance of "response" and "New World Outlook". Mrs. Herman Little spoke on Choosing Service, stating that the Pine Bluff District pledge for the coming year is \$18,000. Mrs. Dabney, state president of Church Women United, spoke on involvement, stressing the role of Church Women United.

Mrs. Robert Bormann introduced the keynote speaker, Mrs. George Meyer, who spoke on "Choose Life". Mrs. Meyer developed the theme around the word "serendipity", which was both inspirational and entertaining. The blessing was given by Dr. Terry before adjournment for lunch.

The afternoon session was presented by the district chairman of Spiritual Growth, Mrs. R. A. Patton, who introduced Capt. Lloyd Reese, Supervisor of the Law Enforcement Training Academy in Camden. Capt. Reese gave an informative talk on drug abuse.

## Feminine Voice Speaks Out On New Look in the Church

The Rev. Miss Carole Cotton of New Orleans was guest speaker in Little Rock during the November meetings of women in First and Pulaski Heights United Methodist Churches. The article below was in the Arkansas Gazette, November 3, and is reprinted by permission.

By KAY KOEHLER  
Of the Gazette Staff

St. Paul, who frowned on women speaking in church, "was speaking to a social era 2000 years old," Rev. Carole Cotton told members of the Women's Society of Christian Service at the First and Pulaski Heights United Methodist Churches Monday. Her subject was "The Changing Role of Women in the Church."

Miss Cotton herself is a shining example of that change. Ordained last June after graduation from Perkins School of Theology, she is an associate minister at Aurora Methodist Church in New Orleans.

A trim brunette with naturally long-lashed blue eyes, Miss Cotton spoke in her "clerical" clothes — a liturgical stole in contemporary design worn over a smart, simple dress about four inches above the knee. "It's longer than some I have," she said in an interview, "since it's this year's model."

Miss Cotton feels that seminaries are encouraging women to seek ordination, although she did not decide on that step until just a few months before graduation. However, she thinks the demonstrations which ordain women are not seeking them out as actively as they might.

In the four months that she has carried "reverend" in front of her name, she has encountered no sense of resentment. Nor does she feel that it hinders her social life.

"My hope is to marry and have a family," she said. "I think the ministry must be flexible enough to accept men and women as they are. I see no reason why they couldn't grant a leave of absence for maternity."

Miss Cotton feels that there should be no difference in the life style of ministers and laity. "We have created a double standard," she said. "We must realize that we are living in a secular world and the

clergy and laity are both part of it. The ministry is focused on the world, not just on the church."

Although she has done inner city work, she prefers her present position on the staff of a suburban church.

"I don't feel that this is the time in history for whites to take charge in the ghetto," she said. "We need to work with our own people in their attitudes and outlooks. That's why I chose to stay in the south."

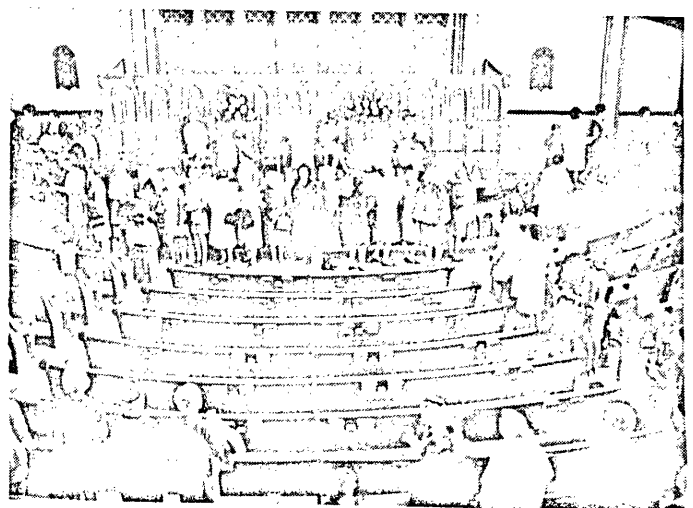
"I'm committed to being part of the social change in the south."

Raised in the small delta town of Rayville, La., Miss Cotton grew up in the very atmosphere she is seeking to alter. "My thinking changed during a YMCA Christian conference, my first experience in an integrated situation," she said.

To bring about these changes, she said, "we must come to know each other as people, not just as races. Each race has its own responsibility. And we must realize that change doesn't happen to others. It happens to you."

Miss Cotton, who also spoke to the youth groups of the two Methodist Churches Sunday, said that she senses a growth of racial understanding among young people.

Speaking to the women, she said she wanted to encourage them "to get out of the kitchen and become involved in the decision-making processes of the church."



The fall "Ingathering" at First Church, Little Rock, sees women bring offerings over-and-above pledges to lay at the altar in a very worshipful service.

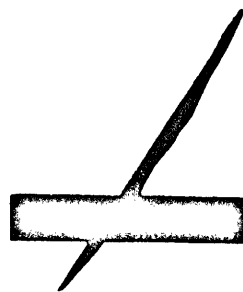


Women's liberation was in evidence when the Rev. Carole Cotton, center, associate pastor of Aurora Church, New Orleans, was guest speaker at Little Rock First Church for the annual WSCS "Ingathering" program. Mrs. W. D. Brown, president of the Women's Society at First Church, presided in pants-suit attire. At left is Mrs. Eugene Wallace, chairman for the Ingathering.



