

## Perkins changing to Master's degree designation

A newly-approved Master of Theology will replace the Bachelor of Divinity at Southern Methodist University.

## "Affirmation of Brotherhood" service Dec. 13

Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, and president of the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance, will be the speaker for a program in inter-religious affirmation of brotherhood to be held on December 13 at 2:30 p.m. at Temple B'Nai Israel.

His theme for the occasion which is sponsored jointly by the Arkansas unit of the National Conference of Christians and Jews and the Little Rock Ministerial Alliance will be "The Universality of the Sacred."

Participating in the service will be Protestants, Roman Catholics, Unitarians, and members of the Reform and the Orthodox Jewish congregations.

An offering will be received at the service which will be directed toward the purchase of a new Torah for the Synagogue Agudath Achim replacing the one which was recently stolen from their building.

The Southeastern Jurisdiction Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild has presented \$15,000 to Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., and \$7,141 to Rust College in Holy Springs, Miss.

sity's 1971 commencement as the basic degree for church leadership conferred through Perkins School of Theology.

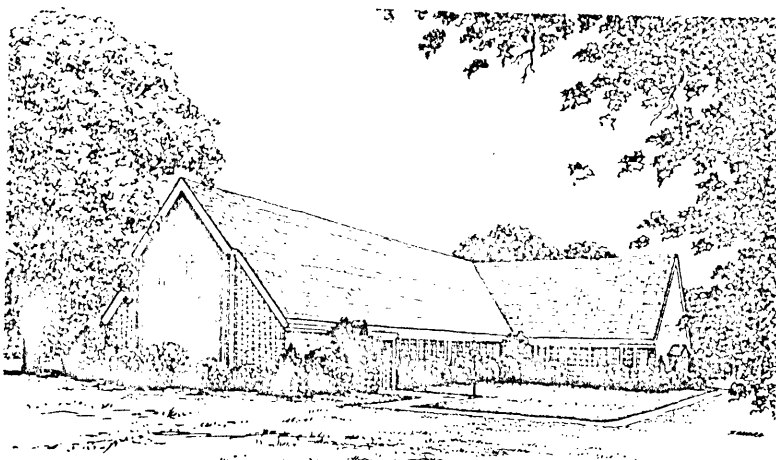
Alumni who hold the B.D. from Perkins may exchange their diploma for the new Th.M., if they wish, by making written application and returning the original diploma for processing.

The change in terminology was recommended by the Perkins Senate with the conviction that a bachelor's designation for a graduate-professional degree is no longer generally understood or duly acknowledged in the United States and that B.D. graduates often suffer professionally as a result. The new degree designation was approved by SMU's Board of Trustees at their annual fall meeting.

Applications by alumni for the diploma exchange, including the original B.D. diploma and a statement of reasons for desiring the exchange, are to be sent to the director of academic procedures at Perkins School of Theology. A fee of \$25 (payable to Perkins in advance) will cover the processing costs. The original diploma will be appropriately marked and returned to its recipient.

A majority of theological schools in the nation, including all but one of the other 13 United Methodist institutions, already have changed from bachelor's to master's nomenclature, says Perkins Dean Joseph D. Quillian, Jr.

A similar change was made in 1968 by SMU's School of Law, except that its basic degree was changed from the Bachelor of Laws to Juris Doctor.



Artists sketch of Trinity United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, dedicated Nov. 8. Bishop Paul V. Galloway officiated, with Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Fayetteville District superintendent, the Rev. William M. Wilder, former pastor and the Rev. Dewey Dark, present pastor, participating. Building indebtedness was paid off six years ahead of schedule. Projected expansion plans call for the construction of a sanctuary and additional education facilities.

## Bishop Carleton key speaker for Jurisdiction Retreat in January

OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma—Bishop Alsie H. Carleton, episcopal head of the Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area, will be principal speaker at the South Central Jurisdictional Council's 1971 Mission To Ministry (January 19-22) and the Laymen's Spiritual Life Week-end (January 22-24) to be held at Lake Murray State Park on U. S. Interstate 35, near Ardmore, Oklahoma, according to an announcement by Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction Program director.

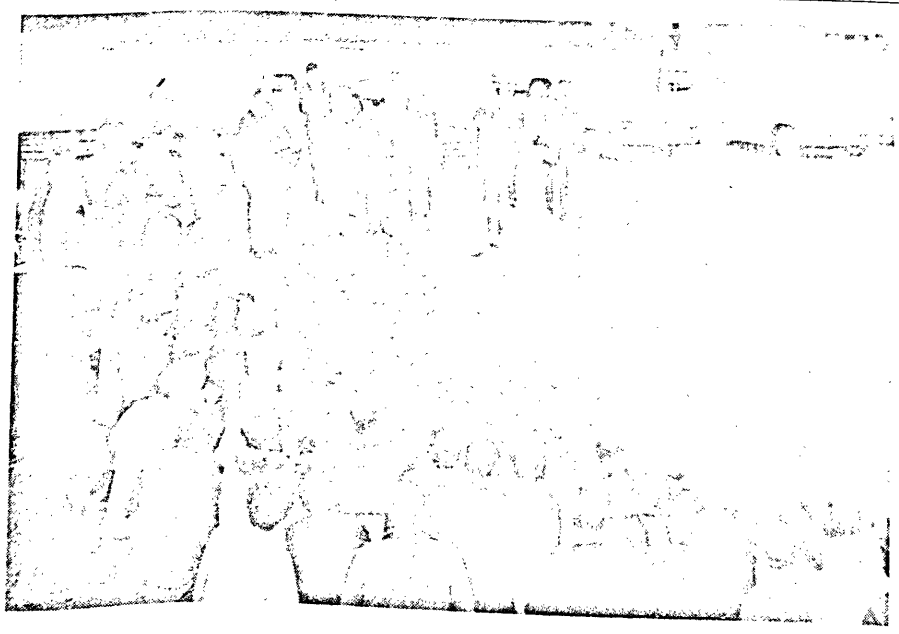
Other speakers for both events include the Rev. Walter M. Albritton, director of Koinonia Ministries, the Rev. Maurice W. King, dean of the Upper Room Chapel, and Mrs. Virginia Law, director of the Family Life Department—all of the General Board

of Evangelism at Nashville.

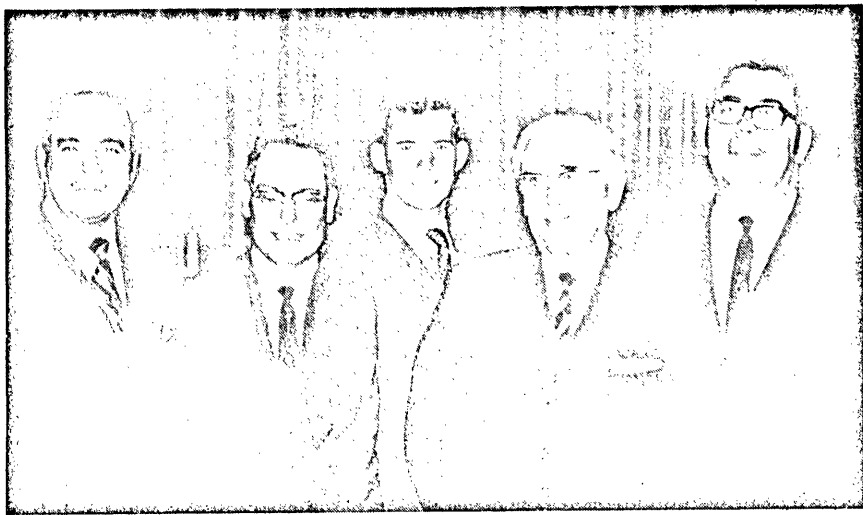
For the seventh consecutive year music will again be under the direction of Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Hestwood, District Superintendent of the Ada District and his wife.

All ministers and their wives are invited to attend the Mission To Ministry with a special invitation given to those out of seminary five years or less.

Likewise, all lay men and women are welcome to the Laymen's Spiritual Life Week-end, but a special invitation is extended to lay persons who have official responsibility on the Local, District, Conference, Jurisdiction and General levels of the church.



AT LEFT: Sylvan Hills United Methodists in North Little Rock photographed during Sunday, Nov. 22 groundbreaking ceremonies for new sanctuary. The new sanctuary with seating capacity for 380 persons will be built at an estimated cost of \$115,200 by James H. Cone Construction Co. The present sanctuary will become Fellowship Hall when the new building is completed. ABOVE: Participants in groundbreaking ceremony (l. to r.): Conway District Superintendent Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Architect H. Price Roark, Pastor Jim Keith, Committee members—Mrs. Addie Stinnett, Wick Anderson, Frank Burkhalter, Merle Benton, Dick Shell, chairman, and Dave Kennedy of Roark Architectural firm.



Richard Lancaster (third from left), second-year student at Hendrix College, was licensed to preach at Trinity Church, Fayetteville recently. Young Lancaster is the first young man to enter the ministry from that congregation. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Lancaster Jr. of Fayetteville, and with his family is a charter member at Trinity. Participants in the Nov. 8 Sunday morning worship service (l. to r.): Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Fayetteville District superintendent; the Rev. William M. Wilder, former pastor; Lancaster; Bishop Paul V. Galloway, who officiated at dedication of the church, and the Rev. Dewey Dark, present pastor.

#### HENDRIX COLLEGE CHOIR PRESENTS CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICES

The Hendrix College Choir presented a Christmas Candlelight Service in two performances on Sunday, December 6. The service which began and ended with a procession of the choir told the Christmas story in scripture and song and was presented at 4 p.m. and again at 8 p.m. in Greene Chapel.

The 60-voice choir was under the direction of Robert M. McGill, associate professor of music. Both old and new carols were sung by the choir and the congregation. Of particular interest was a contemporary number, the "Gloria," from the Christmas Cantata of Daniel Pinkham, which was sung by the choir and accompanied by brass and organ.

The prelude was played by Pamela Alagood, organist, and Kathryn Speed, flutist. Pamela Mooney was accompanist for the service. Soloists included Lloyd Mehaffey, Jim Tom Wilcox, Catherine Fiasca, Rebecca Smith, and Jack Frost. Guitar accompanists were Douglas Biggs and Robyn Hutcheson, and members of the brass ensemble were Wanda Yates, Newman Fair, Susan Woosley, and Thomas Bentley.

Readers in worship were David Henry, Nanci Murray, Larry Alexander, Kay Coleman, Robert Armstrong, Ellen Turner, Roger Armstrong, Ernest Farquharson, Elsie McKee, and Steven Venable.

Music outside the Chapel was presented by the Hendrix Brass Ensemble, directed by Dr. Ashley R. Coffman.

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#### HENDRIX AND LAMBUTH COLLEGE BANDS STAGE RECIPROCAL CONCERTS

The Hendrix College Concert Band traveled to Jackson, Tennessee, December 3 for a combined concert with Lambuth College. Lambuth is the "Hendrix" of Tennessee. After a day of practice, the two bands performed in a joint concert.

On December 4 the Lambuth College Band came to Conway to reciprocate. After the concert, the Lambuth students were guests for a reception

#### North Arkansans in pilot computer project

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (DLC) — The Rev. Earl B. Carter, and Mrs. William L. Muller, Jr., North Little Rock; the Rev. John E. Copher, Fort Smith; Mr. James E. Mason, Clarksville; and Phyllis Johnson, Fayetteville of the North Arkansas Annual Conference are subscribers to a new direct-inquiry computerized information service being piloted by the Division of the Local Church of the United Methodist Board of Education.

