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• President Shilling reports on enrollment and scholarship statistics

Hendrix College Trustees consider growth and development needs

Financing needed for a five-year program of institutional growth and development and current findings concerning student enrollments and related matters were discussed with the Hendrix College Board of Trustees at their November 12 meeting.

Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president told the Board that about \$2.2 million would be needed for the academic program beyond the regular budget, and that an additional \$2.2 million would need to be added to endowment.

He said that new space needs would be in excess of \$1 million and \$2 million in gifts and grants would be needed to support the regular budget.

The Board authorized its Development Committee to begin to identify and approach new gifts sources to finance the program.

In matters related to enrollment and scholarships, Dr. Shilling reported to the Board as follows:

Fall enrollment in 1969-70 was 913 full-time students. In the fall of this year there were 979, an increase of 8%.

Thirty-three percent of the students at Hendrix come from an area within 30 miles of the college and 87% come from within the state of Arkansas. Distribution by religious denomination was: United Methodist—54%; Bap-

tist—12%; Presbyterian—9%; Episcopalian—5% and Roman Catholic 5%, with other groups having smaller percentages. There are 34 male pre-theological students.

During 1969-70, 78% of all students lived on campus.

Sixty-three percent of the entering class of 1969-70 were in the upper one-fourth of their high school class. The college enrolled a total of 15 Merit scholars.

Thirty-six percent of all students received some form of financial aid. The five largest categories of students receiving financial aid from the college's own endowment earnings and gifts and grants income are as follows:

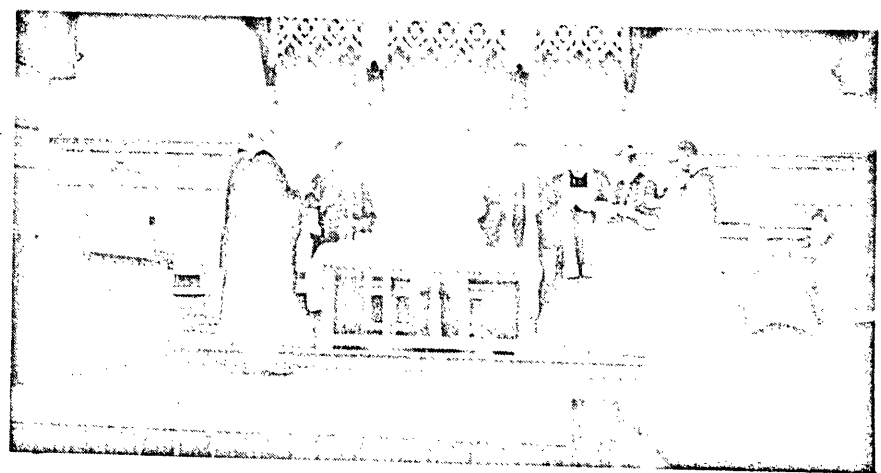
General Endowed Scholarships	\$28,030
(44) Ministers' Children	22,000
(11) Athletic Scholarships	18,798
(16) Faculty Children	16,000
(16) Ministerial	8,000

Hendrix also administered funds from three federally funded student aid programs: the National Defense Loan Program, College Work-Study Program, and Educational Opportunity Grants.

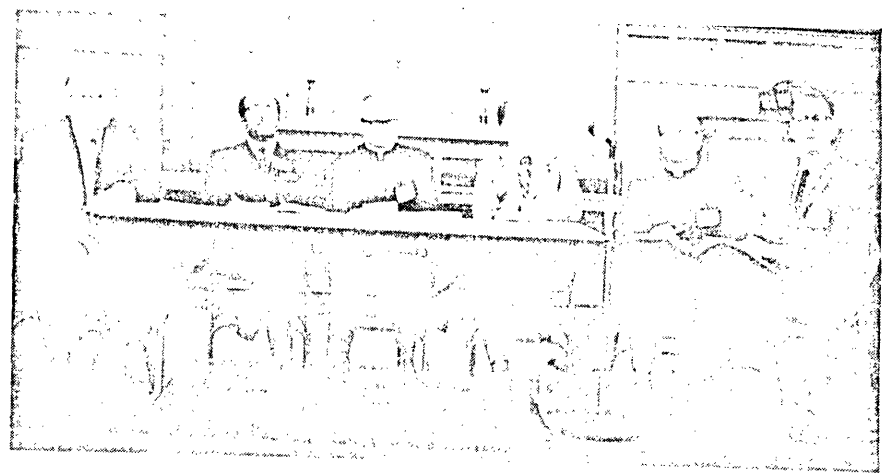
One hundred and seventy three students were graduated at the 86th commencement in June, 1970.



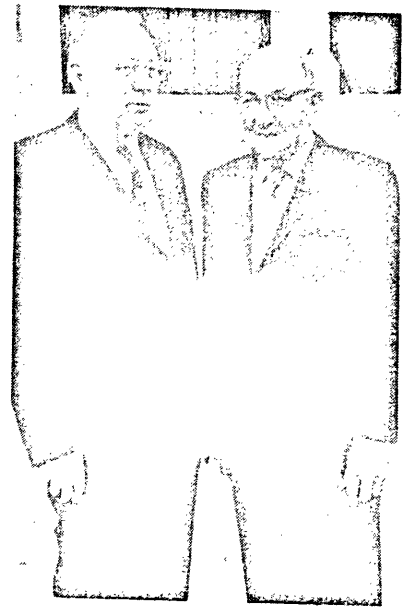
The rebuilt sanctuary of Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, destroyed by fire last Dec. 14, was reopened with a Service of Consecration last Sunday, Nov. 22. Bishop Paul V. Galloway, second from right, led that service, assisted by (from left) Dr. Myers B. Curtis, district superintendent, the Rev. Victor Nixon, associate pastor, and Dr. Joel A. Cooper, pastor.



Bishop Christoph Keller of the Arkansas Diocese of the Protestant Episcopal Church officiated at the Celebration of the Lord's Supper, following an order of service developed by the Consultation on Church Union. Representatives of all the churches in the Arkansas Council took part in the service.



Dr. Rickman, left, served as moderator of a panel which reacted to his presentation. Members of this group shown with him from left are: Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College; Father Raphael DeSalvo of the New Subiaco Abbey; the Rev. William S. McLean, Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock; Canon Gordon Swope of the Episcopal Church; and the Rev. Mark K. Reid, First Christian Church, Fayetteville.



Dr. Lester B. Rickman, left, general secretary of the Christian Church (Disciples) in Missouri, is shown with S. H. "Herb" Allman, Hot Springs United Methodist layman who is president of the Arkansas Council of Churches, at the Assembly of the Council which met at College of the Ozarks, Clarksville, Nov. 17. Dr. Rickman spoke on the Plan of Union proposed by the Consultation on Church Union.

Plan of Union study time extended

PRINCETON, N.J. (UMI) — The nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union (COCU), responding to appeals for more time to study a possible plan of union offered last March, has extended until June 1, 1972, the period for study, criticism and suggested changes.

The extension followed conferences around the nation in which regional

leaders of the nine churches repeatedly expressed the feeling that the study period was too short. Responses to the plan originally were due at the end of 1971. The Rev. Paul A. Crow, Jr., general secretary of COCU, said the executive committee action to lengthen the time was in the interest of the fullest possible study with genuine desire for local-level participation in drafting a final plan.

- \$25,000 goal set for Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences

Texarkana Church budgets \$1,200 for Advance Special—La Paz Methodist Hospital

The First United Methodist Church of Texarkana has made a significant step toward aiding the Little Rock Conference to reach its goal for the Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital of Bolivia. In its 1971 Church Budget First Church has included an amount of \$1,200 for the pediatric wing of this Methodist hospital at La Paz.

Dr. Ralph Hillis, pastor of First Church Texarkana, said, "This is another evidence of the great missionary spirit which has long been a charac-

teristic of this great church."

This year the Little Rock Conference is engaged, along with the North Arkansas Conference, in raising funds for the building of the Pediatric Wing of Pfeiffer Memorial. Churches are being asked by the Conference Board of Missions to put amounts for this Advance Special cause in their church budgets. The goal for the two conferences is \$25,000.

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HENDRIX ALUMNI OF PULASKI COUNTY TO HOLD BANQUET

The Hendrix College Alumni in Pulaski County will hold their annual banquet at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Friday, December 4, at 7:00 p.m., according to William R. Wilson, Jr., attendance coordinator for the meeting.

The program will be provided by Robert Meriwether of the Hendrix faculty.

The cost of the meal will be \$2.75 and those planning to attend are asked to contact Mr. Wilson for reservations at 2200 Worthen Bank Building, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Non-alumni spouses are especially welcome at the meeting.

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SERVICE OF CONSECRATION AT FAIRVIEW, TEXARKANA

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will preach at Fairview United Methodist Church, Texarkana, Sunday morning, November 29, and will conduct the Service of Consecration for the new fellowship hall and kitchen at that church.

The service begins at 10:55 a.m., and a fellowship luncheon will be held in the new facilities following the service.

The Rev. Winston H. Hudnall is the pastor.

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Marriages may be made in heaven, but man is responsible for the maintenance work. — Changing Times

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Dr. Shilling speaks for first meeting of Arkansas Valley men

The first meeting of the Arkansas Valley Methodist Men was held on Monday evening, November 16, at First United Methodist Church in Russellville. Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix College was the speaker for the occasion. Dr. Bill Baker, vice-president of Arkansas Tech in charge of Student Affairs, was Master of Ceremonies.

This is a new organization of laymen from the churches in the Pope and Yell County area and there were 105 men present for the first meeting.



Bishop W. Angie Smith will be the preacher for a Revival Crusade at First United Methodist Church, Wynne, November 29-Dec. 4. Harry Fondren, Jr., choir director of the church, will be in charge of the music. Bishop Smith will preach at 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday and will preach at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. each day thereafter through Friday. The pastor is the Rev. W. D. Golden.

The men of Wesley Church joined with the men in First Church as hosts for the gathering and they served a delicious barbecued chicken plate. Enthusiastic gospel singing was a part of the evening's program and laymen from the various churches were recognized.

Arkansas Valley Methodist Men will meet each Quarter, with the next meeting scheduled for February 22, in First Church, Dardanelle. This is part of a new emphasis being given to the work of laymen in the Conway District this year. Dr. J. Ralph Clayton is superintendent of the Conway District.

A similar meeting of the laymen in North Little Rock area is scheduled for January 14, in the Levy Church, and plans are underway for a meeting in the Conway area. This program is being directed by Charles R. Teeter, District lay leader, and other interested laymen in each sub-district.

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CORRECTED QUOTE

(We are reprinting here a quotation that last week was the victim of a printing error.)

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



Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Louisiana "A" Conference Program director, and chairman of Coordination, Research and Planning Committee's Task Force II, explains plans for the Jurisdiction's wholistic approach to leadership training at Mt. Sequoyah for the summer of 1971. Others pictured include Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger (l.), North Arkansas Conference Program director; Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction Program director; Dr. Sidney Roberts, chairman of the Jurisdiction's Coordination, Research and Planning Committee; and Dr. Robert B. Kendall (r.), Kansas East Conference Program director.

Merger plans announced at Jurisdiction Council meeting

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMI) — All former Central (Negro) Jurisdiction annual conferences of the United Methodist Church are expected to be merged with white annual conferences in the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction by 1972 according to a report given here November 10 during the annual meeting of the 46-member Jurisdictional Council.

The Council was told that Negro and white annual conferences in Louisiana expect to merge this spring and that plans for merger of the Southwest (Negro) Conference with white conferences in Arkansas and Oklahoma are expected to become effective January 1, 1972.