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 29: Growing Through Struggle

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 5:10-11; 6:25-34; Ephesians 6:10-18

**MEMORY SELECTION** Blessed is the man who endures trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life which God has promised to those who love him. (James 1:12)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To rediscover the fact that Christianity has grown and has been most healthy in times of severe struggle; to consider ways by which the church may renew itself in the face of the opposition and criticism of our time.

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In the closing of our unit on "Helps to a Maturing Faith," we will be considering how persecution and opposition have never really threatened the existence of the Christian church, but have in fact made it stronger and healthier. It has turned out to be true that Jesus was addressing himself to the future state of his organized family when he said, "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake (Matt. 5:10).

Those through the centuries who have sought to destroy Christianity by giving its followers a hard time proved to be contributors to the vitality and growth of the church. Enemies sought to end the ministry of Jesus by placing him on the cross. What they accomplished as they let him loose in the world to reach out to places and people he could never have reached if his earthly ministry had prospered and he had lived to a ripe old age. The Roman Empire did everything in its power to put an end to the Christian movement by sending thousands of Christians to their death. However, as Dr. A. C. McGiffert says in *The Apostolic Age*, all this did was "quicken and arouse Christian courage and zeal and nerve the followers of Christ to continued faithfulness and endurance." As one visits in the dark catacombs south of Rome he is led to ask what the future of Christianity might have been if there had been available a protected wealthy estate for the use of these Roman disciples instead of burial caves in which they had to hide.

Historians tell us that one of the first real crises that came in Christianity followed the decree of the Emperor Constantine to make it the official religion of the Roman empire in the Fourth Century. Church leaders who knew how to survive and grow in the face of opposition from the emperors were not sure they knew how to carry on their mission as an officially approved religion. One of the early councils of the church was called just to consider that problem.

There are many who say that the church is threatened by criticism and opposition in our own time. When they say this they reveal that they have a poor sense of history. One wonders if we are not more seriously threatened by some of the "comfort cults" that have sprung up in the name of Christianity. All around are voices that stress peace and happiness at any price. Some of these persons deny the existence of evil and suffering, stress creature comforts and say we should avoid controversy—all in the name of Christ. These may be the chief enemies of the faith in our time. What do you think?

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### "BLESSED ARE THE PERSECUTED"

The Beatitudes seem to be a strange collection of paradoxes. As Dr. Charles M. Lamon says in

*International Lesson Annual*: "To call mourners, the humble-minded and the persecuted blessed is to go contrary to the world's understanding of what is desirable. However, Jesus declared that the Kingdom of God is for just such persons as these. God loves them; he will bless and reward them. They are his kind of people, the object of his special concern."

It is a strange kind of happiness that results from being persecuted, but this is just the point Jesus is making. In expecting his followers to remain true to him at all costs, Jesus was being consistent with the Bible as a whole. For it always assumes that the service of God is so important and rewarding that no price is too great to pay in order to be faithful to him.

One thing is sure, Jesus did not mislead his followers. He did not say, "If men persecute you." He said, "When men persecute you, blessed are you." He knew the certainty of the struggle with evil. Nor did he put a time limit on the persecution. He knew that it would continue as long as men sought to follow him and do his will.

"The fellowship of the Beatitudes is the fellowship of the crucified." These words were written by Dietrich Bonhoeffer, the Christian theologian who voluntarily returned to Nazi Germany from a safe place in the United States to die at the hands of the Nazis because of his loyalty to truth. His death, in a sense, proved the reality of the Beatitudes of Jesus. His famous book *Letter and Papers From Prison* abounds in the spirit of optimism and radiates a sense of blessedness.

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### PERSECUTED IN OUR TIME

There is an important phrase in the passage at which we are looking. It speaks of motivation as it says those who will be blessed are those who have known persecution "for righteousness' sake."

Jesus did not mean to say that every persecution is to be called blessed. The motive must be right. He did not say that pain and suffering were ends in themselves. Dr. George A. Buttrick says in *Interpreter's Bible*: "There are some that we unworthily invite by our intolerance. But when every qualification has been made and heeded, it is clear that Jesus expected his followers to be persecuted . . . But persecution should never be allowed to become a martyr complex or a morbid selfpity, for persecution for his sake is great gladness."

There is a deep satisfaction that comes from knowing we have done our duty even if we have to suffer for it, and the very suffering deepens our satisfaction. Besides that, there is always the joy of looking forward to the reward which awaits the faithful.

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### GROWTH THROUGH STRUGGLE

In the physical world, man is constantly struggling with nature. In the Genesis story you will recall that God told man to be fruitful and multiply, to fill the earth and subdue it and have dominion over it. Since that time man's triumphs have been many and rewarding. However, the struggle has often been long and hard, and the victories have not always been permanent. Today we have complex problems of air and water pollution which have resulted from our own scientific achievements. There seems to be something about the physical universe that is always trying to force man to struggle so that his domination will not be bought at too easy a price.