This action research project, entitled EXIS—the Experimental Information Service—was developed and is being administered by the division's Section of Innovation and Experimentation (SINNEX) under the direction of Dr. George E. Koehler, Executive Director of SINNEX.

The 18-month project enables selected Christian educators to participate in a program of training in leader development for children's ministries and to adapt the program to their own individual needs. The subscribers can then use a toll-free telephone WATS line 24 hours a day to inquire for help in solving problems and answering questions that arise in the course of their work. The information needed is selected by computer and by the EXIS staff and is sent by same-day mail to the subscriber.

There are presently more than 230 subscribers to EXIS. Educators and

and party in Hulen Hall. The Hendrix Stage Band also made its debut.

Mr. Richard L. Brown, conductor of the Lambuth College Band, graduated from Hendrix in 1958. Mr. Jo Lee Fleming, head of the music department at Lambuth College, graduated from Hendrix with honors in 1953.

Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, head of the music department at Hendrix and conductor of the Hendrix College Band since 1943, received his Bachelor of Music from the University of Illinois and his master's and doctorate from Northwestern University.

## UMCOR to act promptly when Pakistan needs clarified

NEW YORK (UMI) — Working with and through Church World Service (CWS), ecumenical relief agency, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) is backing what is described as "a maximum response from the Government, the citizens and the churches of the U.S." to the millions of victims who survived the recent killer cyclone and tidal wave in East Pakistan. Though the official death count is 150,000, estimates of the number dead are put at two and three times that figure.

"We have never faced a crisis like this at any time in the last few years, one that is so devastating in its proportions and in which relief efforts are made so difficult by a combination of factors," said Dr. J. Harry Haines, New York, UMCOR executive secretary.

Among obstacles hampering relief efforts are the virtual inaccessibility of locations where there are survivors and the lack of helicopters, which are the only means of taking in supplies. Also, Dr. Haines cautioned, "the churches in East Pakistan are very small and though doing all they can, care must be taken not to place them in the intolerable position of administering greater resources than they can responsibly handle." He added that the helicopter outlook is improving, with

23 currently assigned from the U.S., Britain, France and Pakistan, and with the rescue fleet expected to be in operation by December 1, if not before.

As a member agency, UMCOR through CWS has shared in an immediate response involving air shipment of 62,400 doses of typhoid vaccine, valued at \$5,000 and sent to Holy Family Hospital in East Pakistan capital of Dacca. The hospital is operated by the Roman Catholic Medical Mission Sisters, who are related to CWS. Neither CWS nor UMCOR have an ongoing relief/rehabilitation program in East Pakistan.

Dr. Haines said that UMCOR is standing by to "move immediately when the needs for help are clarified and priorities are indicated." In the meantime, United Methodist churches and individuals are already indicating their desire to respond to the needs made so "appallingly apparent through the mass media," he said. Some checks for East Pakistan relief have already been received by UMCOR, he said.

United Methodist churches, groups and individuals wishing to contribute to East Pakistan relief, Dr. Haines said, may send their gifts to: United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Room 406, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, New York 10027.

#### COLLEGE HILL CHURCH HONORS SENIOR MEMBERS

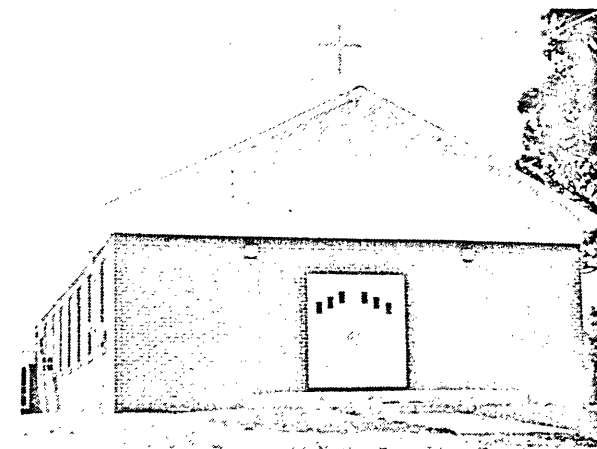
The United Methodist Men of College Hill Church, Texarkana, recently had as their guests of honor those who had been members of their church for thirty or more years.

Those members being honored who were present for the occasion were: Mrs. Curtis Robertson, Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Greer, Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Cole, Mrs. Hallie Williams, Miss Mabel

other leaders in the church who received the invitation to participate in the project may still subscribe.

In addition to receiving training and information, EXIS subscribers will be contributing to the development of a future computerized information service by the church. Analysis at the end of the project in April, 1972, will enable the Board of Education to determine the effectiveness of such a service and how to develop it more extensively to fit the needs of Christian educators as they serve their church members.

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The Rev. Alf A. Eason, Hope District superintendent officiated at a service of dedication held at Spring Hill U.M. Church, Nov. 22. He was assisted by the Rev. Connie A. Robbins, pastor, Hubert Kidd, Administrative Board chairman, Bill Schooley, Trustee chairman, and Sharon Brown, youth representative. The dedication follows extensive remodeling which included a new roof and exterior brick veneering.

# Editorial

## INTERPRETING THE ISSUES IN HIGHER EDUCATION

Just ahead of us on the United Methodist calendar is an observance which, in the light of contemporary urgencies, ought to be every bit as important as Christmas. This is Student Recognition Day, December 27, a date which was selected many years ago because it came while the college students were home during the holidays. In most churches it was a time when students were encouraged to assume parts in the worship services and to speak out concerning issues on the campus. At no time since the observance was initiated has there been as much urgency surrounding this program as in 1970.

The Department of Campus Ministry of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education, university students and individuals from local churches have worked this year on an evaluation of the ways the day was being observed. Out of this has come a new delineation of those who should be encouraged to participate and a set of resources which we feel will produce some very exciting programs in many of our churches.

In the first place, there has come a recommendation that the term "student" be broadened to include more than just the college students home on holidays. Dr. Frank L. Horton wrote on this point in the November issue of *The Interpreter* saying: "The term 'student' can be applied to a large group of persons. For example, many cities have adult educational programs which provide individual skills in nursing, radiology, data processing and office machines. It is clear that the 'student' category covers a wide variety of educational opportunities."

Looking to such a shift in emphasis materials were prepared in a different manner this year. Some time ago local churches received a "Plan-a-File" folder with information about the new approach to Student Recognition Day, a proposed worship service and "Date Line" information with current material about what some campus ministries are doing now. The proper use of these resources could bring a new meaning to this annual observance and conceivably could open avenues to a rapport between the student generation and the home church.

There can be no doubt that in some quarters the home church has "turned off" the student generation. Nothing will be gained by continuing this "generation gap." As in some of the other polarizations of our time no conceivable advantage can be gained

from closing our ears to the "distant drummer" so many of the students hear beating out a cadence for them.

Such renewed communication must be two-way or it is no communication at all. If bridges are to be built across the "gap," construction must begin from both ends. We believe it is technically correct to affirm that no one ever built a bridge from just one side of a stream.

There can be no denying that some students have been preoccupied with this process, but in the large majority of them there is a sincerity that shines through all that they do. A recent editorial in *The National Observer* said: "Student activists, it has been widely noted, are extremely skillful at alienating those they presumably hope to persuade. As priest-sociologist Andrew N. Greeley surmises in the *New Republic*, 'However virtuous the present radical movement may be, it has turned off somewhere between 60 and 90 per cent of the American people.'"

A national report made just last week concerning the fiscal problems of American higher education underscored the fact that disenchantment with students and their emphases is beginning to make a real difference on the financial support for higher education. This may not be the most important reason for some rethinking on the part of us all. Is it asking too much to request that every United Methodist congregation listen to their student representatives on Student Recognition Day. Whatever they may choose to say, don't walk out on them, don't turn them off. Let them have their say. It may be the first time you have listened to what it is they are trying to say.

There are several things of which you can be sure, if your students follow the materials that have been furnished as resources for this program:

First, they will be **innovative**. This means they will say what they have to say in a manner you might not have heard before. We are at a loss to understand why so many of our people have thrown up barriers to the new approaches to worship which are proving to be most effective means of communication in so many congregations.

Secondly, the emphasis will very likely be **ecumenical**. Campus ministries are more and more feeling themselves closer to ecumenical approaches to problems than the denomination-oriented approach. Listen for this emphasis and think on it for a while.

Then, you will hear of extra-curricular activities that may surprise you in their **depth and sincerity**. Too often we have thought that only the violence and the experience of sharp confrontation characterize the contemporary campus outside the classroom. Many of them are devoting long hours to unsung programs of service and involvement, and when they come home they cannot understand why their parents do not have a similar concern for involvement.

Finally, what they present will be labeled "celebration." We misunderstand this group if we think they are always pessimistic. They have called any service of worship into question that does not communicate the mood of celebration. We would like to close with these lines from the guide for "A Service of Celebration" suggested for Student Recognition Day: "It is very important how the Service of Celebration begins. There should be a mood of expectancy. The primary content in this Act of Gathering should be directed toward 'recognition.' In whose presence is it that we gather for celebration?"

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## the Editor's Corner



### YOUTH AND RELIGION IN RUSSIA

In a recent clipping from the Los Angeles Times we read of Venya Mar-kin and his bride, Lena, workers in a Kiev, Russia scientific research institute and the stir they created when they decided to be married in a church. It was not just an ordinary church but the beautiful, old Vladimir Cathedral in Kiev.

They were called before the institutes committee of the Young Communist League, known as Komsomol, and asked to explain their actions. They assured the committee that they were loyal citizens and good atheists and that they intended no evil.

It was just that they lost their heads, they explained. They affirmed that they were certainly not becoming addicted to "religious opium" about God.

So they pledged their troth through the beauty of a Russian Orthodox ceremony amid the glittering Byzantine splendor of the ancient cathedral. It was far more romantic, they said, than being married at the city registry office.

The author of this article assures us that Venya and Lena represent a new element in the Soviet view of troublesome youth. For they are part of a growing number of young people attracted to the church, its rites, history and physical beauty.

It remains to be seen whether there is developing among the youth of Russia anything akin to a spiritual conversion. It is not being openly discussed in that nation which makes religious proselyting a crime.

The article pointed out that the Soviet Union is engaged in an expansive—and expensive—program for the rehabilitation of churches and religious articles as part of an effort to develop interest in the nation's history and as a lure for foreign tourists.

The official Youth Communist League newspaper which condemned Venya and Lena expressed concern for this whole program expressing fear that young people will "become enamored by religious relics and buildings for historic or artistic reasons and that seeds of doubt may enter peoples' souls, creating disbelief (in atheism), in one's own capabilities leading the individual away from the active struggle for reorganization of the world."

We say three cheers for Venya and Lena!

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The future of Christian education looks bright despite declining Sunday School enrollment, leading Presbyterian officials agreed at a recent joint meeting of Education boards of two branches of the denomination in Louisville. "Sunday schools still offer us the best educational opportunity in the church; not the only (opportunity), but the best," said Dr. William H. Dadel of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern). Dr. Jim Gailey (United Presbyterian) noted that participation in non-Sunday school activities "is growing at a more rapid rate, proportionately, than participation in the church (Sunday) school is declining." Dr. Gailey cited weekday programs, study groups in homes and weekend retreats as examples of "non-Sunday school activities."