President of the Council is the Rev. Alva H. Clark, Omaha, Nebr., Executive secretary-program director for the Jurisdiction is the Rev. Virgil D. Morris, Oklahoma City.

Dr. Morris told the Council that no other jurisdiction in the church has a constituency more representative of the ethnic groups in United Methodism. Because of this, he said white United Methodists in the Jurisdiction have a unique opportunity to be in ministry to and with three of the major minority groups in the church and country. He said the Jurisdictional Council had for many years played a positive role in bringing together ethnic leadership.

Located within the Jurisdiction are a large number of Negro churches, the

Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference, and the Spanish-speaking Rio Grande Conference.

Speaking to the concerns of Spanish-speaking United Methodists were the Rev. Noe Gonzales, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Tex., and the Rev. Roy Barton, San Antonio, Tex., program director of the Rio Grande Conference.

Advance Special gifts to Lydia Patterson Institute reached an all time high last year making it possible for the school to adopt a budget of \$283,000 for the 1970-71 year, according to Mr. Gonzales.

Mr. Barton said the leadership program of the Rio Grande Conference had traditionally stressed the care of the spirit. "Now we are finding that the spirits of people abide in warm human bodies that are often oppressed and mistreated and that the scope of our work must include all the person."

The Rev. Tom Roughface, Oklahoma City, Okla., reported that the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference with 106 churches in Oklahoma, Kansas, and Texas is now fully directed by Indian leadership.

Bishop Alsie H. Carleton, Albuquerque, N. Mex., reported on work at the Navajo Mission School and Mobile Ministry, Farmington, N. Mex.

Another related focus of the Council meeting was on four of 12 United

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Dr. John T. King of Huston-Tillotson College at Austin, Dr. Broadus Butler of Dillard University at New Orleans, and Dr. Walter R. Hazzard of Philander Smith College at Little Rock — presidents of three of the four black Methodist affiliated colleges in the South Central Jurisdiction — participated in a panel concerning their needs and opportunities before the Jurisdictional Council at its meeting at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., Nov. 10th, as a part of the Council's deliberation on Church-wide plans to raise \$4,000,000 per year in 1971 and 1972 for Methodism's 12 black colleges.



Editorial

ARE WE WINNING THE BATTLE WITH THE DRUNKEN DRIVER?

We have been most encouraged by some recent publicity on what is being done in the battle against the most deadly killer in America—the driver who is under the influence of liquor. It seems to us that there has been a real facing up to this problem within recent months. It could be dramatic enough to make a real difference on our highways during the approaching holiday season. This writer recalls that within the year he started to base an editorial on a booklet on highway safety that had come to his desk. That editorial was never written because we closed the booklet in disgust when we realized that it took cognizance of every killer on the highway except the drinking driver. Since that date our files have been filled with recent decisions to expedite efforts to deal with him.

One of the first signs of encouragement is the open recognition by all persons concerned that alcohol is a major cause of death on the highways. The National Safety Council, which is engaged in an active program of alcohol education with the American Medical Association, tells us, "Last year this nation recorded 55,200 deaths on the highways. At least half of these fatalities involved alcohol. Alcohol is also an important factor in home, work and play accidents."

Another encouraging sign is the aggressive manner in which State Police are moving forward in acquiring the most modern and most workable equipment for quickly determining the status of a driver on the highways. Some of these devices are quite inexpensive and they are removing from the realm of judgement of the officer on the highway the question of whether he is dealing with a drinking driver or not. Some cases have involved waiting for days for an answer to the question, "Is this man drunk, or is he not?" Now the answer can be obtained in a much shorter period of time, and this is good.

In a recent series of articles The Christian Science Monitor dealt in depth with this problem. They concluded at the end of the series that:

"From these articles there emerge three main conclusions. One is the astronomical cost in grief, suffering, death, injury and financial loss caused by drunken drivers.

"The second is the incomprehensible apathy shown by the general public toward this scourge.

"The third is the fact that there is ample proof that this toll in lives could be drastically reduced by the application of already known and tested methods of control and prevention."

Figures compiled by the National Safety Council show that yearly drinking drivers kill more than 25,000 people, cause 800,000 accidents, and account for economic losses conservatively estimated at between seven and eight billion dollars.

Allstate Insurance Company research suggests that one out of every 50 cars on the highway is driven by a drunken driver. A more conservative estimate, by a prominent police-science expert, gives the ratio as one out of every 90 cars.

In any case, in 1970 according to the National Safety Council, one out of every two highway deaths is attributable to liquor. Other authorities fear that alcohol may be the key factor in 70 per cent of all traffic fatalities.

Faced with such startling figures, safety experts are convinced that alcohol-related highway accidents and fatalities will not be curbed until anti-drunk-driver legislation at the state level is drastically tightened and upgraded—and standardized throughout the nation.

Recently Sen. Harold E. Hughes (D.-Iowa), chairman of the Senate subcommittee on alcoholism and narcotics, and himself a recovered alcoholic, said, "The central truth is that we must make up our minds to launch an all-out, adequately funded attack on the problem of alcoholism in America, if we are to make significant reductions in the deaths and maimings on our highways."

Statements like this go along with some of the other evidence we have presented to suggest that maybe we are at last ready to take a realistic, hardheaded look at this problem. Testimony last

year before Sen. Hughes' subcommittee made it quite clear that there has been no comprehensive federal program in this area, even though the United States is now recognized as leading the world in the number of alcoholics.

According to the Christian Science Monitor survey, most safety experts agree that what is primarily needed is a sharp "about face" in the permissive attitudes about liquor now sweeping the land. To this end they made the following recommendations:

"The mass media must stop glamorizing drunkenness by identifying it with good humor and sophistication.

"The home, the church, and the school must do a better job of educating young people concerning the dangers and risks of drinking.

"Employers, work associates and relatives must stop over-protecting alcoholics who desperately need attention.

"Courts must be given greater flexibility in dealing with drinking drivers.

"Modern rehabilitation facilities and techniques must be provided in most communities."

In the last nine and a half years, the Vietnam war has brought death to about 44,000 Americans. During the same period, in the United States 240,000 persons were killed by drunken drivers. There has been moral indignation concerning the Vietnamese casualties. The response to the highway carnage has been apathy and unconcern. There is an urgent need for a greater involvement on the part of us all to continue the hopeful progress that we believe is being made there.

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the Editor's Corner



AN ENRICHING WEEK-END IN LOUISIANA

During the 1970 Louisiana Pastors' School one of my roommates was Tom Crosby, pastor of Jefferson United Methodist Church in Baton Rouge. He invited me to preach for him on a Sunday just before a Baton Rouge District Preachers' Meeting.

This worked out for the week-end of November 14-16. There were a number of "serendipities" about this visit once it started, so that we had an enriching week-end.

First, we visited in the home of Tom and Wilma Crosby, getting to know them better along with their three children, Gene, Cheryl, and Cynthia.

The weather was threatening on Saturday evening, so we went out to the Tiger Stadium and found some football tickets for the LSU-Mississippi State game. It was a little cool and there was an occasional shower, but we stayed through the game and enjoyed it.

On Sunday morning we preached at both of the Sunday morning services of Jefferson Church which is moving right along with a fine group of enthusiastic members. Then, on Sunday evening, we had the privilege of leading a session of the study "How the Word Gets Around."

On Monday morning, we attended the Baton Rouge District Preachers' Meeting and made a brief presentation concerning the Circulation Campaign for The Louisiana Methodist. The meeting was at the Wesley Foundation with Dr. Luman E. Douglas in the chair. The Rev. Ray Branton of New Orleans led the group in a discussion of the COCU Plan of Union, and did a most effective job. He has a real understanding of the Plan and communicates it well.

At noon we enjoyed a delicious steak luncheon with the men of University United Methodist Church.

Next we hastened off to an afternoon of golf with Glenn Messer of St. Paul Church, Baton Rouge, Tom, and one of his laymen. It was a beautiful afternoon, and those of you who know this editor likes to play golf will understand that this was another blessing of the Baton Rouge visit.

We were home soon after 10 p.m. with three rich days tucked away in memory.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Leaders of the Presbyterian Church in South Africa meeting in Capetown have concluded that building a church edifice for the exclusive purpose of worship is "a costly way of doing things and is far removed from the message of the New Testament." Members of the denomination's General Assembly announced that Presbyterians have built their "last traditional-style church" in South Africa. Explaining the decision to newsmen, the Rev. W. M. J. Lund said the younger generation was questioning the value of a "marvelous building" that is used "only two hours a week."

The trend toward "business as usual" on Sunday is said to be on the increase in the Detroit area as major retail stores in suburban malls open their doors to Sunday shoppers. Sears, Roebuck & Co. opened recently for the first time on Sunday, the last major retail chain in the area to do so. Sixty-four percent of the respondents, to the Detroit Free Press question of the day, "Should department stores remain open on Sunday?" voted against Sunday shopping. Troy City Commissioner John Kokalis is among officials who have expressed concern. He said, "We don't have an opportunity to rest, to evaluate ourselves, to think about what is happening. Are we so selfish that we must spend seven days a week, 24 hours a day getting a buck?"

Dr. Samson R. Weiss, executive vice president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, charged that because American society has failed to transmit its values, "youth questions all of them and rejects most of them." "Our schools, colleges and universities have been severely damaged and their effectiveness greatly impaired, in the wake of this rejection," he told the 47th anniversary convention of the Women's Branch of the Union. "Thus, not only moral progress but also scientific and cultural progress have been gravely impeded," he said. Dr. Weiss called on Jewish women to establish homes which will be places of "security and love to which young people return to restore their sense of purpose from which they draw their inner joy, so that they do not need to seek the false and dangerous stimulations a so-called youth culture offers them."

Texas Southern Baptists, meeting in Houston for the 85th annual General Convention of Texas, unanimously passed a resolution urging courts to be more lenient in dealing with marijuana users on their first offense. Probate Judge Oswin Chrisman of Dallas, chairman of the resolutions committee, explained that the new resolution implies that the convention favors giving courts greater freedom in deciding punishment for violators. "Admittedly, this is an ambiguous step," Judge Chrisman noted.

The President of the U. N. General Assembly, Ambassador Edvard Hambro of Norway, said in a keynote address at the University of Seton Hall in South Orange, N. J. that "it is quite impossible to write the history of international law and international relations without at the same time writing about the influence of the church." Dr. Hambro, a Lutheran—and one of the authors of the United Nations Charter, continued "Some of the greatest writers of Christian tradition, the Fathers of the Church, have very directly and powerfully influenced the writers on international law and international relations."

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A study committee of the American Baptist Convention has proposed that the denomination change its name to "American Baptist Church," and that it become less congregational and more connectional in its policy. The traditional congregational polity of Baptists emphasizes the independence of local churches, whereas a connectional polity would give more authority to regional and national bodies. The proposal follows a two-year study by the Study Committee on Denominational Structure (SCODS). The denomination's General Council will meet in February and consider the proposal.

King Taufa-ahau Tupou IV of Tonga, according to the New Zealand Methodist, a magazine, fears that Mormons may become predominant in the tiny Pacific kingdom by the year 2000 unless the Methodist Church acts quickly. Tonga, a South Pacific archipelago of more than 150 islands, is a British Protected State. About half its 82,000 people belong to the Free Wesleyan Church, launched by British Methodist missionaries. Mormons (Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints) are said to be pushing a zealous missionary effort—going into education, and paying higher teacher salaries and providing better buildings and equipment than the Methodists can afford.