Similar forces may be seen in the moral and

spiritual realms. Many people have mistakenly thought that when they became Christians all their problems would be solved and all their troubles would be over. This is not true. It is in becoming Christian that we inherit many of the struggles that others do not know. This should not make us unhappy with the choice we have made, but should point our way to mature Christian happiness.

Leo Tolstoy, the Russian novelist said, "It is by those who have suffered that the world has been advanced." Do you agree with this?

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### THE CHRISTIAN'S BATTLEGROUND

In the passage from the 6th chapter of Ephesians we read, "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might" (verse 10). Paul knew as well as anyone that the Christian life is a continual struggle. He was writing this epistle from Rome where he had been imprisoned because of his faith. Dr. Howard B. Colson suggests in *Broadman Comments* that he may have been chained to a Roman soldier, so that as he described the pieces of the Christian's armor he was actually looking at a helmet, a breastplate, a shield, and a sword.

The enemy of whom Paul speaks is a spiritual one—the force of evil. The devil he pictures is not as strong as God but he is stronger than man, and he is a master at using clever strategy, cunning devices, and evil tricks. Paul is saying that the Christian is never out of reach of the forces of evil, and so it is imperative that he take up "the whole armour of God" that he may be able to stand "against the wiles of the devil."

Fortunately, man has an ally in this battle who is stronger than the forces of evil. As Ray Summers says in his book *Ephesians: Pattern for Christian Living*, "It is in union with the Lord himself that this strength is realized . . . The Christian goes forth to do battle with the forces of evil, but he does not go in his own power or in his own sufficiency. He goes in the power and sufficiency of the Lord God."

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### THE CHRISTIAN'S EQUIPMENT

In a most visual manner Paul describes in this chapter the sort of equipment which a Christian should use in his struggle. Like many of the figures of speech of the Bible the language may seem out-of-date to many. Nevertheless, we should have no serious difficulty in understanding what Paul was saying to the church at Ephesus and what he says to the church in our town in this day.

Let us see this equipment as a collective whole and not become lost in asking why Paul referred to each as applicable to the specific piece of protective armour. The weapons which we are told will aid us in our struggle against evil are the girdle of truth, the breastplate of righteousness, the sandals of peace, the shield of faith, the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "I have often wondered how this might be transliterated into the armaments of today. Would we speak of the radar of faith, the space helmet of righteousness, and the rockets of the Spirit?"

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### THE STRUGGLE FOR LIFE ITSELF

Men have been killed by enemies of the faith, and opposition against believers in Christ has been a fact in every age. Yet there is strength for facing death and opposition—a strength that comes from God. Chrysostom was a powerful preacher in the early church. When a Roman emperor threatened him with death, he is reported to have said: "Thou canst not, for my life is hid with Christ in God."

There are many illustrations that serve to bear out the central point of our lesson that struggle—growth-life is not only the ordered of nature, but that it is God's order too. A zoology teacher was trying to make this point with his class one day. He split the cocoon of an emperor moth, thus liberating it from its prison. Instead of leaping into life and flying off as a mature moth, it drooped and died. The teacher said just about the same thing Jesus and Paul have been trying to say to us in this lesson: "You see it needed to struggle to break the cocoon in order to develop its wings and send the vital fluids through its veins."



## Are we caught in a giving gap?

A new "gap" has developed in our land — as much of a challenge as the generation gap. The new one is the "giving gap."

"Don't support anything more than thirty miles from home!" has become a slogan for some churches — United Methodist Churches included — in regard to their giving for benevolence purposes.

Feeling that "that need is greatest which is closest to home," some people are advocating that their congregations withhold their support from the World Service Fund and put all of that money instead into local projects. But is this really a Christian attitude? Is it even sound reasoning? Of course, everyone wants to feel that his money has done some good, and we can see most clearly those needs that are close to home. But just because need is not sitting right on your doorstep, or in your hometown, does that make it any less real, any less urgent?

Is the cry of a hungry child in Nigeria any less pitiful than the cry of a hungry child in your town? Are the health and welfare needs of the sick and aging any less urgent in Appalachia than they are in your town? Is the need for continued higher education for ministers any less important because there doesn't happen to be a seminary in your town? Are the needs for urban development programs and reconciliation between the races any less real in one big city's ghetto area than another's?

By combining funds in a widespread effort the members of the United Methodist Church can work more efficiently to serve those in need. From the vantage point that it has, the church as a whole can see the need where it exists much more clearly than can any one congregation from its more limited viewpoint. By careful planning and avoiding duplication of effort the church as a whole, working through World Service, can get much