**Firm opposition to the use of violence in struggles for social change has been urged by Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. In an address at the NCCJ's annual Charles Evans Hughes Award dinner, Dr. Brown contended that the "rule of reason" and the "process of democracy" would bring the "greatest good for all." To offset the tendency toward violence he called for renewed emphasis on brotherhood.**

Advocates of birth control and zero population growth may be preventing the birth of a "miracle child like Confucius or Jesus" contends Nobel-prize-winning author Pearl S. Buck. Writing in the December issue of Ladies' Home Journal, the famed author and long-time champion for the cause of homeless children states "We never know which one will be that child, the one who leads the human race to higher heights." Referring to Jesus, she says, "Even his mother's own people laughed at the idea of a virgin birth . . . Why should this family produce a God-King? . . ." "What if the third child is the one we need more than all the rest?" she asks.

A "religious census" of the 92nd Congress indicates Roman Catholics have the largest contingent with 116 members—the most in the nation's history and an increase of five over the 91st Congress. Methodists, the second-largest group, lost five members and will have 86 members in Congress this year. The Methodists dominate in governorships.

Religion in general and Christianity in particular represent the best hope the U. S. has in meeting the problems of a technological world, according to Dr. J. Edward Carothers who has assumed his duties with a U.S.A. Task Force on "The Future of Mankind in a World of Science-Based Technology." The two-year study is sponsored by eight denominations cooperating through the National Council of Churches in conjunction with Union Theological Seminary. Dr. Carothers who resigned a top post with the UM Board of Missions to head the task force, said the project would seek to determine the role of religion in helping man deal with the "terrifying uncertainties of tomorrow."

Addressing an assembly of students and faculty, T. K. Chong, president of the Malaya Mission of the Seventh-day Adventists declared that some young people are "not only posing problems for themselves, but for many other people in the world today." Having recently returned from a world tour Mr. Chong observed that "hippies, and way-out flower people . . . contribute nothing to society, nor are they contributing anything to their own future by rebelling against the 'establishment.'"

Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, addressing students at Rhodes University during his visit to South Africa, said clergymen must be sensitive to those "who ask how there could be a righteous and loving God when there is so much suffering and confusion in the world." The Scripture shows, he continued, a God present in judgment as well as in mercy, forgiveness, grace and renewal. He suggested that a full understanding of God may have been "deadened" over the years by an "over-religionizing" of Christianity. He also advised the students not to be upset by a sense of malaise (uneasiness) in contemporary theology.

**The American Baptist Convention scheduled to hold its annual meeting in Minneapolis next May will open with a communion celebration using communion elements prepared by members of the denomination. Wheat for the bread will be donated by a Flagler, Colo. Baptist, and after milling the flour will be distributed to the Baptist Women of Minnesota to be baked into bread. A Baptist layman from Fowler, Calif. has volunteered enough grapes to press 50 gallons of grape juice for the communion celebration. The theme for the annual meeting—"Let Us Break Bread Together."**

The New English Bible (NEB) has been hailed as the most significant book of 1970 in a poll taken among writers and reviewers of Eternity magazine. Issued by Cambridge and Oxford University Presses, the NEB was earlier praised by the evangelical monthly published in Philadelphia for giving "fresh expression to our ancient documents."

The University of Corpus Christi has been ordered by the Southern Baptist General Convention of Texas to find private funds to repay a low-interest federal loan. A \$500,000 loan from the Small Business Administration was accepted this Fall by the Southern Baptist-affiliated university to rebuild facilities damaged by Hurricane Celia. It was pointed out that acceptance of federal loans was in violation of convention policy and could not be approved. Corpus Christi President Kenneth A. Maroney, explained earlier that the federal loan had been accepted as an emergency measure to enable repairs not covered by insurance to be completed for school opening in Sept.

Pope Paul VI has decreed that cardinals reaching the age of 80 will automatically cease to be members of Vatican congregations and commissions and lose the right to vote in papal elections. Despite the new restrictions, cardinals will remain members of the Sacred College of Cardinals and keep their other rights and prerogatives connected with their office, including the right to take part in general and special congregations which are held before the beginning of a conclave to elect a new Pope. The new decree goes into effect Jan. 1.

Baptist congregations in South Vietnam are being urged to become self-supporting by Dec. 31, 1971, when financial aid to Southern Baptist missions there will end. Missionary Herman P. Hayes told a conference attended by missionaries and laymen from chapels in the area that Vietnamese churches should follow the New Testament pattern of being "self-governing, self-supporting, and self-propagating."

Parents of 11 Old Order Amish (Mennonite) children were acquitted at Harrisonburg, Va. by a state circuit judge of charges of violating a compulsory school attendance law. Judge Hamilton Hass said the children did not have to go to school beyond the eighth grade. Leaders of the Amish group testified that they believed additional education constitutes nothing but "worldly knowledge."

The Post Office Dept. has announced new regulations to aid anyone who does not want obscene materials mailed to him or his children. After Feb. 1, according to the new procedures, a person may fill out a form giving his name and address and indicating his desire not to receive sexually-oriented materials. The P. O. will print a list each month of those filling out the forms, and mailers of obscene materials must buy the list and remove all the names from their lists. Under a provision of the Postal Reorganization Act of 1970, mailers of such material must determine for themselves whether they are subject to the Act. The U. S. Supreme Court has upheld a 1968 Pandering Advertisements Act that allows a person receiving material to decide if it is obscene, and to direct the P.O. to have the mailer remove his name from its list. Almost 500,000 people are reported to have taken advantage of that law.

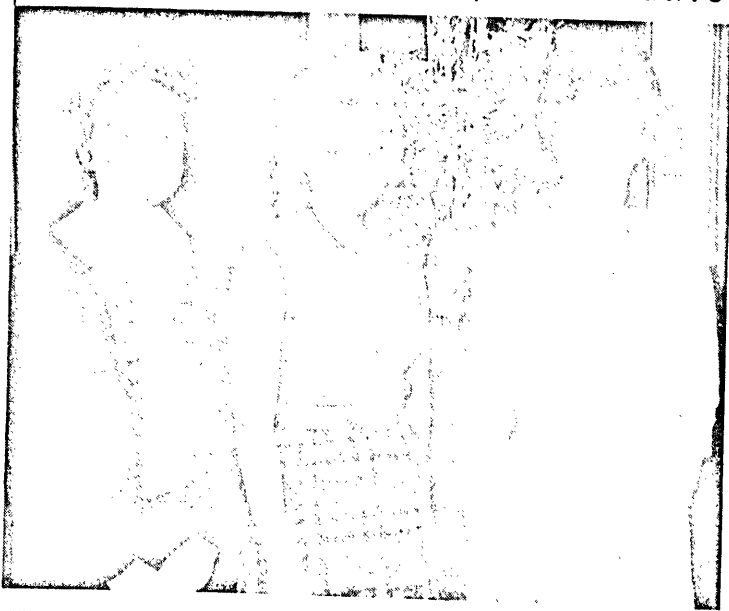


WASHINGTON, D. C. — President and Mrs. Nixon are flanked by Dr. Robert W. Cavanaugh (left), director of the Hope College Choir from Holland, Mich; Msgr. Thomas J. McCarthy (right), pastor of St. John Fisher Roman Catholic parish in Palos Verdes Peninsula, Calif.; and members of the choir during a service for government dignitaries and their families to open Thanksgiving Week at the White House. Paraphrasing Charles Dickens, Msgr. McCarthy preached a sermon on the theme "the best of times, the worst of times," and dealt with the negative and positive aspects of American life.

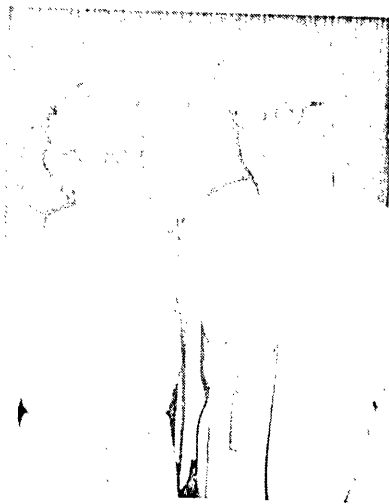
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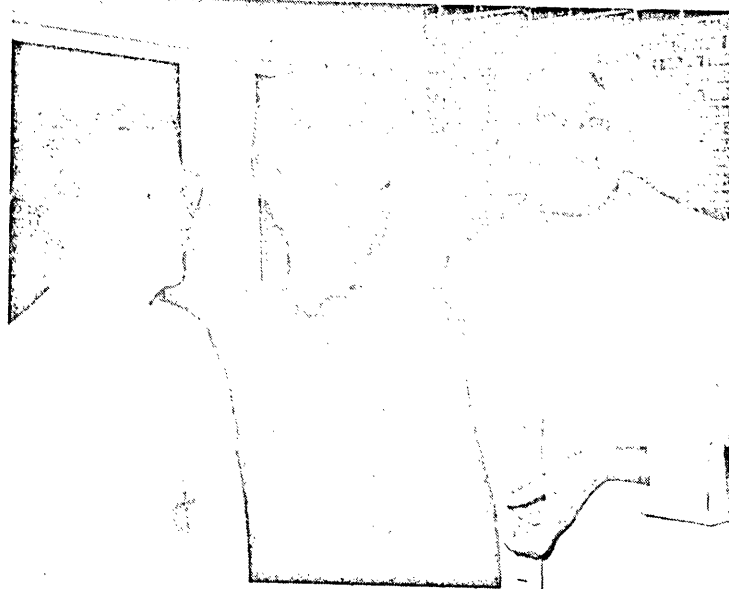
## Mid-year executive session of North Arkansas Women's Society held in Conway



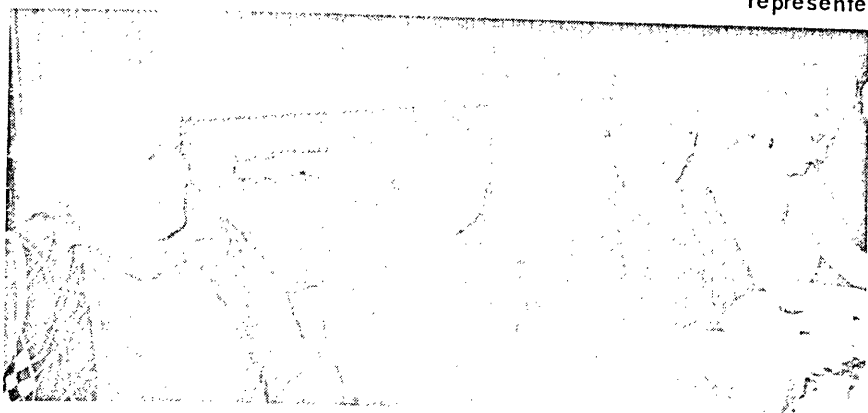
Mrs. Hugh Hardin, left, and Mrs. James Lloyd, center, president and treasurer, respectively, of the Fort Smith District WSCS, stand with Mrs. James Nix, right, conference treasurer for WSCS and WSG.



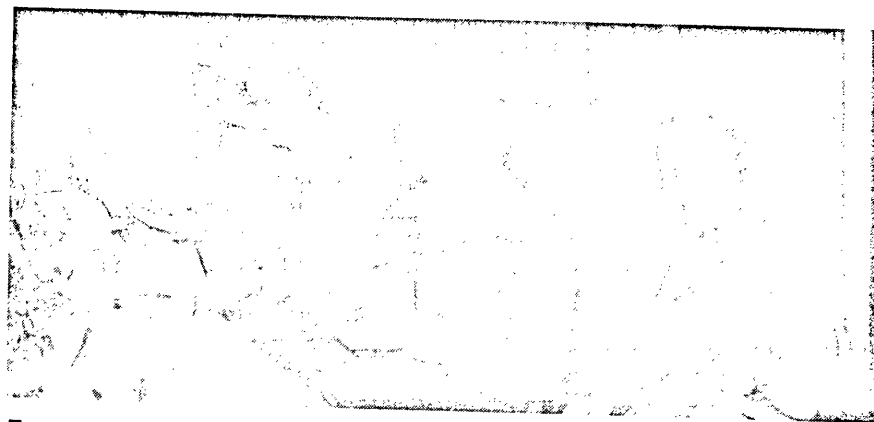
Mrs. Katherine Durham of Fayetteville represented the Wesleyan Service Guild at Conway, and Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff represented Church Women United.