Use of the term "bishop" in designating the 18 district presidents of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) was "encouraged" at the denomination's recent convention in San Antonio, according to a Religious News Service report. Also "encouraged" was the use of the title "supervising bishop" in designating the ALC president, and the title "bishop" or "assistant supervising bishop" for the ALC vice-president. This is the first Lutheran body in the U.S. to vote for the title of bishop for its leaders.

The Milwaukee Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church has announced that it will nominate a woman to be the denomination's next moderator. Mrs. Ralph M. Stair of Waukesha will be proposed when the legislating General Assembly of the Church meets in Rochester, N.Y., in May. Mrs. Stair is a well-known ecumenist, elected second vice-chairman of the Consultation on Church Union, in March.

"The Worshipbook," produced for three Presbyterian denominations, was officially released in Philadelphia Nov. 9 by Westminster Press, publishing agency for the United Presbyterian Church. The volume is marked by a complete use of contemporary language. It will be used by the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) and the Cumberland Presbyterian Church as well as the United Presbyterian denomination. Stress in the service forms is on the participation of all the people in worship.

The United Church of Christ Board for Homeland Ministries has announced plans for a new kind of law school, "devoted especially to the problems of the poor." Dr. Howard E. Spragg of N.Y., executive vice president of the board, reported at the annual meeting in Baltimore, that the school will train blacks and other minority group members as lawyers "who will be committed to the defense of the rights of their people." Dr. Spragg promised that the new law school will attempt to "turn out good lawyers—great lawyers—but they will serve people more than they will serve property. Missionary agencies need research and development programs similar to those of industry and specialists for various functions." "Today's mission board must attempt the new. It must try to find new solutions to new problems," he observed.

The Baptist Union of Scotland has authorized personal appeals to members to help finance 10 new churches in the next 10 years. The annual report presented to the annual assembly, meeting in Glasgow, showed that the gross total membership of Baptist churches in Scotland, including Union and non-Union churches is 16,992 as compared to 17,547 last year. The decrease was attributed to the removal by 56 churches of more than 650 members through revision of their membership rolls.

The American Examiner, the most widely circulated Jewish family weekly in the U. S., and the Jewish Week, a Washington, D. C. paper, have announced their merger. To be based in New York, the new publication will be called The Jewish Week-American Examiner, and will have a combined circulation of 100,000 weekly.



COLOMBO, Ceylon — The Rev. G. Denzil de Silva (center) has been elected president of the Ceylon Methodist Conference at the organization's annual meeting in Colombo. He succeeds Dr. D. T. Niles, who died recently. Shown with Mr. de Silva during the meeting are, from left to right: Mrs. and Mr. J. C. Blake, representatives from the British Methodist Conference; Mr. de Silva; Dr. N. G. Baptist, vice-president of the Ceylon Methodist Conference; and the Rev. Max Woodward, also representing the British group. A special session of the Ceylon organization is to be held in the near future with church union scheduled to be the main topic of discussion. (RNS Photo)

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gleanings

From "The Tower", weekly publication of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock:

"WHERE ARE THE NINE?"

(Based on Luke 17:11-19)

I think that we sometimes forget that thanksgiving is not an audit or an inventory, but a fundamental attitude toward life. The important questions are these: (1) Is my very nature one of thankfulness? (2) Am I as thankful in bad times as in good times? When our hearts are truly thankful, we do not say, "O God, I thank thee for this and that," but rather, "O God, I thank thee for thyself."

The greatest gift of all for which we ought to be thankful is God. Our Christian faith teaches us that He is a personal God who wills, thinks, cares, loves, creates, and continuously acts within his world. This means that God knows us, loves us, guides us, and never leaves us alone. Furthermore, He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He never changes. He is trustworthy, fulfills His promises, and is everlasting in His forgiveness, compassion, and love.

We ought to be thankful for God's love which is shown in two ways. First, by His creation, "The heavens declare the glory of God." Jesus assures us

that God knows and feeds the birds, clothes the grass of the field, and makes the sun shine. Back of all we have and know there is a great mind, a loving heart, and universal truth. And God is still creating. Secondly, the love of God is supremely shown in Jesus Christ as Redeemer. In his teachings Jesus talked of love of God for His children. In his deeds Jesus proved that God is a loving, compassionate Father. In his death he demonstrated just how far the love of God would go to call back His wayward children.

We ought to be thankful to God for His fatherly goodness. He loves all of His children. Every human being is made in the spiritual image of God, and He is as concerned with one child—white or black, rich or poor, American or otherwise—as with another. His goodness shows no partiality based on superficial qualities but loves each man as though there were no others to love.

Thank God for Himself. This is the fundamental attitude, and all other thanksgiving grows out of it. We show our gratitude by doing what He has taught us to do, by surrendering ourselves wholly and completely to His way, by telling Him in prayer of our love for Him, and by serving those whom the Father loves.

Make worship at your church this Sunday a part of your Thanksgiving observance.

See you in church Sunday!

—James B. Argue, pastor

HELEN WILSON WRITES:



To all you dear friends of the Arkansas area: "I do not cease to give thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers."

I give due credit to Paul — "an apostle not from men, nor through man, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father", for the use of his words in my greetings of salutation and thanksgiving for you all.

I was thankful for the opportunity which the Women's Division and the World Division gave me, by inviting me to attend the Annual Meeting of the Board of Missions in Los Angeles in October. It was educational to experience the workings of the largest Board agency of our Church and through whom I have the privilege of being a missionary. This Board has a tremendous task to evaluate the on-going programs here at home and in some 50 other countries and to find new means of communicating the Gospel in the light of today's needs and problems. Shall we not be praying for the Board of Missions members and sharing ideas with those in our area — Nels Barnett, Harold Eggensperger, Harold Flowers and Ed Hollenbeck, all of whom I saw along with the Alfred Knoxes in Los Angeles.

As a missionary staff associate in the long-range planning office in New York City during these months of furlough, I attend the Policy and Program Committee of the World Division meetings of which Mr. Flowers is a member. It has been my pleasure to know him through this association for the first time. We fill up any spare moments talking about our beloved home State.

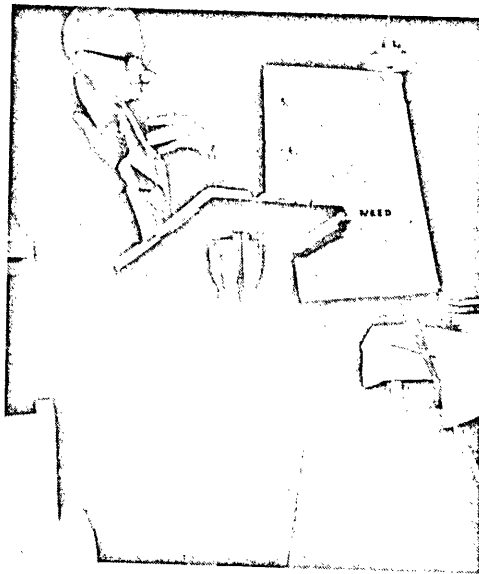
I'm looking forward to the arrival of the UMY United Nations Study Tour with David Hankins, Jr., as the conductor. I plan to have two glorious days with them and see all the things I've been wanting to see in New York.

I'm thankful to you for the offerings which have been sent properly through the Arkansas Area Treasurer's office and for the pledges that will be made in the 1971 Annual Conference fiscal year for the Pediatric Wing of Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital in La Paz, Bolivia.

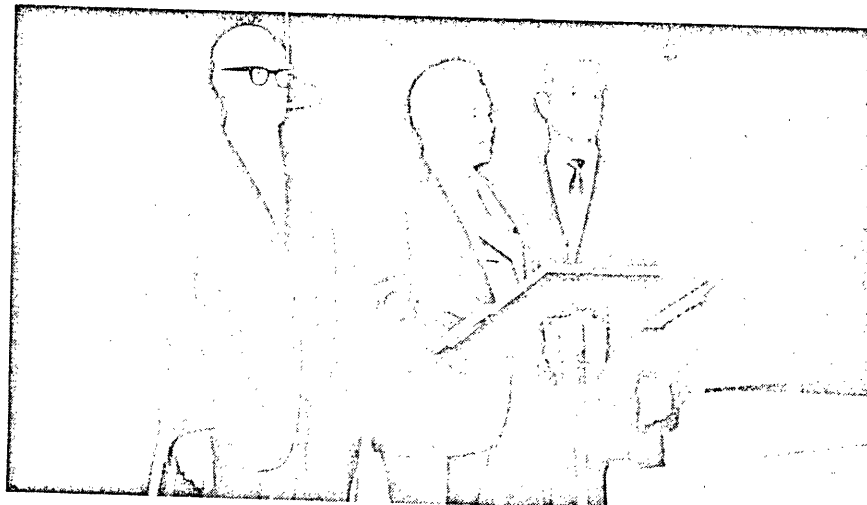
I invite you to close this message by reading Colossians 3:12-17.

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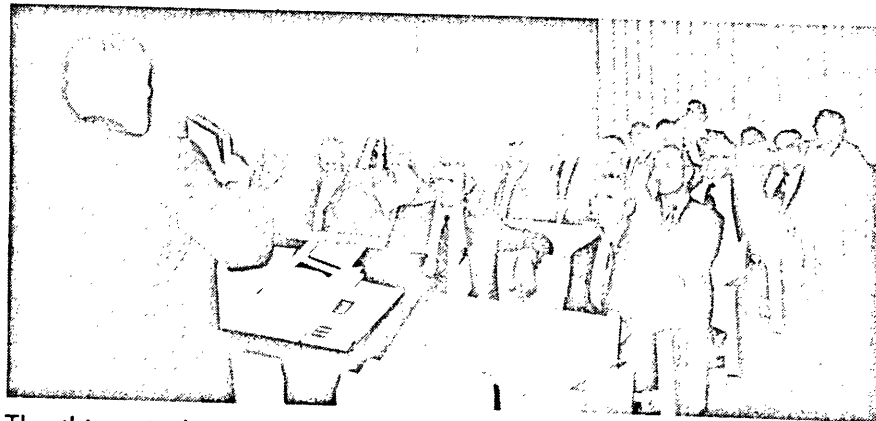
Lay Speakers School — Camden District



Dr. George Harrod, Conway, an active participant in lay speaking and the Lay Witness movement, conducted a School for Lay Speakers at Marysville U.M. Church, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 15. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is pastor of the Marysville Church.



FROM LEFT: Mr. Thornton Stewart, Magnolia, lay leader in Camden District; Dr. Harrod, leader for School; Dr. Myron Shofner, Camden District director of Lay Speaking.



The thirty-six lay persons from ten churches in Camden District who attended the Lay Speaking School listen to presentation by Dr. Harrod.

Bishop Werner leaves Family Life post

CLEVELAND, Ohio (UMI) — Retired Bishop Hazen G. Werner has completed his assignment as chairman of the World Methodist Council Committee on Family Life and has stepped down from the post, according to word received here November 4-5 during a meeting of the North American Section of the world committee.

Bishop Werner had agreed to serve as chairman until the program for the 1971 Methodist World Convocation on Family Life had been completed, according to the Rev. J. Otis Young, Evanston, Ill., chairman of the world group's executive committee, and chairman of the North American Section.

Dr. Young will assume responsibili-

ties carried by Bishop Werner until the 1971 session scheduled for August 14-18 in Estes Park, Colo.

In other business during the session here, Mrs. W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, N.Y., was named chairman of the hospitality committee for the Estes Park meeting, and Mrs. T. Otto Nall of Hong Kong was named chairman of the fellowship committee. Jim A. Egan of Muskogee, Okla., was elected treasurer of the North American Section, succeeding the Rev. Howard Mumma of Chagrin Falls, Ohio, who asked to be relieved of the duties.