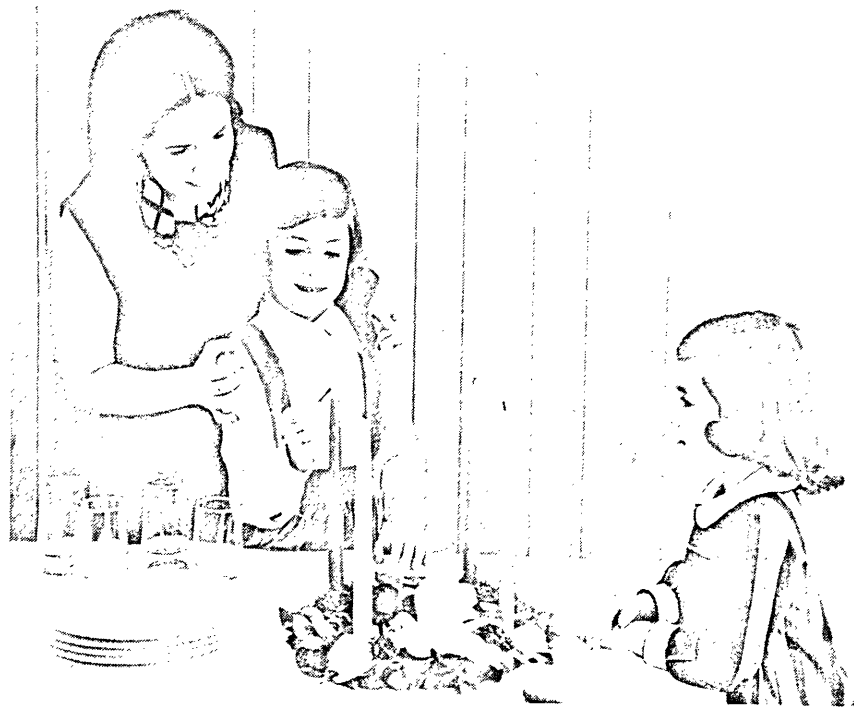
more mileage out of its money.

Of course local projects are also very important, and every congregation should surely want to support local benevolence projects on their own, in addition to—but not instead of—World Service.

But for whatever reason they may choose to give—perhaps it is a "giving gap," or perhaps it is simply that World Service is the easiest thing to cut when the budget gets a little tight — local congregations have not been fully meeting their goals for World Service giving. At the end of September of this year, receipts for World Service had reached only \$12,600,000 of the \$25,000,000 for the year, or just slightly more than half of the total in three-quarters of the year. So, if United Methodists expect to meet the goals they have set for themselves—not just of a certain amount of money, but of a certain amount of service they can do with that money—they must dig deep into their hearts and their pockets to give as much during this last quarter of the year as they did during the entire first three-quarters of the year.

Now is the time when a local congregation tries to pull together the loose ends of the budget for the year that is nearly over. Now is also the time that the local congregation is making its budget for the coming year. But who will speak up for World Service in these budget planning sessions? Usually those who most urgently need the help offered by World Service cannot be there to speak for themselves, so the call to give generously to World Service is a silent one. However, because one does not hear the cry for help, he cannot pretend that it does not exist. Each congregation must take it on itself to answer that cry by meeting its full share of the World Service Fund and by pledging to do so again in the year ahead.

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One of the traditional rituals of the Christmas season is the lighting of the Advent wreath. The candles are lighted each night during Advent — one for the first week, two for the second, and so forth. The candles, according to tradition, represent the ages "sitting in the darkness and the shadow of death," each candle adding more light until Christmas Day, when the Light of the World was born. Traditionally, the wreath is circular to symbolize the infinity of God and green to express the spirit of Christian hope in anticipation of Christmas. The tradition began in Germany and is still practiced in many homes and churches. The Advent season begins on Sunday, Nov. 29 this year. (RNS Photo)

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## quote and unquote

The following quotations are taken from addresses and reports presented before the recent annual meeting of the United Methodist Board of Missions in Los Angeles:

From the Quadrennial Emphasis report, "Toward a Human Future": "This call to discover ways to create an environment in which man can truly celebrate his potential and find the way to a more humane world is a call to mission and witness."

Dr. Elias Galvan, representing Hispanic-American United Methodists, called for a greater use of leadership without the local churches of this group when he said: "By bypassing the indigenous leadership within the church we have failed to awaken the social conscience of our Latin congregations and have emasculated those laymen and ministers who are deeply involved in the movement."

The Rev. Isaac Bivens, assistant general secretary of the World Division for work in Africa, referring to the approaches to be taken by missionaries to developments on that continent: "Problems can be avoided if we say we will not get involved politically, socially, and economically. Some will take that road, but it will lead to our leaving Africa."

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## Egyptian geologists to teach at SMU Spring term

The appointment of two noted Egyptian geologists, one of whom is a member of the Egyptian parliament, as visiting professors at Southern Methodist University next spring, was approved at the board's semi-annual meeting.

The member of the Egyptian parliament is Dr. Rushdi Said, who also serves as board chairman of the Egyptian General Organization for Mining and Geological Research in Cairo. He holds a master's degree from the University of Zurich and a Ph.D. from Harvard University.

He has accompanied Professor Wendorf and other members of SMU's anthropology faculty on five archaeological salvage expeditions into that area of the Nile River now under water in the Aswan Reservoir.

The other Egyptian geologist, Dr. Bahay Issawi, is an authority on the Sahara Desert who also has worked with Dr. Wendorf on his salvage archaeological projects in the Sahara. Dr. Issawi, who is associated with the Egyptian survey agency, will serve as a visiting professor in SMU's Anthropology Department next spring. Dr. Wendorf is chairman of that department.

Both men will be associated with SMU's rapidly developing Institute for the Study of Earth and Man, which was established late in 1965 to coordinate research in the anthropologic and geologic sciences in an effort to promote a better understanding of early man's origins and environments.