Three conference WSCS presidents attended the mid-year executive meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Women's Society when it met in Conway, Dec. 1 and 2. Mrs. Howard Johnson, center, presided. With her are Mrs. E. T. Davenport, left, president of the Little Rock Conference, and Mrs. Alice L. Preston, right, president of the Southwest Conference.



Conway District women were hostesses for the mid-year executive session which met at Holiday Inn, Conway. Representing Conway District were, from left: Mrs. Ed Davis of North Little Rock, district treasurer, Mrs. Earl Horton of Russellville, district president, and Mrs. John Page of Dover, conference secretary of program materials. At right is Mrs. Roy Weld, Jonesboro District vice-president.



From right are Mrs. T. L. Findley and Mrs. H. E. Wright, treasurer and president, respectively, of the Forrest City District, and Mrs. Bernice Rogers, church and community worker for the Batesville District.

### MABELVALE WOMEN GUESTS OF WHITE MEMORIAL WSCS

Members of the Mabelvale Women's Society of Christian Service were guests of the White Memorial Women's Society at a monthly program meeting recently.

The program "From These Roots", taken from "Risk and Reality," was a timely discussion with full participation of all ladies present. Each expressed concern for the equality of all men and felt that ways must be found to achieve this.

The White Memorial Youth Choir sang three spirituals. The district superintendent, Rev. J. H. Thompson, and wife were present and contributed to the discussion.

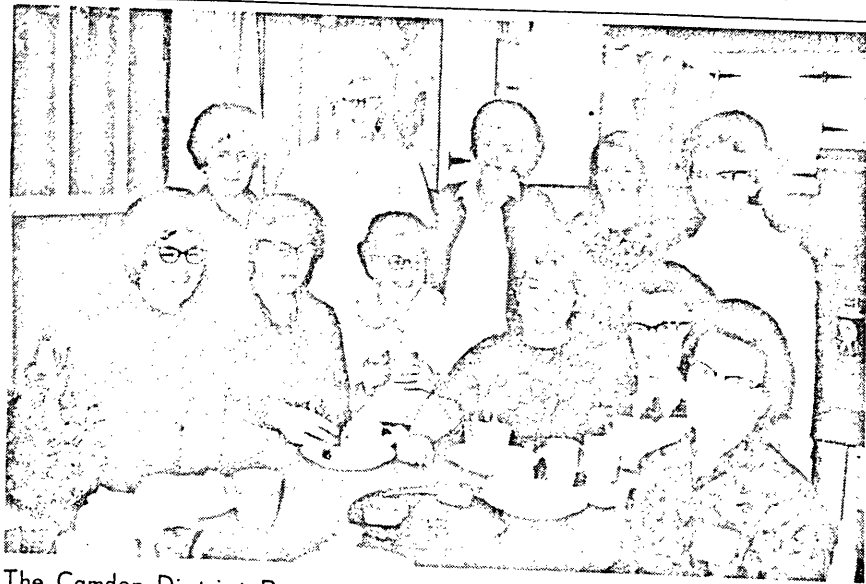
Miss Doris Walters, president of the White Memorial Society, stated that this is the first of a planned series of visits.

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THE REV. BILL HUDDLESTON of the South Arkansas Mental Health Center was the speaker for the November meeting of the Women's Society in First Church, Camden.

MRS. ELMUS BROWN taught the churchwide study of Psalms in First Church, Fort Smith, on four successive evenings in November.

SIX WOMEN OF LEVY United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, were recently awarded Special Memberships. Pins were presented by the Women's Society to

Mrs. Homer Furnell, Mrs. Eugene Sisco, Mrs. John Coulter and Mrs. Coy Clark. The Wesleyan Service Guild honored Mrs. Jimmy Martin and Miss Martha Vroeman.



The Camden District Parsonettes held an overnight retreat at the Mustin Lake home of Dr. and Mrs. Raleigh Siefert on Friday and Saturday, November 20 and 21. Activities planned were for fellowship and relaxation and included making Christmas decorations, table games, viewing and discussing the filmstrip, "Listen, Christian," and talking over mutual concerns as ministers' wives. Those attending were Lurline Walthall, Ocie Bailey, Helen Johnson, Fay Ella Bagley, Betty Ruth Graham, Lisa Ross, Sarah Richardson, Rosa Nabors, Leona Bonsall, Nancy Smith and Mildred Alston. They are pictured above.

### MRS. JOHNSON SPEAKS AT PARAGOULD DISTRICT WSCS

The Paragould District Women's Society of Christian Service held its Fall Meeting at Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church in Paragould, November 18.

The main speaker was Mrs. Howard Johnson of Clinton, who is the North Arkansas Conference president.

Mrs. Tyler Williams, district president, conducted the business, during which officer reports were given. Roll call showed 125 present, representing 23 societies.

Training sessions were held for all officers.

Theme for the meeting was "Labor, Love, and Harvest."

RECENT SPEAKERS for the women of Central Church, Fayetteville, have been Mrs. Bill McFarland, telling of her work with the Salvation Army, and Miss Betty Lighton, explaining the purpose of the Ozark Guidance Center of Washington County.

MRS. MARION MILLETT was the speaker when the Leola Woodsmall Wesleyan Service Guild of Washington Avenue Church held its birthday banquet.

THE REV. H. W. JINSKE, retired, filled the pulpit of the Prince of Peace Lutheran Church in Hot Springs, November 22, and preached on the subject "Find Life by Giving It."

THE CONGREGATION of First United Methodist Church, Bentonville, conducted a religious census of nearby Bella Vista Village the week of Nov. 29-Dec. 6. The Rev. W. Maurice Lanier is pastor.

BLUFFTON UNITED Methodist Church, Conway District, gave a dinner on Nov. 29 honoring the Yell County "Farm Family of the Year," Mr. and Mrs. Farris Jones, their son, Jerry, and their daughters, Nancy and Malinda. Seventeen persons made brief talks concerning incidents in the lives of members of this family. Guests included Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, district superintendent, and Mrs. Clayton, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Broadhurst, who recently celebrated their 69th wedding anniversary, and the Rev. Royce Savage, the pastor.

A UNION THANKSGIVING Service was held in the Cotton Plant United Methodist Church on Nov. 25. The Rev. Johnny Irish of the First Baptist Church brought the message. Assisting the Rev. Oliver Logan, host pastor, was James Roy from the Presbyterian Church. Combined choirs furnished music.

OPEN HOUSE was held Nov. 24 in the recently-remodeled parsonage of the Mt. Ida-Oden Charge, Arkadelphia District, where the Rev. Harold S. Bailey is the pastor. Members of the parsonage committee are: Mrs. L. L. Beavers, Mrs. Mabel Manville, acting chairman, Mrs. Lee Austin, Mrs. Joyce Whisenhunt, Mrs. Frank Smith, Mrs. Festal Goss and Mrs. Earl Sickafus.

THE REV. DANNY THOMAS, associate pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, and a group of musicians, will lead a week-end youth revival at Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Dec. 11-13. The Rev. W. Leonard Byers is the pastor and Rex Darling is the youth director at Huntington Avenue.

ON SUNDAY EVENING, Dec. 6, The Camerata Singers from Jonesboro High School under the direction of Robert Fuller, presented a special program of Christmas music at First Church, Jonesboro. On Sunday evening, Dec. 13, the Chamber Singers of Arkansas State University, under the direction of Al Skoog, will present a Christmas program. The Rev. Worth W. Gibson is the pastor.

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THE REV. AND MRS. JOHN HAYS will hold open house in their new parsonage for the membership of Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Sunday, December 13 from 2:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

THE REV. ARCHIE N. BOYD, Fort Smith District Superintendent, brought the message for the Centennial Service of Mansfield United Methodist Church on Nov. 8. Lunch was served in fellowship hall, and in the afternoon recognition was given to former pastors and senior members of the congregation. The closing message of the observance was brought by the Rev. Wayman Hollis, pastor of Hendricks Hill United Methodist Church, Fort Smith. The Rev. Felix Holland is the pastor.

THE REV. JAMES W. MAJOR, vice president of Hendrix College, was the guest preacher at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Stuttgart, on Sunday, Dec. 6. The Rev. Louis Mulkey is the pastor.

THE UNITED METHODIST MEN of First Church, Hot Springs, joined with the Men of the Churches of that city for their Dec. 8 meeting, at which Frank Caldwell of First Church was installed as president, and Dr. George F. Ivey was the speaker.

THE REV. THERAL WILSON, pastor of the St. Luke-Center Grove Charge, Pine Bluff District, was given an old-fashioned Thanksgiving pounding by the church members, Sunday, Nov. 22.

TYRONZA UNITED Methodist Church was host for the Community Thanksgiving service. The Rev. Paul Dodd, pastor of the Tyronza Baptist Church, was the speaker. Special music was by Mrs. Stuart Bodry and Mrs. Cecil Justus. The Tyronza Grade School Choral Group and the High School Glee Club are under the direction of Mrs. Bodry. The Rev. Cleve Yarbrough is pastor.

THE REV. FRED L. ARNOLD, retired, of Dumas, was the inspirational speaker for a dinner meeting at Hunter Memorial Church, Little Rock, where he served as pastor from 1949-56. Held Sunday evening, December 6, the dinner launched "A Week of Decision" for the membership which will culminate in a Stewardship Victory Celebration next Sunday. The effort in Hunter Church is being directed by Harold Davis of Parkview United Methodist Church, Benton. The pastor is the Rev. George G. Kerr.

"IT'S TRADITIONAL," a Christmas play in four continuous scenes, written by Josh P. Roach, will be presented at the Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday night December 13, 7:00 p.m. The Rev. Rayford L. Diffie is pastor.

GEORGE LONDAGIN has been serving as the general chairman of planning for the Lay Witness Mission which is to be held at Central United Methodist Church, Rogers, Dec. 11-13. The pastor is the Rev. Charles P. McDonald. Tom Moore of Little Rock is to be coordinator for the weekend.

THE UMY MID-WINTER RALLY for the Monticello District was held in Warren on Sunday, December 6. The rally theme was "Different Forms of Worship." Program guests were Fred and Kathy Morrison from the Presbyterian Church in Monticello, with Mrs. French Wynne and youth from Warren participating in the program. The Rev. George Meyer was host pastor.

DR. WALTER HAZZARD, president of Philander Smith College in Little Rock, was guest speaker at First United Methodist Church in Jonesboro on Sunday morning, November 22. At the evening service, the worship service was presented by the El Dorado First Church Youth Choir and Handbell Choir, directed by Gordon and Helen Betenbaugh. The Rev. Worth Gibson is the minister.

CAPITOL VIEW CHURCH, Little Rock, observed Laymen's Day with A. T. Dodd preaching in the morning and Tom DeVore bringing the evening message. The Rev. J. Frank Hamm is pastor.