Dr. Young said that about 200 persons were expected to attend the Estes Park meeting, the second of its kind sponsored by the World Methodist Council.

NEWS and NOTES

THE TITUS CHINNS of Siloam Springs shared their slides made on a recent trip to Egypt and the Holy Land with members of First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs on two recent Sunday evenings, November 1 and 8. The Rev. John McCormack is the pastor.

SILAM SPRINGS FIRST United Methodists observed "Four Days for God", concluding with a Prayer and Praise Breakfast on Wednesday morning, November 25. The Rev. Morris Pipkin, pastor of the Bethel United Methodist Church, West Siloam Springs, Oklahoma, was the speaker. Guest minister next Sunday for both services will be the Rev. Lawrence Dodgen of Cherokee Village, who will be speaking in his home church.

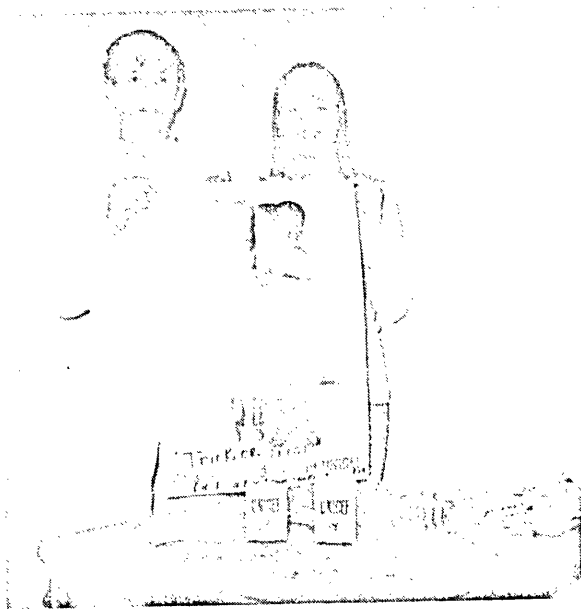
MABELVALE UNITED Methodist Church recently completed a four-Sunday evening study of "How the Word Gets Around." Joyce Moore, chairman of the missions task group, was assisted in the planning by Doris Fish, Stan Buergey, Nancy Miller, Ann Cook and the Rev. Ben Hines, pastor.

THE SMACKOVER UNITED Methodist Church was host to the community-wide Thanksgiving service Wednesday evening. The Rev. John Alston, host pastor, is president of the sponsoring Ministerial Alliance. The Rev. James Bryant, pastor of the Joyce City Baptist Church, delivered the message.

MRS. CAROL SMELLEY, director of Youth Homes, told about the program to provide homes for youth from broken and problem homes when she was guest speaker for United Methodist Men of Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, November 16. Thurber Owens is president of Lakewood Men.

A NEW RECORD was set at First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia when attendance at a regular morning service reached 535. Dr. John P. Miles is pastor.

THE BAYOU METO - Lodge Corner Community Brotherhood held its annual "Ladies' Night" dinner at Bayou Meto Recreational Hall on November 2. A cat-fish dinner was prepared by the men, and approximately 75 guests and members attended. The program was an illustrated lecture given by Rev. and Mrs. Graydon Hardister, who are on leave from missionary work in Jordan; their subject dealt with the little-known needs of Jordan today. Hursel Simpson is the president of the men's group and the Rev. Myron C. Pearce is pastor of the charge.



Presidents of Junior and Senior High UMY groups at Nashville UM Church following the collection of \$200 for UNICEF in their "Trick or Treat" drive. Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service served members of the collecting group a supper after completion of the drive. The Rev. Robert W. Treischman is pastor.

WEST MEMPHIS' FIRST United Methodist Church was host to the district meeting of United Methodist Men on Thursday, November 19. The program was presented by the Elizabeth Ann Terry Memorial Handbell Choir of the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. Earl Wilson of West Helena is president of Forrest City District Men. Host president was A. K. Minter.

MARYSVILLE-SILVER HILL UMY has elected these new officers: Barry Couch, president; Rodney Andrews, vice-president; Ronda Dugal, secretary; Johnny Bishop, treasurer. Counselors for the group are Mrs. Daphne Braswell, Mrs. Arlene Bishop, Mrs. Gloria Watson, Mrs. Norma Vinson and Mrs. Sandy Haustein. This UMY won the "Joy Award" for the third time in a row at the recent Union County Sub-District meeting held at the Dumas Memorial Church. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is their pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held by the Okolona, Center Grove and Trinity Churches the weekend of December 4-6. Most of the meetings will be in the Okolona Church, with Phillip Mains of Conway serving as coordinator. The Rev. David Hankins is pastor of the Charge.

MRS. R. B. THOMAS of Arkadelphia celebrated her 98th birthday on November 6. The First United Methodist Church of Arkadelphia noted in its bulletin that Mrs. Thomas has been a member of that church for 90 years.

BATESVILLE AREA UNITED Methodist Men have elected the following officers to serve in 1971: president, Harold Martin of Southside Church; vice-president, George Whitten, Central Avenue Church; secretary-treasurer, Roscoe Anderson, Batesville First Church; publicity, Bob Reynolds, Oil Trough Church. The next meeting of the groups will be on February 9 in First Church, Batesville.

PERCY BOUNDS was in charge of Lay Sunday at Wyatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Fort Smith. Paul Williams was guest lay speaker. Those participating in the service were Jerry Crowley, J. L. Clements, James McNineh, and a Ladies' Ensemble comprised of Frances McNineh, Becky Pfeiffer, Dorothy Kelly, Pat Payne, Pam Hicks and Joanne Houston. The Rev. Tom Weir is pastor.

THE MEN'S CLUB of the Dalark Charge of Arkadelphia, Route 2, met Monday night, November 16, at the Manchester United Methodist Club with 15 present for pot luck supper. The speaker, the Rev. Tom Adkinson, pastor of Arkadelphia St. Andrew's U. M. Church, told of plans for the Attention Home for Boys in Arkadelphia. The club voted to find assistance in renovating a temporary facility to house the project near the Henderson College campus. The project was instigated by Clark County Judge Randall Mathis and many churches of all denominations are interested in its success.

WALNUT RIDGE'S FIRST Church is observing "Four Great Nights" this week, climaxing with the community Thanksgiving service last night, November 25. Guest speakers have included: Dr. Harold Eggenberger, executive director of the Conference program council, Sunday evening; the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor of Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould, Monday; and the Rev. Worth W. Gibson, Jonesboro First United Methodist pastor, Tuesday. The Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr. was host pastor.

RECENT GUESTS AT HOLIDAY Hills United Methodist Church at Higden were 18 members of First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, who were having a weekend retreat at Greer's Ferry Lake. The Rev. Tom Cowan, Holiday Hills pastor, and Mrs. Cowan joined the group for lunch at the Lake Front Restaurant.

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. 29—Sunday	Psalms 90:1-17
Nov. 30	Psalms 111:1-10
Dec. 1	Prov. 2:1-9
Dec. 2	Prov. 8:1-11
Dec. 3	Prov. 8:32-36
Dec. 4	Prov. 16:1-9
Dec. 5	James 3:13-18
Dec. 6—Sunday	Gen. 22:1-18

McARTHUR DRIVE AND BETHEL CHURCHES NOTE INCREASE

The McArthur Drive United Methodist Church of Jacksonville and the Bethel Church, both a part of the Jacksonville Larger Parish, are being served by the Rev. Irl Bridenthal, who "retired" at the last session of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

Mr. Bridenthal reports that following a recent preaching series by Charles Stuck, lay evangelist, eleven persons were added to the churches on October 25, with eight others coming in on November 1. A total of forty persons have been added to both churches since conference.

Mr. Bridenthal recently had surgery, was hospitalized November 4-12, but is recuperating now at his home, 5301 Locust, North Little Rock. In his absence, his work is being taken care of by the Rev. Bill Barger of North Little Rock.

DR. MARSHALL STEEL of Hot Springs, former president of Hendrix College, was the guest speaker for the Harvest Supper held by United Methodists of Fordyce on Wednesday, November 18. The Rev. Ed Matthews is the Fordyce pastor.

THE RECTOR UNITED Methodist Church sent eight officers and teachers to the Lab School at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould the week of November 8-12. Those attending from the Children's Division were Mrs. Bill Russell, Mrs. Richard Gordon and Mrs. Joe Calvin; from the Youth Division—Mrs. James Marlar, Mrs. Wendell Crow, Jr. and Mrs. Charles Malin; Adult Division—Clarence Rust and Mrs. Clarence Rust, who serves as chairman of the Rector Education Commission.

THE REV. JIM BEAL was the speaker at the Helena Community Thanksgiving which was held in the First Presbyterian Church Wednesday evening.

THE HOT SPRINGS SENIOR High UMY of First Church held a retreat at the Mt. Nebo home of Dr. and Mrs. Jack Wright the weekend of November 7. They were accompanied by Mrs. Harry Bischof and Mr. and Mrs. Billy E. Wilson.

Southwest Conference women held annual meeting in Fort Smith

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MALLALIEU CHURCH HOST TO WOMEN

The annual meeting of women of the Southwest Conference was held in Fort Smith, October 16 and 17. The members of the Mallalieu Church Women's Society of Christian Service, of which Mrs. Muriel Ware is president, were hostesses. Delegates were from the Little Rock and Oklahoma Districts, which comprise the Southwest Conference.

Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro is president of the conference and presided. Her President's Message, delivered Friday evening, is printed on this page. The Rev. Richard C. Preston, pastor of the host Mallalieu Church, is her son.

The delegates were honored by the surprise visit of the top executive for Methodist women, Miss Theresa Hoover, of the New York office of the Women's Division. Miss Hoover stopped to visit "home country" between her cross-country speaking dates. She was a valuable resource person for the meeting, bringing the group up to date on happenings among Methodist women and their projected plans.

The two-day meeting used the theme of the Houston Women's As-

sembly "Choose Life" and reports of that meeting were given by those who attended.

One of the meeting highlights was the "Celebration of Joy" on Friday evening. Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, conference treasurer, presided over the Pledge Service before the closing Communion Service, Saturday afternoon.

Miss Masheetta Lindsey was introduced as the new church and community worker assigned to the area by the National Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. Her headquarters will be at Murfreesboro.

Other conference officers assisting in the meeting included Mrs. Fannie Gordon, vice-president; Mrs. Willie M. Love, secretary; Mrs. C. G. Washington, missionary education; Mrs. Dovie Anderson, Christian social relations; Mrs. Pauline Troupe, spiritual growth; Mrs. Predonia Souder, program materials; Mrs. Hattie Smith, nominations; and Mrs. Kittye Pickens, Wesleyan Service Guild. The two district presidents are Mrs. Marie Watkins, Little Rock District, and Mrs. Bozie Walker, Oklahoma District.

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Miss Theresa Hoover, at left, top staff officer for the Women's Division of the United Methodist Church, visits with Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro, president of the Women's Society of the Southwest Conference (Arkansas and Oklahoma). The occasion was during the annual meeting of the United Methodist Board of Missions in Los Angeles in October. Miss Hoover, a native of Fayetteville, Ark., was a guest of the Southwest Conference WSCS when it met in Fort Smith on October 16 and 17.

President's Message

FACING THE CHALLENGE OF THE PRESENT AGE

By Alice L. Preston

"To serve the present age
My calling to fulfill
O may it all my power engage
To do my Master's will."