Dr. J. Edward Carothers who is leaving his post as associate general secretary for the National Division, commenting on an interviewer's question asking if he thought there would be more or less turmoil within the church in regard to changing priorities for mission: "When the church is really involved in mission, there is always turmoil. However, I think the church has turned a corner now. With the shifts in style and values which we have seen, I believe that history will judge the 1960's as the decade in which 'The New Church' for our world came into being."

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Dr. Dennis R. Fletcher, defending the place of church extension against demands that funds for new buildings be diverted to other purposes: "Church extension is not just bricks and mortar. It is worship, Christian education, stewardship development, day nurseries, halfway houses and many other ministries. Church extension is the life of the church. To cease to erect buildings in new neighborhoods and to make old buildings more useful is for the church to fail in its mission."

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Dr. John Coventry Smith, head of the world mission program of the United Presbyterian Church, speaking to the World Division on a new thrust in missions, said: "What is needed is not only the strengthening of Christian communities—though of course that is needed too—but the encouragement of the Christian community to participate in the strengthening of developing nations."

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## METHODIST COLLEGES PLAN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Representatives from 35 United Methodist colleges and universities gathered here October 14-17 for the annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Universities for International-Intercultural Studies (ACUIIS).

Plans for international education programs in Mexico, Switzerland, and Washington, D.C. were approved and projections were made for centers in the Far East and Africa, hopefully by the summer of 1972.

Three new member schools were also added to the Association: University of Evansville, Evansville, Ind.; Birmingham Southern College, Birmingham, Ala.; and Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn.

Presidents from 21 of the 35 member schools also attended the annual meeting which included a luncheon with congressmen and congressional representatives. Dr. Richard N. Bender, Nashville, Tenn., ACUIIS executive director, said the luncheon meeting was planned to acquaint the congressmen with international education, particularly as it relates to ACUIIS programs in their districts.

Dr. Bender reported that the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare had made a second grant of \$100,000 to ACUIIS. The money is used for programs of international education on the ACUIIS member campuses in the United States.

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## New Orleans

the Rev. and Mrs. H. Thomas Walker. He is a former General Board staff member and is now superintendent of the Northwest District in Minneapolis.

**Conference on New Styles in Co-operative Evangelism:** Among the leadership for this group will be Dr. T. A. Raedeke, director of evangelism for the Lutheran Church, Missouri Synod; the Rev. George Outen of the General Board staff, the Rev. George Hunter, III, the Rev. Ronn Kerr, and the Rev. Bruce Larson.

**Conference for Lay Pastors:** Leaders will be Bishop Alsie Carleton of New Mexico and Dr. Claus Rohlf, professor of church administration and director of field education at Perkins School of Theology.

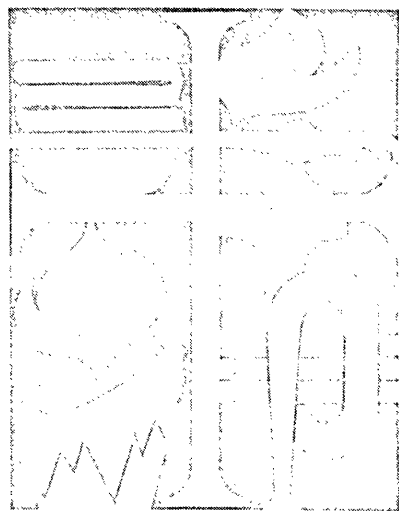
**Conference on Devotional Writing:** Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, editor of *The Upper Room*, and members of his staff will lead this workshop planned to help persons "develop skills that will result in acceptable manuscripts for *The Upper Room* and other publications."

**Conference on Town and Country:** Leaders will be the Rev. Bob Oehsenrider and the Rev. Melvin West, director of creative ministries for the Missouri Area.

**Conference on Witnessing to Emerging Youth Cultures:** This group will be led by the Rev. Rod Barr, administrator of Urban Young Adult Action, Inc., and the Rev. Bill Garrett, director of youth projects on the staff of the Board of Evangelism.

**Conference for Conference and District Evangelism Leaders:** The Rev. Charles Whittle of the Board staff will lead this group for members of the Council on Evangelism, bishops, district superintendents, and members of conference and district boards of evangelism.

In addition to major addresses and individual conferences, several informal events have been planned to widen the scope of the Congress. Several



The symbol above has been adopted as the emblem for the evangelism congress. It depicts the major thrusts of evangelism—proclamation, celebration, service and nurture—with the cross of Christ where it belongs, in the center of everything. The symbol expresses the diversity and creativity which Congress leaders hope will be the result of the New Orleans meeting.

French Quarter confrontations will use musicians, entertainers, ministers and laymen to demonstrate various approaches to sidewalk and bar evangelism.

Coffeeshouse evangelism demonstrations are planned for two evenings to show the positive potential of a frequently misunderstood evangelical format.

Thursday evening will be capped with a massive public rally at historic Jackson Square in the heart of the French Quarter, and a number of other experimental evangelism encounters are being scheduled by the individual conferences.

Registration forms for the Congress were included in the current issue of *Streets 'n Steeple*, publication of the Board of Evangelism.