APPROXIMATELY SIXTY persons attended the annual Thanksgiving Dinner at the Knobel United Methodist Church Sunday evening November 22. Following the pot-luck meal the Youth Department presented special music and acted out Matthew 25:14-30, "The Parable of the Talents," which was written into a play by a member of the group, Miss Darlene Gowen. The Rev. Chester Penney, pastor, preached following the young people's presentation.

WILLIAM P. ROETZEL, State President of Gideons International, was the speaker in First United Methodist Church, Russellville, on Sunday morning, November 15. Paul Crossman, Methodist, is president of the Russellville Camp of Gideons.

DR. E. BRUCE WILSON of the Department of Finance and Field Service of the National Board of Missions was the director for the Stewardship Crusade held Nov. 22-20 at First United Methodist Church, Newport. Marvin Thaxton was chairman of the steering committee for the Crusade. Other members of the committee were: Frank Plegge, Ralph McDonald, Jr., Judge Andrew Ponder, Mrs. Clyde McDonald, Jack Owen, Mrs. Jack Owen, Mrs. Kaneaster Hodges, Sr., Mrs. W. R. Pratt, J. W. Shannon, Mrs. Milton Umsted and Woody McDowell. The pastor is the Rev. David P. Conyers.

#### SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE YOUTH HAVE REVIVAL AT TULSA

The young people of Wesley United Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, had a successful "Youth Revival" that included worship, fun and frolic, November 27 and 28. The theme, "Are You With It: Why Youth Turn from Church to Drugs" was thoroughly discussed and analyzed by a panel.

Darwin Jones, a young adult of Wesley, was the speaker and was in compliance with the theme Friday afternoon.

The Rev. Guy Ames III, a young minister now attending Oral Roberts University, delivered the Saturday morning message in songs and sermon.

The revival was climaxed by songs from the Ebony Gospel Singers and a tour of Oral Roberts University.

Ramona Kline is president of Wesley Church youth. The Rev. C. G. Tillmon is pastor.

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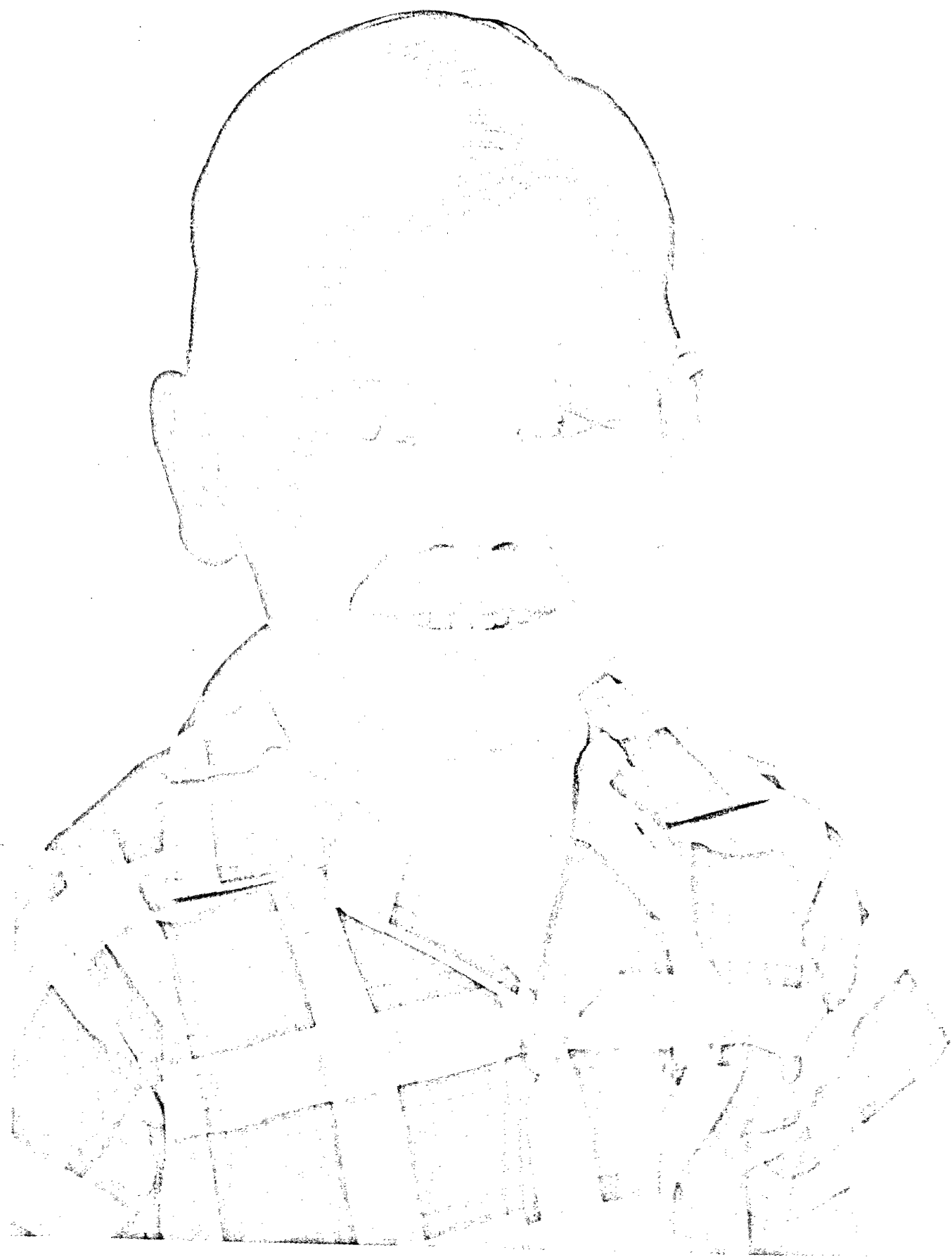
PARK VIEW UNITED Methodist Church at Benton recently dedicated their new Methodist hymnals. Charles Dains, Sr., is chairman of worship for Park View. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

ON SUNDAY AFTERNOON, Dec. 20, members of Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will form a Christmas Caravan of Concern and travel to the Stilwell (Okla.) Indian United Methodist Church. They will be taking Christmas baskets for about 30 needy families. Those making the trip will take a picnic supper which they will share with members of the Stilwell Church, and the evening worship service will be held in their church. The pastor is the Rev. Allan E. Hilliard.

#### P. K. KORNER

THE REV. AND MRS. A. M. HALL, Jr., announce the birth of a daughter, Alison Renee, on November 18. The Halls also have a son, Drew, age two. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Hall, Sr., of Sherwood, Mrs. Jessie Fleming of Dallas, Texas, and Ralph O. Fleming of North Little Rock. The Rev. Hall is pastor of First United Methodist of Hardy.

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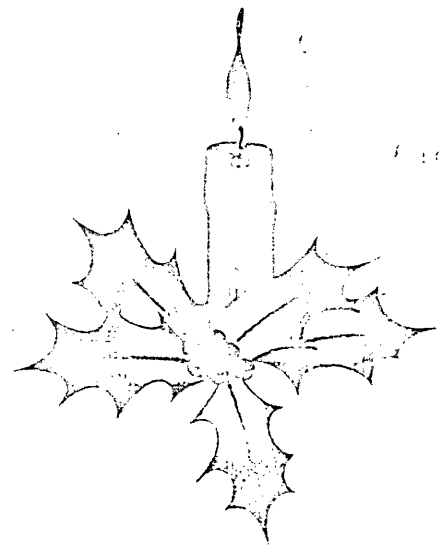
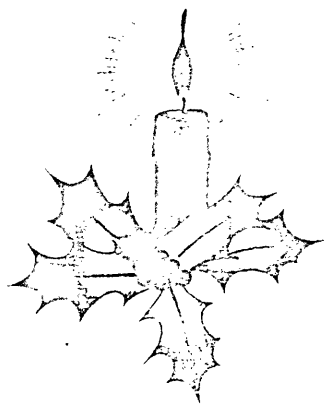


## To Care And Share

"... Inasmuch as you have done it  
unto one of these, even the least, you  
have done it unto Me."—Matthew 24:40

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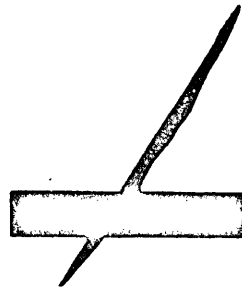
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# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR DECEMBER 20: Observing Christmas in Christian Ways

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** John 1:1-18

**MEMORY SELECTION:** The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father. (John 1:14)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To become aware of some of the positive and negative feelings people have about Christmas; to seek a new appreciation of the meaning of the day through a fresh look at the great Christian concept of the incarnation as interpreted by the Gospel of John.

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If we are to have a revitalized concept of what Christmas should mean to us and to all men we must look afresh at the great Christian doctrine of the incarnation described so well by John in our memory selection for today. People usually miss the main point of Christmas because they fail to appreciate all that was meant by God's coming to earth in human form. This visit of God to earth is the most wonderful thing that ever happened. In Jesus Christ there came about the miraculous union of Deity with humanity, and it was all done for our redemption.

Dr. John C. Irwin says in a special article written for the *International Lesson Annual*: "That in Jesus Christ, God entered into human history is surely the minimal content and definition of Christian orthodoxy," declares the British theologian Herbert H. Farmer. 'Jesus Christ is God savingly in action, once and for all, for us men and our salvation.' Whatever else Christmas may mean, it is the celebration that once, when life was dark and difficult and men were without hope, God chose to reveal himself in a human life."

In the incarnation the "good news" that God loves and cares for us was proclaimed. The announcement by the angels to the shepherds stands out as one of the great pronouncements of all time. They sang out, in the first Christmas carol, "Be not afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of a great joy which shall come to all peoples; for to you is born this day in the city of David a Savior who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10,11). This is the great gift of all time, because it made possible the gift of salvation to all of us who are so undeserving.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says (*International Lesson Annual*): "Of all life's persistent concerns the need to find our true selves in God, to discover who we are and what we are to do in life, is the most basic. We may know our names and family connections, but this is not the interior self-knowledge that we crave. We may decide upon careers in law, medicine, homemaking, and the like, only to miss the true purpose of God for our lives. Christmas is one of the occasions when we may make the discovery of our true selves. When the full meaning of Christmas comes home to us, it becomes a kind of mirror in which we can take a long look — God's look—at who we really are. However, such introspection is possible only when we understand Christmas and observe it in a Christian way."

What really happened at Christmas? What, in turn, can happen to us at Christmas? These are the questions that count most.

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### THE WORD AND THE LIGHT

It is interesting that the scriptural background for this year's Christmas lesson does not mention the birth of Jesus. Each of the four gospel writers began his account of the life and ministry of Jesus in a different way. Matthew and Luke have the

familiar birth stories, while John and Mark chose to jump right into the middle of the life of the Master.

However, our material from the prologue of John is as appropriate for Christmas as the familiar stories of the manger, the shepherds and the Wise Men. This first chapter of John sets forth the theological significance of the event the church celebrates at Christmas. These profound affirmations give the richest interpretation of the nature and meaning of the person of Jesus.

Two words that stand out in the first chapter of John are "word" and "light." The first of these two words is the Greek word "logos" with which John describes the eternal reality which is God and which came to dwell among men in the body of Jesus of Nazareth. In John 1:9 we read, "The true light that enlightens every man was coming into the world." The verse refers to the work of John, "the forerunner" and declares that John was "not the light but came to bear witness to the light."