Ralph Waldo Emerson once said that we are always getting ready to live, but never really living. Our experience includes past. This is held in mind by memory. It includes the future anticipated by imagination and what we have learned from the past experiences. THE MOMENT—THE PRESENT—however is really the time to live—and we ought to begin living right now, says Mr. Emerson.

Jesus counsels His followers: "So do not worry about to-morrow; It will have enough worries of its own. There is no need to add to the troubles that each day brings." NEVER SPOIL TODAY BY BORROWING TROUBLES FROM TOMORROW. Strangely enough when tomorrow arrives those borrowed troubles may not be present at all. Let us change our I AM GOING to I AM RIGHT NOW. Not I am going to live when my new home is completed and the debt is paid, but today I am really living.

Not after the children are all away from home, but today I am really alive and living fully.

Not after retirement (Some never reach this point, and generally not as couples); let's learn to live abundantly this day.

FRIENDS — the present is now. How will we meet the challenge? May we examine a few of the challenging conditions: First, War and Peace; Second, Space Exploration; Third, Relationship Gap; Fourth, Personal Needs

Being Met.

Have you ever seen such confusion in the minds of people over world conditions? Many are astonished at the space teams and the walk on the moon. Many flatly state an unbelief in the fact that it did happen. The riots of the city and on campus, the awful poverty of millions in a land of plenty, the problems of getting our boys home from Vietnam are topics of conversations everywhere. These things are causing frustrations and increasing the already enormous sale of tranquilizers.

Individually people are more concerned about children and youth understanding parents and parents understanding children and youth. Many talk of the rising cost of living, increased taxes, their health, and lastly a few stop to think of their own souls.

YOU ASK HOW ARE WE TO FACE THESE CHALLENGES — WAR AND PEACE: May we deal in the past briefly as we recall the fact that military conflicts are not new. The only time in the history of nations that there has not been war somewhere was the time when Jesus was born (then there was a forced peace by the Roman Empire that lasted only briefly). NO WARS TOOK AWAY FROM THE NEWS OF THE BIRTH OF THE KING OF GLORY.) Not long after the struggle began anew. After all we might be reminded—even in our sadness—that our Bible says that a sign of the second coming is "war and rumors of wars."

Our job is to remember that "GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD." He still loves the world. He knows where we are on His timetable. He knows where we live and what our needs and problems are and "He is able to keep that

which I have committed unto Him" (Paul writes to Timothy). It should be ours to live today, as if today is everything, and above all to keep in mind this is, the chance we'll have to do a kindness to a fellow creature—to reach out and touch somebody.

I personally hate war and love peace. But there can not be an end to war and real peace until our Lord returns to the earth as Lord of lords and King of kings. Until then He commands "Occupy until I come." This means we are to put Him first in our lives and all we do trusting Him to keep us for His glory.

ON SPACE EXPLORATION: A few weeks after the moon walk a friend asked me if I really believed that it happened. I commented on this wise—"If God willed and it is a part of His plan for His Universe." I remembered man's attempt to reach heaven on his own and how God had intervened. I know He has a boundary line over which man cannot cross. The whole thing boils down to man as God and man's trust in God. Whether man goes on to Mars or other planets will not determine man's destiny. Our faith and personal relationship with Jesus Christ determine that.

ON GAPS — GENERATION — RACIAL — RELIGIOUS — and others — all of which I like to combine into one and call this one RELATIONSHIPS. May I deviate a little and not think of gap as a widening chasm. I like to think of — a passage between mountain ranges — a break in the continuity. People are becoming more and more estranged day by day. Conversations in the home are no longer the order of the day. Neighbors close their doors and pull the blinds to avoid involvement. The television, Hi Fi and radio are building high walls of separation in homes and in neighborhoods. We can hope, work, and pray that those on both sides of the wall or mountain peaks may see the need for seeking the passageway

through and come together and join hands with love and walk triumphantly through the gap.

ON PERSONAL NEEDS BEING MET: the last challenge that I shall discuss. PERSONAL NEEDS: Love and fellowship.

No man is an island. No man can really live encased in his own private shell. Recently I read an article written by a former missionary in which she decries the plight of a people so "shut-in." No, they are not physically sick, not feeble, not crippled, not maimed by rheumatism. They are shut-in by air-conditioning, washing machines, dryers, and many other modern devices. NO OPEN WINDOWS and often for churches NO WINDOWS. There is a lack of fellowship with other human beings. In her final statement she challenges us "Open your doors! Open your windows! Come out! Come out! God never meant for you to be shut-in."

Let us face the challenge of the present age showing the hallmark of a maturing Christian — A QUALITY LIFE. As we live by faith, our character aligns with Jesus Christ and we resemble Him. We know a calmness and a composure and confidence not common to humanity. Early Christians were few and faced a difficult world. Neither stature in the land nor sanctions of society guaranteed them a place or privileges, but within them was the stuff that makes men free. The same Lord is available to us today to strengthen us for the facing of the challenge of the present age.

May we pray:

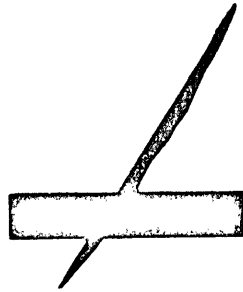
O God, give us the spirit of powers—that will mean certainty and authority in our action.

Implant love — that will enable us to work for the good of other people.

Bless us with soundness of mind—that will bring a touch of wisdom to our efforts. In Christ's name, Amen

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR DECEMBER 6: Concern for Others

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 1:16-17; Matthew 5:21-44; 1 John 3:11-24

MEMORY SELECTION: The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such there is no law. (Galatians 5:22-23)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To lead class members to accept their obligation to expand their knowledge and to activate their concern to include every kind of human need within their reach.

There are many in our time who seek to oversimplify the analysis of the problems and the prescription of the cures for what ails us in our world. This is such a complex day that it is true that most simple answers to problems are the wrong answers. However, we are going to suggest, in defiance of that rule, the suggestion that far too many people among us are obsessed with the idea of non-involvement. In great numbers of people around us there is no concern for others. This lesson speaks to that inadequacy.

This is the first in a series of four lessons aimed at helping people who have made a commitment to Christ and have moved with us through the study of the various resources for maturing in their faith. They must now accept responsibility for living their faith in all social relationships. John Wesley once said, "There is no such thing as a solitary Christian." The specific responsibilities for living our faith in our social relationships are spelled out carefully in the four lessons of this unit: "Concern for Others," "The Demands of the Committed Life," "Observing Christmas in Christian Ways," and "All of Life for Christ."

The main text for our consideration is from the First Letter of John. The theme of love sounds again and again in this epistle. We are told that it is the great commandment under which the Christian lives. The writer also tells us that love is the evidence in a man's life that he truly knows God. Some would have us believe that all that is required of us is that "we have faith in Christ." In its broadest sense this is true, but there are those who would interpret that to mean that we have no responsibilities for the right kind of selflessness that reflects itself in service to others. Dr. Alan Walker has put it succinctly in his book *A Ringing Call to Mission*: "As we accept the inescapable call to mission, we do not take God into the world. We join him there, for there in the world is where he belongs."

Jesus, when asked what was the greatest commandment, said: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets." (Matt. 22:37-40) Supreme love for God and equal love for self and neighbor summarize what practical Christianity is all about. There seems to be no way suggested in the New Testament by which faith in Christ and concern for others can be separated.

WHY CHRISTIANS ARE TO CARE FOR OTHERS

In 1 John 3:11 we read, "For this is the message that ye have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another." Apparently the "from the beginning" here refers not to the beginning of the world, but to the beginning of the Christian

movement. However, one must not overlook the fact that there is a great deal of social emphasis in the words of such prophets as Amos, Isaiah, Micah and Hosea. Again may we remind you that the "gospel" for some has a narrow application of just recruiting others to come with them to Christ, overlooking the teaching that the gospel is supposed to issue in a fellowship of mutual love and service.

In common with the Fourth Gospel, 1 John places great emphasis on love. In 1 John 3:1-10 the author has made the point that righteousness is a test of the Christian life; that is, a person proves that he is a Christian by practicing righteousness. Verses 11-24 move on to show how the test of love is applied. This means that one of the strong proofs that a person is a Christian is his practice of love.

Dr. Harry B. Adams in *International Lesson Annual* is quick to correct a mistaken conclusion that some draw from this chapter—that love is just to be expressed to other members of the Christian fellowship. He says: "Those within the Christian community are called particularly to express love toward one another, but surely those who are to be loved are not limited to this community. The Christian is called to love all men, but unless he demonstrates love toward those within the church it is unlikely that he will love those who are not a part of the fellowship."

Dr. Charles M. Laymon speaks of the urgency for this concern for others in our world today as he says in this same volume: "The need of such love if life is to continue in a close-knit world—a world which man is capable of destroying—is a final and desperate reality of our age. The Christian motive for love, however, should be more deeply based. Not necessity but a new feeling for others in Christ becomes the reason for loving one another."

"AND NOT BE LIKE CAIN"

In order to throw into sharp contrast the concern which Christians ought to feel for others, the writer says in verse 12, "And not be like Cain who . . . murdered his brother." Cain here serves as the example, the terrible example, of the person who does not show love toward his brother. His act is offered as clear evidence that he was not of God but that he "was of the evil one." Dr. Harry B. Adams says: "John then raises the question of why Cain murdered his brother. His answer goes beyond the evidence found in Genesis 4, but he states a sad truth about human relationships. By his very righteousness the good man antagonizes the evil man. Jesus was crucified by evil men who were antagonized and offended by his goodness."

The writer is trying to tell his contemporary Christians that, knowing what Cain did to Abel and what the world did to Christ, and what every generation does to its prophets, that they should not be surprised when they incur the wrath of those they try to help in love.

Dr. Paul W. Hoon says of this point in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "The cosmic struggle between good and evil going on in the universe is reenacted in the moral battles each man fights. The metaphysical repugnance of evil to good has its moral and psychological counterpart in daily life. It is possible for men to be so possessed of evil that the contemplation of goodness goads them to madness and impels them to destroy that which could save them."

CONCERN IS THE ROUTE TO LIFE

In verse 14 we read: "We know that we have passed out of death into life, because we love the

brethren." John is trying to tell us here that concern is not an elective, but that it is the very essence of the eternal life we all seek through Christ. Dr. Laymon puts it this way: "The Christian's loving concern is not something that is added to his life as a kind of extra. Instead love is the center of his new life in Christ."

We all have to face the fact that this Christian ethic of love does not come naturally. We are all self-centered and do not want to become involved in the wants and needs of others until we have found a new life in Christ. Loving others, praying for our enemies, and forgiving those who spitefully use us does not come easily. But nowhere in the Bible are we told that they do. Both Christ's example and spirit are needed to make it possible for us to live the life of loving concern. We cannot do it by ourselves.

However, if the New Testament tells us anything it is that when one has totally given himself to Christ he will want to pay more attention to the needs of others than of himself. Christian ethics or standards of conduct spring spontaneously from within the heart of a true follower of Christ. One wants to live like Christ as the Spirit within impels him.

"LET US NOT LOVE IN WORD . . . BUT IN DEED"

In verse 18 of our material from 1 John 3 we read: "My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth." Verse 17 has raised the vital question of the man who has this world's goods and sees his brother in want, "how does God's love abide in him?" Word and tongue are only instruments of profession or promise. They mean very little if the profession or promise is not materialized. In contrast to merely mouth-ing professions of love, John spoke of loving "in deed and in truth."