## Crucial issues for Christian education considered

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—More than 140 United Methodist educational leaders — president of annual conference boards of education, annual conference directors of education and program directors—met here October 23-28 to share with each other and staff members of the Board of Education what they considered to be crucial issues for Christian education in the 1970s.

Held every two years under the sponsorship of the Board of Education, the consultation included representatives from 79 annual conferences.

Participants met for eyeball-to-eyeball discussion, debate and planning in small task groups and hammered away at such issues as leadership training, curriculum resources, campus ministry, polarization, and directions of the institutional church.

The Rev. William J. Washington, coordinator for the consultation, said the meeting fulfilled three general purposes:

—"It provided staff dialogue with

two other primary segments in the total educational network to look at what needs to be done to pull off education in the local church.

—"It gave people in the field an opportunity to get to know the staff and resources in Nashville.

—"It provided opportunities for persons from different areas to visit together."

### Korean Methodists Elect New Bishop

SEOUL, Korea (UMI) — The Rev. Chang Duk Yun has been elected bishop of the 82,000-member autonomous Methodist Church of Korea.

His election came on the first ballot at a special General Conference here in late October. He succeeds Bishop Fritz Pyun who retired earlier this year. Bishop Yun has been a district superintendent and general secretary of the Korean Methodist Board

## Children's Fund for Christian Missions reports growth

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Children's Fund for Christian Missions the only channel of giving in the United Methodist Church geared specifically for children, reached an all-time high of more than \$100,000 during the 1969-70 year.

According to a report given recently at the annual meeting of the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education (representing Boards of Missions and Education), the fund has steadily increased since it was reorganized and renamed in the former Methodist Church in 1964. The latest yearly total represents an increase of \$24,000 over the previous year.

The fund is "icing on the cake", according to Miss Rosemary Scheuer-

man, Interboard Committee staff member who explains that resources are directed to special needs. No project receives its basic on-going support from the Children's Fund.

Interpreted and promoted only through denominational curriculum materials, the fund encourages children to give to others because of something they have learned, experienced or read, not to raise a goal or quota, according to Miss Scheuerman. She attributes much of the success of the fund to the concept of giving following study and to the tradition of having the Interboard Committee staff acknowledge all gifts, regardless of size.

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### Judicial Council To Consider India Church Union Appeal

PEBBLE BEACH, Calif. (UMI) — An issue which could have far-ranging implications for Protestantism in Southern Asia has been put tentatively on the docket of the United Methodist Judicial Council, the denomination's "Supreme Court."

The nine-member panel voted unanimously here October 31 provisionally to consider an appeal of the constitutionality under church law of actions of the Southern Asia Central Conference concerning United Methodist participation in the proposed united Church of North India scheduled for inauguration November 29-30.

The appeal questioning actions of the "extra" session of the Central Conference this past August was signed by 36 members of the conference. The session in question voted down United Methodist participation in the proposed church after the regular meeting in 1969 apparently had approved it and sent it to the annual conferences, which also gave an affirmative vote. In finding provisional jurisdiction, the Judicial Council said that its action would be subject to further consideration when a more complete record of the facts has been provided. No decision is possible before the spring of 1971, at the earliest.

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### Southeastern Jurisdiction Names New Executive

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMI)—A former missionary bishop, the Rev. Robert F. Lundy, was elected here October 20 as the top executive for United Methodism in the Southeast.

Dr. Lundy, now an executive with the Board of Missions in New York City after a four-year term as bishop of Malaysia-Singapore, will become executive secretary of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council on January 1, with offices here. In a change of structure, he will succeed two retiring executives, the Rev. James W. Sells and the Rev. D. Trigg James.

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of Evangelism, and was pastor of the large Zion Church here at the time of his election.

## News in Brief

The Pennsylvania Supreme Court has upheld a lower court decree supporting the historic provision under which local United Methodist Church property is held in trust for the denomination. The case arose in Sawyer City, Pa., subsequent to union of the former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren churches.

Three United Methodist-related universities have received grants from the National Science Foundation for college teacher summer programs designed to improve science, mathematics and engineering instruction. Duke University will receive \$35,670; Syracuse University, \$15,000; and the University of Denver, \$44,640.

The Rev. James Lawson, national chairman of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, has begun an academic year of graduate study on a fellowship from Vanderbilt University in Nashville, Tenn. Serving as interim pastor of Centenary Church in Memphis, Tenn., is the Rev. A. W. Martin, Jr., a missionary from South America. The church granted Mr. Lawson leave for the study.

Two United Methodists are among recipients of awards from Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge, Pa. Cited for sermons were the Rev. Elmer N. Hassel of Falls Church, Va., and Capt. Robert W. Radcliffe, a U.S. Navy chaplain.

The Rev. Edward E. Barber, formerly a missionary with his wife in Chile and Bolivia for 17 years and staff officer of Church World Service in Madrid, Spain, the past three years, has been appointed to the Espanola-Santa Cruz mission center in New Mexico. Mrs. Barber is the author of a recent volume on the work of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Beck, medical missionaries in Bolivia.

Paul Webb, Jr., Atlanta, Ga., has been named to the Council on World Service and Finance from the Southeastern Jurisdiction succeeding Richard E. Thigpen, Charlotte, N. C., who has resigned.

## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

*Nature has been called "God's other hymnbook for all men, where He sings in the recurring rhythms of sun and rain and fruit and food," and the same author, unknown, judged that every race has seen this more clearly than we do now.*

### 'TIS AUTUMN

The roses of the summertime  
Have withered now, and gone.  
The hillsides where the daises bloomed  
Where honeysuckle once perfumed  
The moonlight night have turned to brown,  
And things are changing all around.  
'tis Autumn.

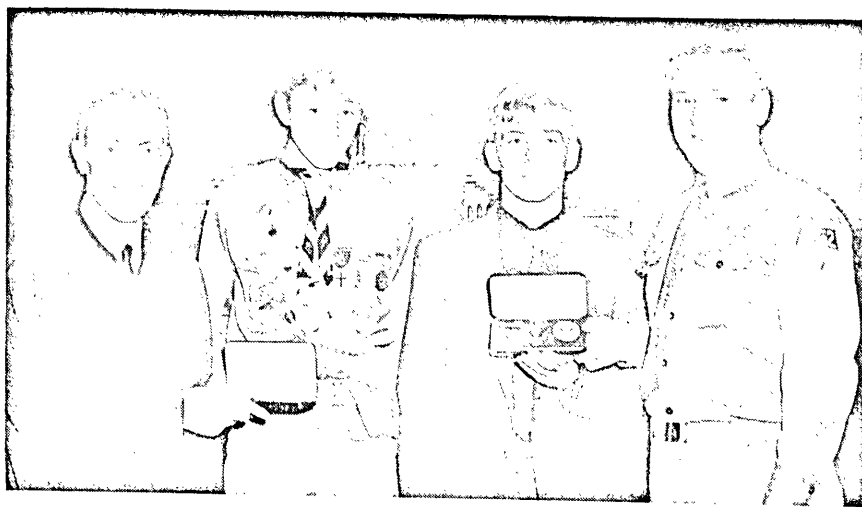
The trees whose branches yesterday  
Were all adorned in green,  
Have changed their old attire to new  
And stand arrayed in brighter hues  
Yellow, crimson, brown, and gold,  
And other combinations bold.  
'tis Autumn.

The other night while looking out  
My window I could see,  
A full and yellow harvest moon,  
Its light cast shadows in my room  
And 'midst the whisperings of the night  
I heard a flock of geese in flight.  
'tis Autumn.

It's also time for football games  
And rodeos and hikes,  
That take us down the wooded trails  
Through meadows still where there prevails  
A touch of beauty that exists  
For all who search for such as this.  
'tis Autumn.

When I awake some morning soon  
I'm sure that I will find  
The fallen leaves from every tree,  
Their branches bare for us to see,  
Continuous cycle, oh so old,  
Fore-runner of the winter's cold..  
'tis Autumn.

-by Mattie L. Kelley



Participants in special ceremony at the Bentonville Church during the Nov. 1 morning worship service. FROM LEFT: The Rev. W. Maurice Lanier, pastor; Tom Fryer and Norman McIlravy, recipients of the coveted Eagle Scout Award, and Scoutmaster Guy Wilkerson. Fryer, a junior, is a member of Key Club, Student Council, tennis team and president of the Art Club at Bentonville High School, and is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Fryer. McIlravy, now an engineering student at the University of Arkansas, completed requirements for the award before entering college. An honor graduate from Bentonville High School, he is the son of Mrs. Ruth Ann Mulkey. Both young men have been active in the UMYF of their church. Wilkerson, also active in the Bentonville church has served as a Scoutmaster for 15 years.

### NEW RELIGIOUS FOLK MUSICAL PREMIERING REGIONALLY

"Natural High," new folk music about God's son by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser, has opened in West Palm Beach, Fla.; Atlanta, Ga.; San Antonio, Tex.; and Oklahoma City, Okla.

The four regional premieres are part of a nation-wide series of 35 productions that follow the world premiere last month on the Baylor University campus in Waco, Tex.

The co-producers, Carmichael or Kaiser, have directed each of the mammoth productions with assistance from local church directors of music.

Of the 31 remaining regional premieres, most will be scheduled before Christmas. The majority of the groups involved in the "High" shows had previously produced "Tell It", either in their home churches or on tours.

"These young people really dig the music and lyrics," Carmichael said, "plus the action involved in the characterizations."

Among cities to see "Natural High" in the near future will be Los Angeles, New York, Houston, Dallas, Fort Worth, Seattle, Memphis, Houston, Nashville, Tulsa, Dayton, Springfield, St. Louis, Kansas City and Birmingham.

What is mind? No matter. What is matter? Never mind. — Thomas Hewitt Key

### PRIORITY ISSUES SOUGHT

NEW YORK (UMI) — Anyone for "Survival in the Seventies?"

That is a question which will be asked of United Methodists and United Presbyterians this winter as the two denominations embark on a campaign to determine priority issues for individuals in the decade ahead. The end result is to be six television spots and six radio spot messages that deal with man's capacity to cope with his total environment, including his own growth and development as a human being.