The Gospel of John says that Jesus, by his coming into the world brought the real light to men. The coming of Jesus was like a blaze of light. Dr. William Barclay says: "Before Jesus came there were other lights which men followed. Some were flickers of the truth; some were faint glimpses of reality; some were will o' the wisps which men followed, and which led men out into the dark and left them there. It is still the case. These are still the partial lights; and men still follow them. Jesus is the only genuine light, the real light to guide men on their way." Is it any wonder we make such a to-do over lights and candles at Christmas! We are trying to witness to the coming of the "real light."

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### THE WORD BECAME FLESH

The other word we mentioned as standing out in this chapter is "logos" or "word." Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "In the birth of Jesus we see God's Work taking on human form to live our kind of life among us."

With the Greeks there was much meaning in "logos." It stood for wisdom and the principle of reason. In saying that Jesus is the Word made flesh, the author of John is saying that in Jesus we see God's purpose revealed. Now we know what life is all about. More than this, we know what we as human beings are expected to become.

John tells us three things about the Word — that is, he says three things about Jesus who was born in Bethlehem on the first Christmas Eve.

First, he said the Word was already there at the very beginning of things. He was speaking of the pre-existence of Christ—saying the Word is not just one of the created things. He was there before creation—he was part of eternity and was there with God before time and the world began. Then, John goes on to say that the Word was with God—that there has always been the closest and most intimate relationship between Jesus and God. Finally, there is the declaration that Jesus was God. John does not say that Jesus was to be identified with God. He said that he was God.

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### HIS COMING GIVES LIGHT TO EVERY MAN

John 1:9 says: "He was the real light, who, in His coming into the world, gives light to every man." Although we are reading here of two physical realities called light and darkness, the message that comes through to us is more concerned with the eternal struggle between good and evil. However, for any person who has had an experience of deep, total darkness suddenly swept away by light this is

one of the great parables of the Bible.

This writer had such an experience during World War II. It was the night before the landing on the Philippine island of Leyte. Our transport was moving slowly along the coast, and it seemed the heat inside was unbearable. I stepped out on the deck through the "light lock" device and took a cool breath. It was so dark—and then suddenly right before my eyes there was a blinding flash of white light and all the shore line was illuminated. It was my first experience with flares that are dropped over enemy territory, and I shall never forget that sudden, dramatic conquest of light over darkness.

John says that Jesus, by his coming into the world, brought the real light to men. His coming swept away the shadows in at least three realms: (1) His coming dissipated the shadows of doubt. Until he came men could only guess about God. To most people, God either dwelt in the shadows that no man can penetrate or in the light that no man can approach. But when Jesus came men saw in him what God is like. (2) His coming dissipated the shadows of despair. Men despaired of ever making themselves or the world what they know they and it ought to be. But with the coming of Jesus a new power, a new dynamic came into life. (3) His coming dissipated the darkness of death. Men had always been in bondage to their fear of death. But Jesus by his coming, by his life, his death, his resurrection—showed men that death was only the way to a larger life.

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### THE WORLD DID NOT RECOGNIZE HIM

Steeped as we are in 20 centuries of stories and traditions about Jesus, one of the most difficult things for us to understand is the fact that he was not accepted joyfully in his own time. "He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world knew him not" (John 1:10) Why was it that men would have none of him? Dr. Arthur John Gossip deals with this question in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "They had been expecting something utterly different. To them Christ did not look the part, and did not fit God's promises at all. It is a fearsome fact that one can brush up against Christ and never recognize him; can resent progress not realizing that it is progress; can oppose the incoming of a better way, because it is not the way to which we are accustomed, or the way we expected; or because this is not the way God used to travel, and which we assumed he would take, was bound to take, if he came back to us again."

This was why it could be true, as Mary Tatlow has written of the first Christmas:

"Men overlooked a baby's birth  
When love unnoticed came to earth."

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### INCARNATION AND THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

It was former President Harry S. Truman who said at one Christmas during his administration: "We miss the spirit of Christmas if we consider the incarnation as an indistinct and doubtful, far-off event unrelated to our present problems. We miss the purport of Christ's birth if we do not accept it as a living link which joins us together in spirit as children of the everliving and true God. In love alone—the love of God and the love of man—will be found the solution of all the ills which afflict the world today."

To many people Christmas is only a day of merrymaking, but to others it is a rich spiritual experience. The latter group rejoices not only that Christ came to earth nineteen hundred years ago, but also that he has taken up his residence within their own lives. The first Christmas was indeed a miracle, but the experience of Christ's presence in one's heart is equally a miracle.

May we close with these words of Dr. Howard P. Colson? "At the first Christmas God took up his abode in human flesh in the person of the infant Jesus. We call it the incarnation. But the full purpose of the incarnation remains unrealized until Christ is born in our hearts."

Though Christ in Joseph's town  
A thousand times were born,  
Till he is born in thee,  
Thy soul is still forlorn."



## Book Reviews

by AAK.

Jane Howard, **PLEASE TOUCH**, \$6.95, McGraw-Hill, 272 pp.

"The Human Potential Movement" is the umbrella under which this book brings together a sampling of the activities of a number of examples of techniques and procedures of the so-called "sensitivity training" movement.

It was written by a staff member of Life Magazine who traveled 20,000 miles and spent a year on assignment visiting as many bastions of the movement as she could. She concluded that it was extremely difficult to be sensitized through such a heavy schedule of participation.

There are many "far out" programs of sensitivity being promoted across the land and many very fundamental approaches to the enrichment of life and leadership. This little book is an excellent handbook for those who are interested in finding out what it is all about.

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Charles William Stewart, **THE MINISTER AS MARRIAGE COUNSELOR**, \$4.75, Abingdon, 224 pp.

This is a revision of a book that was originally published in 1961 and has already been found useful by many pastors. The new version includes a new section of a theology of marriage and an excellent bibliography.

Assuming that many of you are not familiar with the original edition, we would use this quotation from Dr. Stewart to introduce you to his point of view: "The counseling minister may never build a cathedral, but if he has helped one couple to find their moorings and to work through misunderstandings to acceptance of themselves under God, he may close the door of his study feeling a little more a pastor to his people and a shepherd of God."

## James Ling named director of UMY Service Fund

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — James Ling, a native of Malaysia who received his Master of Divinity Degree from Emory University's Candler

School of Theology last June, has been named director of the United Methodist Youth Service Fund.

With offices in the United Methodist Board of Education building here, Mr. Ling, 28, becomes the only continuing, full-time staff member of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry (UMCYM). Staff members of the Council working in Washington, D.C., Dayton, Ohio, and Nashville are students working for one-year terms. Other workers in the Nashville Youth Service Fund office are Craig Flynn, Fayetteville, N. Y., and Claus Rohlf, Jr., Dallas, Tex.

Last year United Methodist youth across the nation raised approximately \$579,000 for the Youth Service Fund. Allocations for the fund for 1971 will be made by the Council at its next meeting in Oklahoma City, Okla., December 30-January 5.

Mr. Ling, a native of Perak in northwestern Malaysia, came to the United States in 1967 to study at Candler. During the summers of 1968 and 1969 he served as a camp counse-

lor in the South Georgia Conference and during the past summer directed a drama adapted from Malcolm Boyd's "Are You Running With Me Jesus?" The four member cast took the drama dealing with racism, war, poverty, and hypocrisy to 35 churches in the South Georgia Conference, traveling 10,000 miles in nine weeks.

Mr. Ling recently returned from a 2½ month world tour including a visit to his homeland.

Miss Dorie Ellzey, Wilmette, Ill., is chairman of the UMCYM which includes 20 youth and 10 adults. The Council is comprised of four youth from each of the five jurisdictions of the church. Half of the youth represent racial minority groups. No youth may be older than 18 at the time of his election. The average of the current council is slightly below 17.

The Council is headquartered in Dayton, Ohio, where Miss Myrna Gum, Bozeman, Mont., and David Harvin, Laurinburg, N. C., serve as Youth Associates. Three Council staff members working with a Legislative Affairs Project in Washington, D. C., are Miss Martha Crawford, Dallas, Tex., Larry Ekin, Galesburg, Ill., and Lee Ferguson, Bozeman, Mont.

It is toward this end that Dr. Stewart writes on pastoral care and marital counseling for the practicing minister and the training student.

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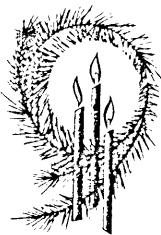
George A. Torney, editor, **TOWARD CREATIVE URBAN STRATEGY**, \$5.95, Word Books, 249 pp.

A number of outstanding church leaders have contributed to this book about the mission of the church in urban society—an area in which all of us have concern. We feel it does an excellent job of underscoring the fact that the goal is service and not survival.

The book contains innovative and practical suggestions and patterns for creative involvement in city life and structure—the church and the people of God at work in the world.

Included among the contributors are Dr. Elton Truett of Earlham College who speaks of "The Role of the Laity," and Dr. Lyle E. Schaller, director of the Center for Parish Development at Evangelical Theological Seminary of the United Methodist Church.

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## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

In describing "The Spirit of Christmas," Charles H. Daniels wrote . . .  
"There is something about the Christmas time, something in the spirit of it that sweeps it clean of the dust of other days and hallows it."

### Star-Topped Tree

Transcendent beauty of a star  
Atop the dazzling tree  
Can pierce the air with flecks of light  
Like moonbeams on the sea —

And stir within believing hearts  
Remembrances of light  
That flooded all the earth and sky  
That wondrous, breathless night.

—by Etta Caldwell Harris

### The Christmas Baby

'Tis Christmas and today we sing;  
For Christ was born a new born  
King,  
And in my world I will rejoice  
He came to save the world from  
sin.

A guiding star proclaimed His  
birth;  
A little lamb lay near His crib  
His mother, Mary, watched over  
Him,  
And Joseph softly caressed each  
of them.

The manger cradled the baby lay,  
Amid the straw and falling hay,  
The three wisemen brought gifts  
for Him  
Tho' strange the star that followed  
them.

—by Cleo Sorrels

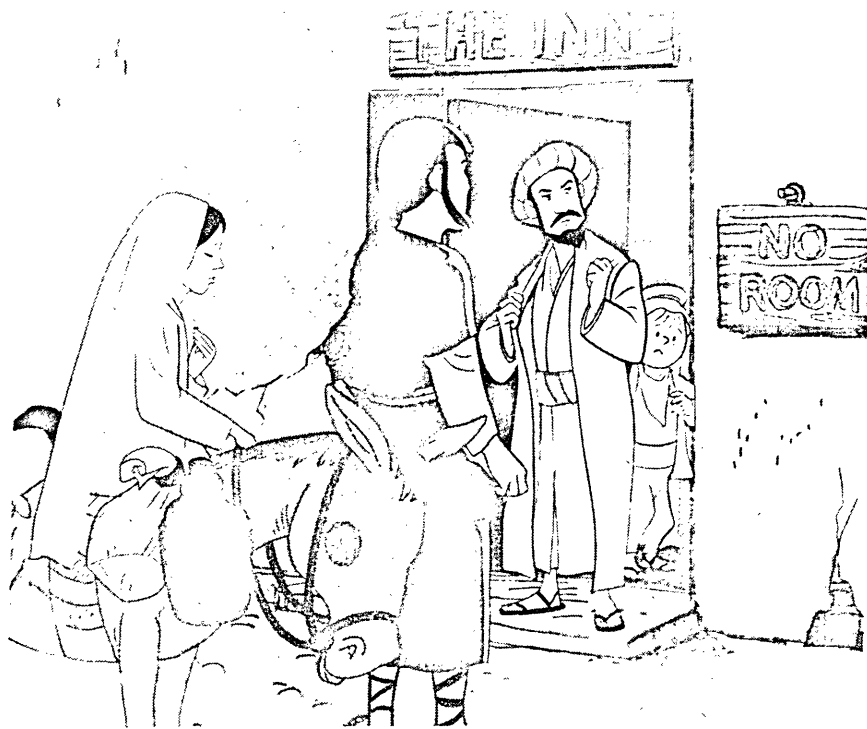
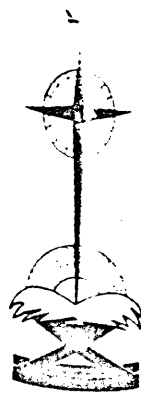
### The Christ Child

Dawning again is the season  
When the Holy Babe was born,  
Angels announced His coming,  
News so wonderful that morn.