The author of this material knew well the perennial temptation to substitute talk about love for deeds of love. Dr. Hoon in his exposition of this verse in *Interpreter's Bible* points out something that is as contemporary as today's poverty and hunger when he says: "Religion needs to be guarded from overspiritualization by down-to-earth practical tests. The religious experience of eternal life and the claims of Christian ethics must on occasion be abstractly dealt with in thought, but they all come back to this—to practical helpfulness to a person in need . . . But the principal of sharing one's goods with people in need means more than charity to individuals. In its widest sense it is a Christian ethic applicable to the economic ordering of human society." Methodists have had a concern for this application of the gospel since the days of our founder—John Wesley.

BECOMING INVOLVED

Increasingly there are dramatic and tragic stories in the news that challenge us to do something about the non-involvement which is so commonplace. Since we read in the newspapers and magazines of the murder of a New York woman while 38 of her neighbors watched in silence, we have all occasionally shuddered at the inhumanity that incident demonstrated. However, before we judge those New York people too harshly we should take stock of our own individual attitudes and see if our Christian experience has motivated us to involvement in the needs of people around us.

The current crisis in America calls for a re-examination of our personal attitudes. Is our concern for other persons broad enough, deep enough, and Christlike enough. Someone has recently affirmed that there is no way in which the Christian church can keep from being involved. What is your reaction to this statement which appears in today's lesson material in *Broadman Comments*: "Every Christian and every church is involved in society and its problems either in terms of positive involvement, negative withdrawal, or bland neutrality?"

This is a day in which much concern for others is being voiced. But this lesson teaches that it is not enough to express our love or concern for others by words. It must become tangible if it is to be real and meaningful.

Book Reviews

by A.A.K.

James W. Angell, **PUT YOUR ARMS AROUND THE CITY**, \$4.95, Fleming H. Revell, 188 pp.

The pastor of Claremont Presbyterian Church, Claremont, Cal., was the grand prize winner in Revell's Centennial Contest with this book. Writing in the spirit of one who came from the country to the city, he deals in a most readable manner with the urgencies confronting the city today—especially in church life.

Speaking of America as a land "filled with vast loneliness," he declares that the battle must be won in the city if man is to find his true existence. He says, "To win that battle the Church must present a message congruent with the ghetto, the commuter's flight, credit cards, and alienation."

The author states his thesis well in his introduction: "Faith and the city are made for each other. Both share in the dynamic shifts of a revolutionary time. Some would turn Christianity into a form of nostalgia. More would ask for its rethinking and recasting in terms of man's new spirit. Greer Garson said the other day, 'I like to keep my horizons wide and my waistline narrow.' This effort is based upon the belief that there are new horizons of possibility both for the city and the Church, and that, enthusiastically claimed, they will explain and fulfill each other."

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David James Randolph, editor, **VENTURES IN WORSHIP 2**, \$2.50, Abingdon, 224 pp.

Under the leadership of Dr. Ran-

dolph, director of the Department of New Life Ministries of the General Board of Evangelism, this volume continues in quest of the goal announced by its predecessor publication: "To stimulate further exploration for faithful and vital worship."

Beginning with an evaluation survey which would make possible some real exploration of worship services presently involving the individual using this material, **Ventures 2** offers a number of new materials ready for use in various worship settings. There are new sections on the Wedding and Funeral Services and up-to-date articles on the nature and shape of worship and how change in worship comes about.

The material comes in loose-leaf form, punched for your own file or binder.

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Tom Skinner, **WORDS OF REVOLUTION**, \$3.95, Zondervan, 171 pp.

This black evangelist who was one of the speakers at the recent convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity in Dallas speaks in this book of involvement in what he calls the "real revolution."

He says, "The revolution that Jesus leads is a real revolution. He completely restructures the person He touches; and that person, when dedicated to Christ and His cause, restructures the society in which he lives. It is the only workable plan of change—it operates from the inside out."

His observations are not those of a militant insurrectionist or anarchist, nor are they words from one who is satisfied with the establishment. This is the poignant, provocative voice of change speaking of answers for frustration, despair, disenchantment, apathy and hopelessness.

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CEF Conference demonstrates new methodology

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (UMI)—Charlie Brown may never win the ballgame or meet the little red-haired girl, but he quickly won his way into the hearts of 750 Christian educators meeting here November 4-7.

"You're a Good Man Charlie Brown," a two-act comedy involving six young actors, was produced at San Francisco's Sheraton Palace Hotel especially for participants in the Christian Educators Fellowship (CEF) National Conference.

Charles M. Shulz, creator of the popular "Peanuts" cartoon characters, introduced the play and answered questions during intermission.

Why doesn't Charlie Brown ever win? Mr. Shulz said he tries to deal realistically with life. "Charlie Brown will never meet the little red haired girl or win the ballgame. That's the way it is with many people. They never win."

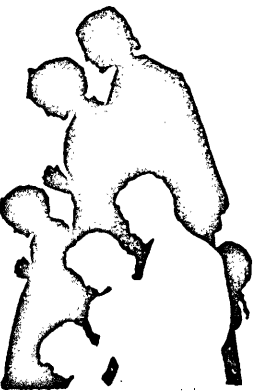
The unstructured conference schedule

provided a large number of options and alternatives to help the participant plan his own conference. Each participant had a cassette tape recorder-player and much of the conference was geared around this tool.

The Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn., United Methodist Board of Education staff member and executive officer for CEF, said the conference accomplished the goal of providing a living-learning experience and demonstrated that a new methodology for national meetings can be effective.

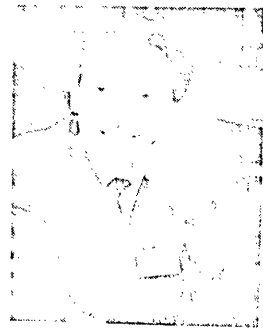
The CEF board of directors will be evaluating the conference and making plans for the future at a meeting in Nashville, Tenn., January 19.

CEF includes 750 members who have responsibility for local church educational ministries. Beginning in 1972, full membership will be limited to ministers, directors and associates in education who have gained professional certification by the church.



PLYMOUTH, Mass. — Under a mantle of snow the famed Plymouth Rock looks as it probably did that Dec. 21, 1620, when the Pilgrims stepped ashore after their trans-Atlantic crossing on the Mayflower. The granite boulder was the stepping stone to a new world for the religious outcasts, who set up the first permanent European settlement in New England. Plymouth Rock is protected by a granite portico where thousands view it each year but in winter the snow and winds give it a look that it must have had 350 years ago. Just behind the Rock is Cole's Hill, where during their terrible first winter in America the Pilgrims buried half their number, levelling the graves and sowing them with grain in the Spring to conceal their losses from the Indians. (RNS Photo)

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the
Churches' Television Centre,
British Isles

Prime Minister Ted Heath at one of Britain's more traditional events. It was the Lord Mayor's Banquet. The City of London each year elects a Lord Mayor. He is the actual successor to the magical and fairy-tale Dick Whittington, who, it is said, with his cat, made the journey to London to become the leading citizen.

At this time of the year—not unusually in pouring rain—the Lord Mayor's Show blocks the streets of the City of London. That does not mean the West End, and the shopping centre beloved of so many visitors, but the square mile of solemn buildings which surrounds the cathedral of St. Paul, and contains the Bank of England and the Stock Exchange as well as most of the merchant bankers who make the "Wall Street" of the oldest trading city in the West.

The Lord Mayor later holds a banquet, and it is held in the Guild-hall, ancient and incredibly beautiful relic of the great days of the City Guilds. At this glittering occasion, the Prime Minister traditionally makes a speech which normally concentrates on foreign policy, but which this year had a longish reference to the way in which new Government intends to put the economy right. Strikes—notably the strike of cleansing operatives and the miners—have underlined the danger in Britain of an escalation of wage claims which could make the situation impossible. Mr. Heath's answer to the situation is a long-term change in the way of the government which has already produced criticism. Again, at the Banquet he emphasized that freedom with responsibility is the way he wants to go.

And freedom with responsibility is a hard road without a spiritual power to engage those who need the will and way. That is the core of the problem.

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One of the most striking pieces of television film I have ever seen was a short snatch of documentary on "Panorama," the British BBC current affairs programme. It was all film, no music, no commentary and it simply followed the progress of General de Gaulle's coffin as he was laid to rest. The quietness, the snatches of hymns, the obvious grief, were all eloquent testimony of the feeling that France had that its Prime Minister was right when he said, with true Gallic appreciation of the fact that Frenchmen think of their country in the feminine, 'France is a widow.'

One of the most controversial figures in European politics, de Gaulle is remembered almost with reverence for the way in which he led France out of her darkest days into the open days of peace. He is also seen in Britain as the man who effectively kept Britain out of the Common Market—a majestic and contradictory figure whose motivations were seemingly all for France and whose life was in some respects a mass of contradictions. With his passing, and that of Churchill, Roosevelt and Stalin, go the four great war leaders. It is, in truth the end of a kind of era that we hope we shall never have to see again. Perhaps it is just age, or the feeling that times are so utterly different now that prompts the reflection that giants like this will not be again.

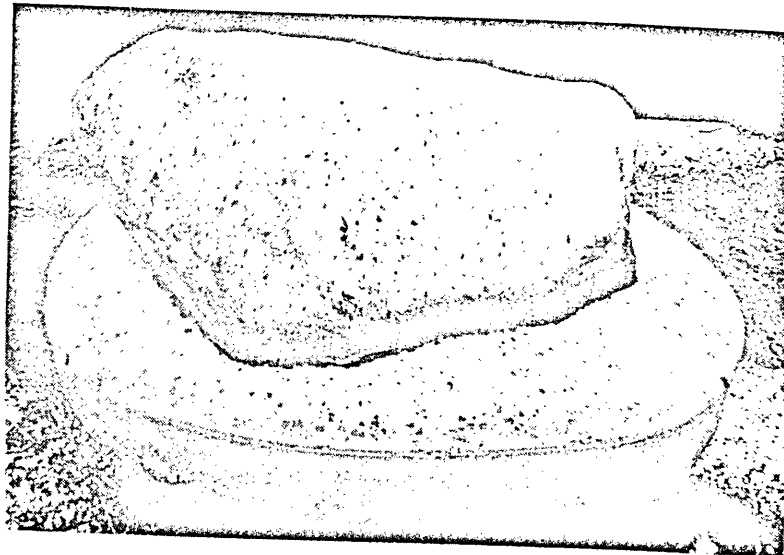
YIPPIES LOST OUT

The David Frost show, not unknown in America was invaded recently by American Yuppies. Jerry Rubin and Su Albert were invited to participate in David Frost's "chat" show—and the result was that an incautious invitation brought (and unexpectedly at that) an invasion of the show by a crowd of about twenty hippie-yippie supporters who belied their cries of freedom with their refusal to share in free speech, and with unpleasant language and boorishness.

It all led David Frost to comment with accuracy that their display was the best commercial for law and order he could imagine. No one would want this kind of happening on television with any degree of frequency, but it is certainly true that these unprepossessing young people were certainly no commendation for the way of life they advocate.

INDUSTRY AND THE ECONOMY

The new right-wing approach to an inflationary economy was outlined by



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Merger plan

Methodist Negro colleges located within the Jurisdiction: Philander Smith College, Little Rock, Ark; Huston Tillotson College, Austin, Tex; Dillard University, New Orleans, La.; and Wiley College, Marshall, Tex.

Dr. John T. King, president of Huston Tillotson, told the Council the Negro schools have a service America needs. "We take the deprived black student where he is and move him to where he ought to be."