The campaign calls for feedback from interested local church groups on issues and principles they feel are of paramount importance for the individual person, and provides for special guides and resources for study and action. "Survival in the 70's" is a major endeavor of the United Methodist Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFICO), in cooperation with the Division of Mass Media of the United Presbyterian Church.

I believe in immortality because Jesus taught it and believed it. This is all the proof I need. That is the basis of my knowledge and the beginning and end of all argument. — Charles M. Sheldon

Every believer is God's miracle. — Philip James Bailey

### "CO-DIRECTORS" NAMED FOR "NEGRO COLLEGES ADVANCE"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Co-directors for a nation-wide "Negro Colleges Advance" have been named by the Rev. Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education.

The Rev. Dennis R. Fletcher, New York, and the Rev. E. Clayton Calhoun, Nashville, Tenn., have been named to the positions effective November 1. Dr. Fletcher will be on loan from the Board of Missions staff for a two-year period and will continue to have offices in New York. Dr. Calhoun will have office space and equipment furnished by the Board of Evangelism in Nashville. Dr. Calhoun recently resigned as president of Paine

College, Augusta, Ga.

"The Division of Higher Education is delighted to get the competent leadership of Dr. Fletcher and Dr. Calhoun," Dr. Wicke said. "Both have distinguished careers in education and the church, and they can be imaginative and able interpreters of the advance."

According to Dr. Wicke, the Negro Colleges Advance is seen as an emergency, interim program until 1972 when the United Methodist General Conference is expected to adopt a new method of funding the 12 black schools historically related to the denomination.

A revised, updated MINISTER'S INCOME TAX GUIDE will be available from the Program Council, 920 Rec-tor Building, Little Rock 72201, about the middle of December. This guide includes revised forms (with filled-in examples) and information on all tax law changes needed to complete the 1970 return. Send in your request and FIFTY CENTS early. Supply limited.

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## "Mountain of Bottles"

### dramatizes concerns

DETROIT, Mich. (UMI) — A United Methodist congregation here used a "mountain of bottles" to dramatize the nation's pollution problems as nearly a ton of glass arrived—with church members—for Sunday services, according to a Religious News Service dispatch.

The piles of bottles stretched out beyond the two pulpits of Central Church, out the two side doors and down a corridor. The choir, in black and white robes, marched in and stepped over whiskey bottles, mason jars, pop bottles and baby food jars, bearing witness to the nation's ecological hangups. The collection, one of the most unusual ever taken up at this or any other church—"particularly a teetotaling United Methodist church," according to one writer — was the inspiration of a church-school class on ecology and a young women's adult study group.

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### News in Brief

A 47-member committee has voted to write a new plan intended to merge black and white annual conferences in Georgia. Only the white North Georgia Conference and the black Georgia Conference will be affected in the new plan, since the white South Georgia Conference has voted twice not to merge with the black body. Paul Webb, Jr., an Atlanta attorney, is chairman of the group.

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The United Methodist School of Theology at Claremont (Calif.) has received \$1,000,000 from the Seeley G. Mudd Fund of Los Angeles toward construction of an auditorium and communications center to be named for the late Dr. Mudd, former dean of the University of Southern California School of Medicine and vice-chairman of the university's Board of Trustees for 42 years.

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James P. Pilkington, an employee of the Methodist Publishing House for 23 years, resigned as personnel director, effective November 1.

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Three United Methodist-related universities have received grants from the National Science Foundation for summer research teacher-training programs in science, mathematics and engineering. Included are Boston University which will receive \$13,380, Syracuse University, \$15,950, and Duke University, \$12,090.

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Burton W. Marvin, formerly a member of the Commission on Public Relations and United Methodist Information and staff executive with the National Council of Churches, has been named associate dean of the Syracuse University School of Journalism.

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The Rev. Gene E. Sease was installed October 7 as the fifth president of United Methodist-related Indiana Central College in Indianapolis succeeding the Rev. I. Lynd Esch who is now president emeritus. The ceremony coincided with the school's 68th anniversary.

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Whitaker's Chapel, a simple, white clapboard structure near Enfield, N. C., which dates as a house of worship from 1740, was formally recognized as a national United Methodist Historic Shrine October 11 after being designated as such by the 1970 General Conference. The chapel was the site of organization for the first annual conference of the former Methodist Protestant Church.

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The Rev. Albert C. Outler, widely-known United Methodist theologian and ecumenical leader, has presented United General Methodist Conference resolutions bearing on relations with the Roman Catholic Church to the Vatican.

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The Rev. G. Glenn Mingledorff, pastor of Belmont United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn., has been named president of the denominationally-related Emory and Henry College, Emory, Va., effective December 1. He succeeds Dr. William P. Finch, who is resigning because of ill health.

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The Rev. Jack J. Early has announced his resignation as president of United Methodist-related Pfeiffer College in Misenheimer, N. C., to accept a newly-created position as executive director for educational affairs of the American Bankers Association.

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The Rev. Roscoe E. Plowman, formerly pastor at the Red Bird, Ky., mission, has been named principal chaplain at the Kentucky State Reformatory. He is a member of the Louisville Annual Conference.

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The Baltimore Annual Conference Historical Society sponsored a ten-day tour for 195 United Methodists to sites related to the Methodist movement in England. The group left October 12.

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