Dressed in swaddling clothes,  
In a manger He lay,  
Lord of Host, asleep  
In new mown hay.

Overhead the angels  
Sang that morn  
"Immanuel, Immanuel, a blessed  
Saviour  
To us is born."

—by Lois P. Thomas



Benji, a boy "with a shepherd hang-up" and his dog Waldo, are the chief characters in a cartoon special released to television this year by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The half-hour cartoon tells the story of a modern boy unsatisfied with his role as "the second Shepherd" in the Christmas pageant. In a dream Benji is transported to Bethlehem and gets to meet the real "second shepherd." The program will be shown on 180 stations across the country during "prime time." (RNS Photo)

## Youth, young adults named to Board of Laity

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Action to direct its interest toward all laity of the United Methodist Church, instead of emphasizing only work with men as has historically been done, has been approved by the denomination's General Board of the Laity.

"It is the policy of the (board) to be representative of the total laity of the United Methodist Church," said a statement adopted unanimously by the 61-member agency at its annual meeting here November 13-15. To implement the new policy, the group said that membership on boards of laity at all church levels should be open to "all people of the church alike—men and women, adults and youth," and the involvement of women in the work of the laity will be encouraged in all areas. It was recommended that the board employ a "qualified woman as a staff member."

In other actions, the board approved a national conference for all churchmen—"men, women, young adults, ordained and unordained"—at Purdue University in W. Lafayette, Ind., July

13-15, 1973, endorsed continuation of a number of programs—including pilot projects in seminary stewardship education and lay-clergy dialogue, and elected ten youth and young adults to board membership. The action on the 1973 conference is subject to approval of the Program Council.

Elected to the board as youth and young adult members were Miss Dorie Ellzey, Wilmette, Ill., Hervey Greer, Minneapolis, Minn., Steven Harding, Camden, N. J., Michael Webster, Central Square, N. Y., Miss Judy Parker, Carlisle, Ark., Mike Simmons, Baton Rouge, La., Miss Leslie Evans, Starkville, Miss., Stephen Bray, Ashland, Va., Miss Linda Vernon, Missoula, Mont., and Sydney G. Snyder, Modesto, Calif. Don Stevens of Wauwatosa, Wisc., was named to fill a vacancy from the North Central Jurisdiction in the lay leader category.

In a joint statement to the closing session of the board, the youth asked that the group consider ways to reduce expenses of holding the annual meeting.

President of the General Board of the Laity is Thomas P. Moore of Bucyrus, Ohio. The group will hold its next annual meeting November 12-14, 1971, in the Chicago area.

## Cokesbury Graduate Awards announced Executive session of Missouri West Conference not held

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Cokesbury Graduate Awards in College Teaching for 1970-71 have been made by the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Board of Education.

The awards, ranging from \$500 to \$2500, are financed out of United Methodist Student Day receipts and are a part of the United Methodist Scholarship program.

The Cokesbury awards are designed "to assist a number of outstanding graduate students who are definitely committed to a Christian philosophy of higher education and who have chosen college teaching as a professional career."

The awards are granted on the basis of academic standing, leadership, ability, promise of usefulness, churchmanship, character, personality, and need. Students receiving the awards must be attending one of the eight following universities related to the United Methodist Church:

American University, Washington, D.C.; Boston University, Boston, Mass.; Duke University, Durham, N. C.; Emory University, Atlanta, Ga.; Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; Syracuse University, Syracuse, N.Y.; and the University of Denver, Colo.

Recipients of the 1970-71 awards are:

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY: James Melvin Britt, Richard F. McFarland.

BOSTON UNIVERSITY: Ann M. Griffith, Edwin L. Plowman, Carol Sue Robb.

DUKE UNIVERSITY: Lawrence O. Kline, Robert E. Price.

EMORY UNIVERSITY: Mrs. Joyce P. Johnston, Waldo E. Knickerbocker, Jr.

NORTHWESTERN UNIVERSITY: Douglas E. Herman.

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COLUMBIA, Mo. (UMI) — An executive session of the Missouri West Annual Conference, scheduled for Dec. 3 to determine the ministerial status of the Rev. Phillip Lawson of Kansas City, was cancelled.

Cancellation of the session was announced by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, with the concurrence of his cabinet. The action followed discussion of the issue with the Council of Bishops.

Originally the meeting was called to consider a recommendation of the conference Board of the Ministry that the Kansas City pastor be "located" following a radio broadcast he made from North Vietnam. Any further procedure against him could occur under a different section of church law — the bringing of charges, their evaluation by a committee of investigation and a trial if recommended by the committee. No charges have been filed to date with his district superintendent.

### NEW ORGANIZATION LINKS METHODISTS OF LATIN AMERICA

NEW YORK (UMI) — A new organization linking Methodists in 10 Latin American countries has issued a call for the church to emphasize both the personal and social justice dimensions of the Christian mission.

Representing 122,400 members, the

SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY: Eileen Joy Piel, Trudi Jean Swedland.

SYRACUSE: Nancy L. Cloud, William J. C. Russell, Dale W. Woodward.

UNIVERSITY OF DENVER: Julian B. Rush.

## A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

Chapter 1 of the Plan is a declaration of the purpose of the projected new church. Listing the denominations participating, this statement then affirms: "a company of the people of God celebrating the one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, moving toward his coming Kingdom and seeking in faithfulness to unite under the Gospel for Christ's mission and service in the world, open ourselves individually and corporately to renewal from the Holy Spirit, struggle against racism, poverty, environmental blight, war and other problems of the family of man, minister to the deep yearning of the human spirit for fullness of life, provide for the common use of resources and gifts of many traditions, in a church catholic, evangelical and reformed, do covenant together in this Plan of Union for The Church of Christ Uniting."

The primary objectives of the Plan are listed and summarized as follows:

a. **Celebration of God's grace shall mark every endeavor of this united church.** It is affirmed that in the midst of "our world's temporal insecurities, fears and revolutions" the fundamental mood of celebration would mark the activities of this united church as it worships and as it goes forth "in the work of supporting, enriching, and changing the life of man."

b. **Faithfulness to the Gospel through mission in the world shall be the primary characteristic of the church's life at every level:** Here it is affirmed that concern for one humanity does not require that every activity of the church follow an identical pattern, but the involvement of all in a common task. The accent here is on "flexibility."

c. **The structures of the church shall provide for inclusiveness of all its members, and for their full participation and representation in every aspect of the church's fellowship and ministry:** This affirms the determination that the new church shall be all-inclusive in all levels of the church's life. Included is a statement that "the church will provide in its structures for the compensatory treatment of those who have been excluded in the past."

d. **Mutual enrichment shall be served and guarded.** This is the section which affirms that the uniqueness of each former church must in some manner be conserved in the new church. It says: "We hold that none of the uniting churches shall lose the continuity and richness of its own life, but each will find its life marvelously renewed by union with the other uniting churches." It also affirms that in the new church "the ordained ministry shall be one, with as much universality and authority as is possible in a still divided church."

e. **Ecumenical relationships shall be maintained and strengthened:** Since not all churches have been involved in the consultation and the development of the Plan, it is affirmed that all open channels of communication and cooperation be continued with those churches not participating in the union.

f. **Protection shall be given to liberties and diversities:** This statement seeks to protect "responsible freedom in decision-making" and affirms "the essential place of the non-conformist in the church as elsewhere."

g. **Maximum openness shall be provided for continuing renewal and reformation:** Here the accent is on safeguards against the development of "power structures" in the new church. It also reminds such a united church that it will always need to keep itself under surveillance so that it will not regard itself as perfect at any time.

h. **The Church of Christ Uniting intends to be in fact a uniting as well as a united church.** This declares that the united church would see itself as incomplete, and would be continually at work trying to form larger areas of union. AAK

Council of Evangelical Methodist Churches (CIEMAL), at a November executive committee meeting in Piracicaba, Brazil, also: 1) set up commissions to develop common documents in social principles, ritual and faith-and-order; 2) invited two churches into fraternal relationship, and (3) planned expanded evangelistic work including possible contact with what were said to be growing numbers of Hindus and Muslims in Latin America.

CIEMAL was formed in 1969 to link Methodist and Methodist-related churches in Latin America. Present members are autonomous Methodist Churches (affiliated with the United Methodist Church in the U. S.) of Mexico, Brazil, Argentina, Cuba, Uruguay, Bolivia and Peru, and the United Methodist Provisional Annual Conferences of Panama and Costa Rica (both on the way to autonomy). Chairing the Brazil meeting was CIEMAL president Eduardo Gattinoni, Buenos Aires, Argentina.

### DR. ALAN WALKER LAUNCHES SERIES OF MISSIONS IN CONFERENCE AREA

SYDNEY (RNS)—Dr. Alan Walker, the internationally known Australian evangelist, has launched a series of 26 missions in the Sydney area as part of his responsibility as president of the New South Wales Methodist Conference.

Theme of the campaign is "Newness" and it is coordinated with other denominations although the Methodists are acting as sponsors.

Dr. Walker will lead missions in major population centers and at three universities in Sydney. They are designed to inspire individuals who will commit themselves to Christ and assist Australian society by application of the Christian Gospel to social, national and international affairs.

Dr. Walker is superintendent of the Central Methodist Mission here. His term as conference president is for one year.

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Brooks Harvey was the recipient of a Boy Scout God and Country award during the Nov. 29 morning worship at Carr Memorial Church in Pine Bluff. Other participants in the presentation service included (l. to r.): Mrs. Dorothy Harvey, mother of the honoree, Brooks, Allen Borecky, scoutmaster, and the Rev. Carl V. Matthew, pastor.

### ADVENT ORGAN RECITALS AT SECOND BAPTIST, LITTLE ROCK

Arthur Honeychurch, organist-choirmaster at First United Methodist Church, Malvern, presented the first in a series of weekly noontime Advent Organ Recitals at Second Baptist Church, Eighth at Scott in Little Rock, on Friday, Dec. 4.

A second recital will be presented by James Higbe, organist-choirmaster at Trinity Cathedral, Little Rock, on Friday, Dec. 11 from 12:10 to 12:50. The final recital will feature B. Thomas Vise, organist at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia. Miss Betty Marshall is organist at Second Baptist Church; Dr. Dale Cowling is pastor.

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### GREAT DEMAND FOR NEW TRANSLATIONS OF SCRIPTURE REPORTED TO ABS

NEW YORK (RNS) — There has been a greater demand for new translations and revisions of the Scriptures during the past year than at any other time, according to Dr. Eugene A. Nida, executive secretary of the translations department, American Bible Society.

Dr. Nida addressed 200 representatives of the 52nd Advisory Council of the Society at their meeting here.

"Where ten years ago people were skeptical about having a translation that people could understand," he said, "they now are demanding that translations be prepared in such a way that the average person can comprehend what the Bible says."