During each of the next two years United Methodists are attempting to raise \$4 million for the operational needs of the 12 Negro colleges located in the South and Southwest. By shifting program priorities the church is also making available \$1 million during each of the next two years for scholarships, loans, and grants.

Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith said fewer Negroes would attend college if the Negro schools did not exist. He reported that 15 per cent of black youth go to college compared to 40 percent of the white youth.

Dr. Broadus Butler, president of Dillard University, said 95 percent of students at Dillard are on financial aid; 68 percent being on total aid.

The Council approved a budget of \$135,825 for the 1970-71 year and heard numerous reports and projections for the summer, 1971 training program. Instead of separate programs dealing with evangelism, missions, education, etc., the 1971 program will be a "wholistic" approach to help church leaders see the program of the church as a total unit. During the week of June 28-July 2 the Willson Lectures will be given on the theme "The Church as an Agent of Change." Seminars will deal with all aspects of the church.

The Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, reported that 2,103 jurisdictional church leaders were trained at the center during the summer of 1970 and an additional 1100 attended other types of enterprises.

Next meeting of the Council was scheduled for September 16-17, 1971.

Project Equality

Common membership possibility being explored

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Possible advantages of United Methodist general boards and agencies having one common membership in the national fair-employment organization, Project Equality, will be explored by a joint committee of the two groups.

Most United Methodist general agencies are now related to state or regional units of Project Equality, as are many local churches and annual conferences.

At a meeting of the denomination's Council of Secretaries here Nov. 11, national staff members of Project Equality discussed new trends in the movement and indicated possible advantages in one over-all relationship for general church agencies.

Named as a Council of Secretaries

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A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

I. Introduction

During the past few months A Plan of Church Union developed by the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union has been published and transmitted to the local congregations for their study and suggestions for revision. We begin here an effort to guide you in the study of that Plan. We hope that what we say here will be valuable enough for you to want to save these issues for that time when your group will be studying A Plan of Union. The text for your study will be A Plan of Union published by the Consultation on Church Union. In addition, there is a study guide entitled *What Does God Require of Us Now?*

Our readers will approach this study from their various stances, depending on how much they have followed the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) through its almost ten years of history.

Basically, the Plan of Union outlines a method of bringing nine Protestant denominations into one new church, tentatively called The Church of Christ Uniting. All those who have been associated with the Consultation will tell you that they are not happy about the suggested name. They are praying that during the 18 months of study and communication concerning the proposal someone will be inspired to come up with a name that will attract more support.

The denominations involved are: African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church in the U. S., United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

In the Resolution of Transmittal which went from COCU to the participating denominations, we find these words which urgently request your help in developing the Plan: "The Consultation on Church Union on March 13, 1970, commends this draft of the Plan of Union to the member churches and to all Christians for study and response, seeking their assistance in the further development and completion of the Plan of Union. Responses and evaluations are to be submitted to the Consultation's office in Princeton, with copies to the appropriate denominational offices, by January 15, 1972. A few days ago that cut-off date was changed to June 1, 1972.)

We cannot overemphasize the importance of this "study and response." Just now what we are looking at is a Plan of Union. Somewhere around 1976 the United Methodist Church and the others involved will be called upon to vote on the Plan of Union for the Church of Christ Uniting. Each of us has a Christian responsibility to carefully consider the details of the Plan so that we can have a share in rewriting the document. —AAK.

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Ten areas of Jurisdiction conducting Communications Consultations

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark., (UMI) — Half of the 10 episcopal areas in the South Central Jurisdiction have conducted consultations on communications for decision makers of the church and communications industry according to a report given here November 11, and the other half are expected to do so within the next year.

committee to confer with the Rev. Robert Hoppe of Chicago, national executive of Project Equality, and his staff were the Rev. Woodie White (Religion and Race) Washington, D.C., Miss Theresa Hoover (Women's Division, Board of Missions), New York; and the Rev. Grover Bagby (General Welfare Division, Christian Social Concerns) Washington, D. C.

The Rev. Virgil W. Sexton of Dayton, Ohio, a Program Council staff member in charge of the Section of Planning of the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning, discussed the projected plan for ministries growing out of an extensive planning process to discover trends, issues and church needs.

The Rev. Claire Hoyt of Evanston, Ill., general secretary of the Board of Pensions, is the president of the Council and the Rev. E. Craig Brandenburg, Nashville, is secretary.

The Jurisdictional Communications Commission chaired by the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, Dallas, Tex., is giving \$200 to each of the areas for the consultations.

Mr. Robertson said the purpose of the consultations is to provide a platform or setting where newspaper publishers and editors, television and radio station managers, news and program directors, can visit with bishops, cabinets, program directors and other church leadership.

The Commission also adopted a resolution commending the United Methodist Structure Study Committee for its projections of a communications agency which would serve the overall communication functions of the church.

In other action the commission: —Voted to allocate up to \$1400 each for the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference and the Spanish-speaking Rio Grande Conference to assist with communication training.

—Heard evaluations of the two-week Communication Seminar held at Perkins School of Theology last summer.

—Voted to discontinue the Jurisdiction film library except for short-term items not readily available elsewhere.

—Heard evaluation of the "News-briefs" cassette tape program provided

CCC to appoint task forces

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — The newly-organized Continuing Coordinating Committee of the United Methodist Church met here Nov. 9-10 to take a hard look at its responsibilities and to approve task forces to carry them out.

Under a new working arrangement, approved by the church's Program Council, the Council of Secretaries have appointed themselves as members of the Continuing Coordinating Committee. Since 1968 when this committee was formed its membership has included various board and agency staff members other than the chief executives. Now the majority of members of the CCC are members of the Council of Secretaries. Other members include representatives of the association of Conference Program Council directors, the Council on Youth Ministries and the Worship Commission.

Staff members of the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning of the Program Council are also members of CCC which functions as an inter-agency committee specifically related to the Section of Coordination headed by Dr. Ernest T. Dixon of Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle heads the Division.

David Harvin of Dayton, youth associate, and Miss Lois Miller, New York, an executive of the Board of Missions, were named to fill vacancies on the executive committee.

Task forces under the auspices of CCC will deal with draft counseling, resources, Hispanic American concerns, leadership development and field services.

Several other task forces are jointly related to CCC and other agencies such as program-curriculum, the Interpreter program planning issue, the Quadrennial Emphasis, and Theological Seminaries.

Next meeting of CCC will be held in Chicago April 13-15, 1971.

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News in Brief

The Oregon-Idaho Annual Conference is planning a re-designed 1971 session focusing on examination of goals, priorities and mission and eliminating such items as ceremonial presentations, most addresses, board and agency reports, and banquets and luncheons.

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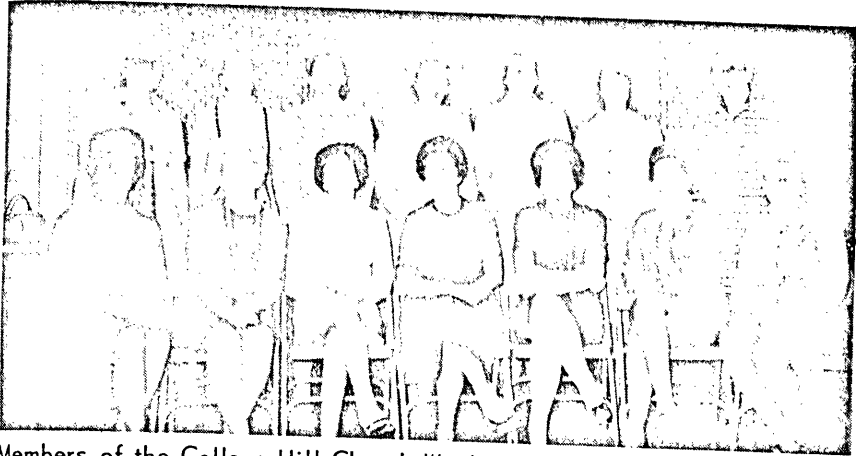
Bishop John Wesley Lord, president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops and resident leader of the Washington, (D.C.) Area, has returned from Kyoto, Japan, where he was one of 697 delegates and participants from around the globe attending the World Conference on Religion and Peace.

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by the Texas Communications Council for the 1970 General Conference and voted to investigate the possibilities of providing a similar service church wide for the 1972 General Conference.

—Named the Rev. Miles W. Jackson, Lincoln, Nebr., a member at large of the Council.

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Members of the College Hill Church Wesleyan Service Guild of Texarkana are shown on the evening they entertained their husbands at a covered dish supper, Nov. 9. From left, front row, are: Mrs. Bessie Tanner, Mrs. Annie Ree Hopkins, Miss Austeen Phillips, Mrs. Jennie Burroughs (president), Mrs. Hollie Williams, Mrs. Helen Hill and Mrs. Wilma Chasteen. Back row: Mrs. Helen Thomas, Mrs. Opal Nichols, Mrs. Maurine Polk, Mrs. Maydell McClure, Mrs. Grace Steward, Mrs. Jean Beard and Mrs. Maxine Hunter.

District meetings reported

MRS. NEAL PRESIDES AS FORREST CITY DISTRICT GUILDS MEET

The Forrest City Wesleyan Service Guild was host for the fall meeting of Guilds in Northeast Arkansas on Sunday afternoon, November 8, in the Fellowship Hall of First United Methodist Church.

Mrs. Rodney Wylds, president of the local group, welcomed those present, and Mrs. Foster Norton, chairman of spiritual growth, gave the devotional. Her topic was, "A Better World Begins With Me."

Mrs. D. C. Neal of West Memphis, District Guild chairman, presided during the program and business session. She introduced the principal speaker of the afternoon, who was Miss Leota Kruger, Deaconess with the Harris Memorial United Methodist Neighborhood Center in Memphis.

Miss Kruger told of the work with the Bethlehem Center (now closed), The Wesley House and the Neighborhood Center. She is doing this work in association with various churches and religious groups of Memphis. This work includes a broad spectrum of activities, such as a Day Care Center, nursery and kindergarten, juvenile delinquency, health clinic, adult education, golden age group, sewing classes, work with the blind, arts and crafts and teenager projects.

Mrs. Julian Vogel of West Memphis, former Conference chairman of Spiritual Growth, talked about the Spiritual Retreat held recently at Alldersgate Camp, Little Rock, for Guilders. Mrs. T. L. Findley, district treasurer, reported the district finances to be in excellent condition.

Mrs. Harry Swan of Brinkley, District study chairman, told of the meeting she attended as the District delegate to the Assembly held in Houston, Texas, in May. She also announced the churchwide study for this year to be on the Psalms using textbook of "Out of the Depths."

The pledge service concluded the program of the afternoon. It was led by Mrs. Findley, assisted by Mrs. Vogel.

Delegates attending the meeting were from Augusta, Brinkley, Cotton Plant, McCrory, Marianna, West Memphis and Wynne.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT W.S.G. MET AT CLINTON

The Batesville District Wesleyan Service Guild Fall Meeting was held at Clinton, November 1. With the District Chairman, Miss Irene Forrest presiding, the meeting was opened with a song followed by prayer by Miss Forrest. Mrs. Lockie Dobson gave the devotional on "Witnessing."

Mrs. Layne Yarnell, district missionary education chairman, in a most effective way introduced study courses for the year and emphasized the many resource books suggested as additional guidelines.

Miss Forrest reported on work for the year and stressed finishing the Quarterly Reports on time.

The president of the newest Guild in the district was introduced and welcomed into the field of Wesleyan Service Guild work.

Mrs. Howard Johnson of Clinton, president of the North Arkansas Conference Women's Society, was the main speaker of the day.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

On Thursday, October 29, the Fayetteville District Women's Society of Christian Service met in First United Methodist Church of Bentonville for the Fall Meeting and Workshop.

Due to illness of the president, Mrs. Hezzie Clark, Mrs. A. Westphal, vice-president, called the meeting to order and gave the welcome.

The Invocation was by the host pastor, the Rev. Maurice Lanier, and Mrs. Ernest Randall led the prayer litany. Mrs. Everett Whillock, district spiritual growth chairman, set the tempo of the day with her meditation "The Freedom to be a Real Person".

A short business session preceded the officer clinic. Roll call showed 104 women present.

Following lunch, mission studies presented by Mrs. J. F. Backstrom, Mrs. S. H. Carter and Mrs. Roy Huds-peth.

Mrs. Westphal reported on "Six Decades of Service" (since 1880), ending with "Our Tenth Decade — The Moon Age."

The special offering was given for the Pediatric Wing of Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital in La Paz, Bolivia, South America. Mrs. Jeff Brown closed the meeting with prayer.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

The poet speaks of his wish always to have "some love to give." Thanksgiving is a good time to remember that because of God's love we always have some "thanks to give."

My Greatest Wish

I seek no worldly power, wealth, or fame
As I struggle through my allotted days:
I want no special glory for my name
Nor do I ask for mortals' ringing praise.
I ask no trophies for my victories
Or mastery over my fellow man;
No one must fall before me on his knees,
Or give me all the princely gifts he can.
I only ask that each man whom I meet
Will be my friend and share my smiles and tears;
That each will hold himself above deceit
And walk steadfastly with me through the years.
My greatest wish, however, while I live
Is that I always have some love to give.

—by Deener W. Wardlow

Book Keeping

When I consider the number of my blessings
And don't take time to list my gripes and pains,
I find the latter seem to be diminishing
And in the blessing column all the gains.

The books of life are balanced by the Master;
His figuring is not the same as ours.
But a humble heart is a plus in divine mathematics,
And gratitude has multiplying powers.

—by Barbara L. Mulkey



WYNNE SOCIETY HOSTS DISTRICT WOMEN'S SOCIETY

"The Balanced Life" was the theme chosen by Mrs. Earl Hughes, inspirational speaker at the Forrest City District meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service on November 11.

Mrs. Hughes, conference secretary of Spiritual Growth, stated that Christian people must be aware of the dangers of over-emphasis of either the inner life or social concerns. "For," she said, "like a scale, our lives may be thrown off balance if we allow ourselves to lose contact with either God or the world around us." She compared our lives to a plant which withers if it is deprived of life-saving good and water, but she also warned of the life that receives these necessary nourishments and then fails to produce fruit.

First Methodist Church of Wynne was host to the meeting, attended by 125 women from over the district. Mrs. Robert Ray Hayes is president of the Wynne Society.

Mrs. H. E. Wright, district president, presided. Mrs. James Nix presented the opening meditation. Lunch was served by the Wynne group at the close of the morning session which included a report by Mrs. T. L. Findley, district treasurer, and the con-

vening of information discussion groups.

Mr. Harry Fondren, accompanied by Miss Louise Coffin, opened the afternoon session with special music.

Mrs. Findley conducted the Pledge Service and introduced Miss Mildred Osment who spoke briefly on the "Age of Aquarius" as it relates to Christian women. She pointed out that the sign for Aquarius means "carriers and bearers of water" and likened our giving of money, prayers and service to the carrying of living water to those who are in need.

At the close of Miss Osment's challenge, local treasurers made pledges from their societies by pinning hearts which were attached to a world globe with ribbons to a large heart representing God's loving concern for people everywhere.

The meeting was dismissed with a benediction by Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City district superintendent.

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An Arkansan reports on Family Life Conference

—by Mrs. Henry Heidelberger
First United Methodist Church,
Helena

I am writing this article about the wonderful experience my husband and I had at the National Family Life Conference in Chicago on October 8-11.

Following our usual pattern we were late arriving at the Memphis airport and they had to go reopen the plane door so we could get in. We arrived at O'Hara Field at five twenty, in plenty of time, we thought, to get to the Conrad Hilton for our first session at seven-thirty. We didn't realize that there might be a possibility that we would be unable to find the Conrad Hilton limousine and would have to hunt a bus to take us to the right place. This is exactly what happened. As each bus came by and we would ask the announcer of the routes if this was the right bus, and finally when our bus arrived he made sure we got on it.

We got to the Hilton just in time to make the first session. When we got to the mezzanine the hymn sing was already in progress and the first thing that impressed me was the beautiful music that came from all the people singing to the glory of God. There seemed to be no timidity like you see in church—just wonderful sound and everyone enjoying the singing and the fellowship.

After this we had several speakers. Each one discussed various problems facing our nation. Pollution, population explosion, lack of communication were topics discussed. A film was shown about these problems and the one thing I remember about this was one scene when this little girl about six came in the room, where her father was, to say something to him. He was smoking his pipe, reading his paper and watching television. She walked up to him and took his pipe and paper and turned off the television. The father put her in his lap and hugged her. Then we heard the words "some children wouldn't have tried."

After this session on Thursday night we went to see a film shown at a local theatre for the people attending the conference. It was the commercial film "I Never Sang For My Father" and if it shows at your local theatre make an effort to see it.

The first thing on our Friday morning schedule was our work groups. We had breakfast in the coffee shop and then went to our groups. Mine was "Biblical Perspectives of Love and Marriage" and I sensed from the beginning that it was going to be a great group. The chairman was Virginia Law wife of Bertie Law the missionary who was killed in the Congo, and our leader was Dr. James Doty, president of Baker College. He started the morning session by reading from Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. Then he discussed scientific advances that had been made in the world. He said we had really made advances in the field of science, but we still had not learned to communicate with each other. He then asked for open discussion and we had open sharing and discussion that was very significant and meaningful.

Friday morning we had an address by Dr. Morris Abram on "The Generation Gap" and he stated that the generation gap really does exist, and

then he stressed what the whole family life conference seemed to be saying that we do have problems and the solution to these problems needs to start in the home.

After the morning session we had our lunch and got some much needed rest. Then back to our two-thirty work groups. In this session Dr. Doty said there were five areas that caused trouble in the home. These are: money, sex, culture, children and personality. We started discussing these things in this session and the whole session was taken up with our discussion of money. This was very interesting. We came to the conclusion that money at times is substituted for love, understanding, attention, etc.

After the afternoon session we had some free time and this was a good time for me to visit the Cokesbury display. I had been wanting to look at the books ever since I had arrived and had not had time. There were more books than I had ever seen in one place. They had everything from Rod McKuen to the new Sunday School literature. I could have spent a whole week's salary right there.

At the general session at seven-thirty we had an address by the Honorable Shirley Chisholm. She spoke on family ties. She seemed to think that we need to regain the father and mother image in our homes so that we won't raise a generation of confused adolescents.

Saturday morning we had the same schedule. Our work groups at nine—and we discovered that we were locked out of our room where we were to meet. Dr. Doty asked for a vote of all those who wanted to meet in the fifth floor lobby. The motion passed and we draped ourselves all over the lobby. We sat on chairs, on the floor, on tables and any other place available. I think everyone thought we were having a sit-in.

The session turned out to be very good, just like all the rest with lots of sharing and exchanging of ideas. After our group session we went to our main session. The folk group "Dust and Ashes" was featured at this session and they were wonderful as usual. Our speaker for this session was Dr. John Thomas Laney. Again it was stressed that if the world is to make it, it will depend on the family. We had work groups again from two-thirty to four-thirty and we continued the discussion of the five things that bother families.

We were supposed to go to work groups Saturday night, but the leader of my husband's group suggested that they go see "Joe" and my husband wanted me to go with him. We went to the movie with another couple and afterward to a Chinese restaurant after dinner. I won't comment much about the movie except to say that it held nothing back. It had a message and was very funny and touching in places, but you had to wade through filth to get there. I will say that it probably wouldn't have been as effective done in any other way.

Sunday morning we met in our area meetings. We decided some positive things for our area and hope to put

them into effect soon. The address Sunday morning was given by Dr. Robert Raines, pastor of the Community Church, Columbus, Ohio. The sermon was about "What Time Is It In Your Life." My husband said, and I agree, that he never had heard and hopes to hear a more wonderful, thought provoking sermon. We had Holy Communion before the address and Dr. Raines ended the conference on a wonderful note. I shall remember this "time in my life" for a long time to come as one of my most inspirational and moving experiences.

Total Church Giving Holds Steady

NEW YORK (UMI) — Cash contributions to Protestant churches in the United States in fiscal 1969 just about kept pace with those of the previous year, it was disclosed November 10.

Despite unofficial forecasts of a decline in giving, the National Council of Churches reports in its annual review of church finances that last year members of 48 church bodies gave \$3,099,589,000. The figure for a comparable group of churches in fiscal 1968 was \$3,000,477,000. The money goes to meet congregational and benevolence expenses.

Only in the sense that 1969 dollars brought about four per cent less than 1968 dollars due to inflation, officials noted, can it be said that there was a decline last year. Less the inflationary four per cent, last year's total would thus amount to \$2,975,605,000 in terms of 1968 purchasing power.

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS APPOINTED AT JUNALUSKA ASSEMBLY

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N.C. — Dr. Edgar H. Nease, Jr., Executive Director of Lake Junaluska Assembly, has announced the appointment of G. Waylon Cooke of Wrightsville Beach, as Director of Operations and Promotion at the Assembly, effective January 1.

Cooke, 34, is a member of the North Carolina Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, where he has served pastorates. A native of Durham, he received his education at Louisburg College, Duke University and Duke Divinity School.

Filipino Church Stresses Social Concerns

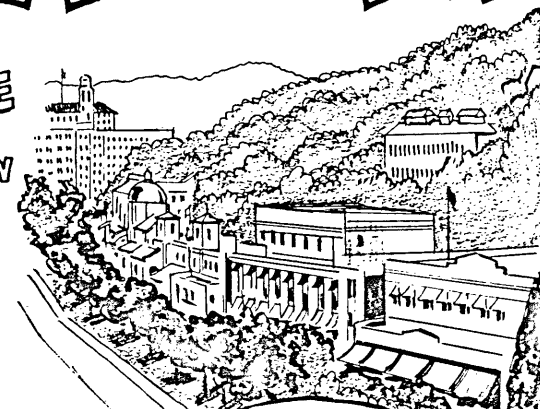
NEW YORK (UMI) — A vigorous program of social concern is emerging as a focal point of one of Christendom's younger churches.

Efforts in land reform, vocational training for both youth and adults, credit unions and support of self-help projects are among the kinds of activities undertaken these days by the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (UCCP), which is going into its 20th year. The United Methodist Board of Missions is related to the UCCP primarily through the former Evangelical United Brethren mission activities, since the main body of Methodists in the Philippines continued as a separate church.

Dr. Harold M. Dudley, widely known as an educator, religious leader, trade association executive, congressional aid, writer, musician, and founder of the Religious Heritage of America, Inc., died October 29 at his home in Chevy Chase, Md. He was 74.

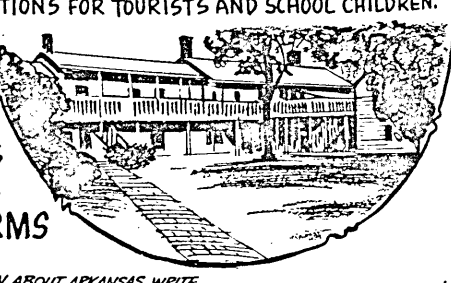
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