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### A MOUNTAIN PEAK EXPERIENCE TODAY

Amid our fast moving daily life streams in our times, we may well wonder what rapids and falls are ahead of this onrushing tide: (1). What should we do about them? (2). Where should we turn for guidance? (3). Today, does the Lord speak to and guide those who submit their lives to Him?

Last Sunday, November 1, 1970, I witnessed an occurrence that to say the least was astounding to me. I was in the Winfield United Methodist Church Buzbee Sunday School Class, where we were singing with deep devotion the great hymn "The Old Rugged Cross."

As we repeated the words of the chorus, "I will cling to the old rugged cross," I seemed to see a picture or vision of a storm-swept, rounded hill with lashing waters already about two thirds of the way to its top. Then through the mist of this storm, I began to see an apparent rugged tree with a man clinging desperately to it.

And I seemed to hear a voice ringing out! — Here the following little poem, which came to me by lines, takes up the story and gives the rest of the account of this experience:

"HOLD ON!"

"Hold on! Hold on! Hold on!  
Hold on!"

"Rang out through wind  
and rain near dawn,  
As man on hilltop clung to tree.  
Its shape familiar did I see,  
"Like that on which our Savior  
died

To save the world from sin"  
I cried.

Amid the storms of life today,  
When stored values melt  
away,  
When new beats down the signs  
of old,  
And warmth and hope seem  
grown so cold,  
Oh may this unseen voice, not  
gone,  
Again ring out, "Hold on!  
Hold on!"

—Lewis D. Crenshaw  
Little Rock, Ark.

## METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME of Arkansas

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

#### FRANK ANTHONY

by Margaret, Hassel, Reagan, and Jana Clark

#### BERT ADAMS

by Mrs. R. B. Wilson  
MRS. HOMER L. ANDERSON

by Mr. & Mrs. Guy Jenkins  
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Bullock

#### SID BAXTER

by Mrs. T. T. McNeal

by Mrs. Edward Best

#### BOBBY BROWN

by Mr. & Mrs. Lonnie Davis

MR. & MRS. C. A. BASSETT

by Mr. & Mrs. C. B. Boarman

#### MRS. STELLA BECK

by Mr. & Mrs. Troy Trice

by Mr. & Mrs. Wesley Willoughby

#### MARTHA HOLDERBY BOYNTON

by Mrs. R. H. Holderby

#### ROY P. COCHRAN

by Mr. & Mrs. Ernest Ursery

by Betty A. Green

by Miss Helen Boyce

#### J. B. CHOATE

by Mrs. V. C. Harrell

by Ann Harrell

#### CHESLEY C. CLAYTON

by Mr. & Mrs. John M. Burnett

by Miss Martha Pugh

by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pugh

by Mr. & Mrs. Benton Newcome

by Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Newcome

#### MRS. LAURA KELLY CHURCH

by Mrs. Ralph McDonald

#### MRS. ORA HARRISON CLERGET

by Mrs. Anna W. Bowser

#### MRS. JOHN DAVENPORT

by Mr. & Mrs. John W. Moore

by James & Virginia Erwin & Boys

by Mr. & Mrs. John B. Streett

by Mrs. Agatha Griffith

by Mrs. Beatrice McRae

by Employees of Ark. State Health Department

by Mrs. M. E. Thornton

by Mrs. Cecile J. Melton

by Mr. Al Wilhelm

by Mrs. Paula Johnson

by Mary Jane Bond

by Mrs. Linda Starr

by Mrs. Jeanette Smith

by Mrs. Rusty Davis

by Mrs. Juanita Mathis

by Miss Betty Carmichael

by Mrs. Cheryl Maack

by Mrs. Frank Jessome

by Mrs. Barney Levine

by Wesley Sunday School Class,

St. Andrews Church

#### MRS. BIRDIE FORD

by Friendship Class, Lakeside,

Pine Bluff

#### LT. COL. J. W. GREEN

by Mr. & Mrs. Bob King

#### MRS. FRANCES CROSS HUNTER

by Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Seabrook

#### HUBERT HARRISON

by Mrs. W. F. Hurley

by Mrs. Ralph McDonald, Sr.

by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Conner, Jr.

#### MRS. JOHN HART

by The Carl Baumgardners

by Ella Wrinkle

by Lucy Patterson

by Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Patterson

#### CARLTON N. HOPE

by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Reneau

by Mr. & Mrs. T. V. Blankenship

by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Barbler

#### V. A. JOHNSON

by Mrs. R. C. Wells

by Carl Wells, Jr.

#### ARTHUR L. LADD

by Mrs. Bess Carpenter

MRS. W. D. MURPHY, SR.

by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Conner, Jr.

#### J. FRED MAXFIELD

by Sara Beth Morris

MRS. JOHN B. McDANIEL

by Mr. & Mrs. George Knapp

#### J. D. MCKAY

by Wm. L. Brown

WILFRED MCKINNEY

by Mrs. R. B. Wilson

MRS. ERNEST P. O'NEAL

by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph C. Lehman, Jr.

by Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Tharp

#### LLOYD C. O'DELL

by Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Adams, Jr.

#### JAMES PATTON

by G. T. & Johnnie Harris

by Mr. & Mrs. Mark A. Shelton, Jr.

#### E. G. POWLEDGE

by Mrs. Lucy W. Ring

by Lucy Anne Ring

by Margaret, Hallel, Reagan and

Jana Clark

by Mrs. Billie H. Lowry

by Miss Martha Pugh

by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Pugh

by Mr. & Mrs. Benton Newcome

by Mr. & Mrs. R. B. Newcome

by Mrs. R. B. Wilson

#### MRS. JEWELL PIRTLE

by Mr. & Mrs. Virgil Blankenship

by Mr. & Mrs. Raymond Barbler

#### PAUL PROEST

by Mrs. James T. Slack

#### FINIS L. PHILLIPS

by Mrs. Anna W. Bowser

MRS. WALTER RYLAND

by Mrs. Matt B. Tucker

MRS. DOLLIE ROBERTSON

by Mrs. R. B. Warner

WILLIAM E. SHAW, SR.

by Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Bowen

MRS. BESS CLAYTON STEPHENS

by Mr. & Mrs. John M. Burnett

MRS. WM. WALLACE TAYLOR

by Mr. & Mrs. John W. Chidester

#### AUNT TRUDE

by The Wayne Gamhill Family

W. A. TAYLOR

by Mrs. E. H. Davidson

MRS. ALICE C. WORKS

by Mrs. Glenn Coker

R. C. WALKER, JR.

by Mr. & Mrs. G. D. Therrell

MRS. JOE WEBB

by Mrs. W. G. Rye

by Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Robinson

MRS. J. H. WEBB

by Mr. & Mrs. Franklin Woodruff



PORTLAND, Oregon — Throughout the week Jim Allen is a beloved clown known as "Rusty Nails" on station KPTV in Portland, Oregon. But when he's off-camera, the clown presents the "good news" of the Bible to young and old in churches of all faiths. Mr. Allen, shown with Dr. Mark Talney, regional distribution secretary for the American Bible Society, distributes Scriptures published by the Society. In the past year he has given away over 25,000 gospel portions, selections and the whole New Testament in Today's English Version, all of which he purchases himself. When he makes his public appearances, Mr. Allen doesn't come as an entertainer, but as a messenger, using visual aids, object lessons, musical readings, poetry, and a talent for acting out Bible stories. (RNS Photo)

## WORLD SERVICE BULLETIN

Report for October, 1970

### BENEVOLENCE FUNDS

	October 1969	October 1970	Fiscal Year Thru Oct. 1969	Fiscal Year Thru Oct. 1970	Percent Increase (Decrease)
World Service .....	1,758,602.24	1,693,871.36	14,592,383.34	14,303,003.68	(1.98)
General Advance Specials					
World Missions .....	455,000.00	401,935.19	6,102,255.26	5,394,468.42	(11.60)
National Missions .....	98,000.00	116,731.04	1,381,501.37	1,331,396.25	(3.63)
Overseas Relief .....	33,930.06	124,726.72	978,303.43	1,097,348.99	12.17
One Great Hour of Sharing .....	15,123.14	11,046.95	722,935.29	671,934.22	(7.05)
Fellowship of Suffering and Service .....	93,459.93	96,191.06	299,110.26	233,318.88	(22.00)
World Service Specials .....	5,428.96	5,770.07	173,908.35	162,183.62	(6.74)
Temporary General Aid .....	57,343.45	55,870.48	536,411.49	498,757.83	(7.02)
Fund For Reconciliation .....	184,707.20	74,757.39	1,736,019.15	1,292,308.85	(25.56)
Ministerial Education .....		291,278.40		2,094,533.37	
Race Relations .....		9,695.99		560,829.01	
Methodist Student Day .....		14,238.50		158,454.42	
Youth Service Fund .....		17,572.24		129,795.48	

### ADMINISTRATIVE FUNDS

Episcopal Fund Receipts ...	222,501.24	233,051.56	1,851,613.22	1,911,636.81	3.24
General Administration					
Fund Receipts .....	109,122.63	103,207.98	920,957.28	883,332.98	(4.08)
Interdenominational					
Cooperation Fund .....	43,807.42	42,675.97	423,796.83	383,128.70	(9.60)

We publish the information relating to World Service receipts for October with a sense of disappointment, for since May we had been making progress toward equaling our last year's record. We slipped back from a deficit of 1.75% to 1.98% in October, and although small, most certainly in the wrong direction.

It was encouraging to note the improvement in receipts to General Advance Specials for National Missions, Overseas Relief, Fellowship of Suffering and Service and World Service Specials.

The responsibility of maintaining our apportionments for all General Funds is clearly before the Church. The time to concentrate on these tasks is NOW and the leadership obligations of Pastors, Lay Leaders, District Superintendents and Bishops would be difficult to overstate.

COUNCIL ON WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE  
THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
R. BRYAN BRAWNER Treasurer  
1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Illinois

## UM membership figures show decrease

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Membership in the United Methodist Church in the United States is now officially 10,671,774.

The figures released here November 17 by the denomination's statistical office show a decrease of 117,850 members from the report a year ago. Not included in the total membership are 1,807,847 preparatory members.

Attendance at principal weekly worship services across the denomination was 3,853,703, down about 140,000 from a year ago.

Church school membership was reported as 5,924,464, a decrease of about 327,000. Average church school attendance was 3,264,850, down about 200,000.

The grand total of all giving for church causes was \$723,778,211. This figure includes \$140,250,600 paid in ministerial salaries, and \$114,243,010 for various benevolent causes.

While the grand total giving figure is up \$38,000,000 from the same time a year ago, meaningful comparison is not possible because of changes in fiscal years by the annual conferences.

According to Dr. R. Bryan Brawnner, general treasurer of the United Methodist Church, 17 annual conferences were reporting on a seven-months basis this year, while 30 conferences reported on a seven-month year in 1969.

Other official statistics for the denomination include:

Number of organized churches — 40,653  
Number of pastoral charges — 25,250  
Number of ministers — 34,561  
Value of churches, equipment, parsonages, other property — \$5,749,866,893

The statistics are compiled in the division of the Council on World Service and Finance headed by Mrs. Charles A. Hart.

## EMORY PROF DELIVERS FONDREN LECTURE AT SCARRITT COLLEGE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. — Dr. Justo L. Gonzalez, Assistant Professor of World Christianity at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, delivered the Fondren Lecture at Scarritt College in this city, Wednesday evening, December 2.

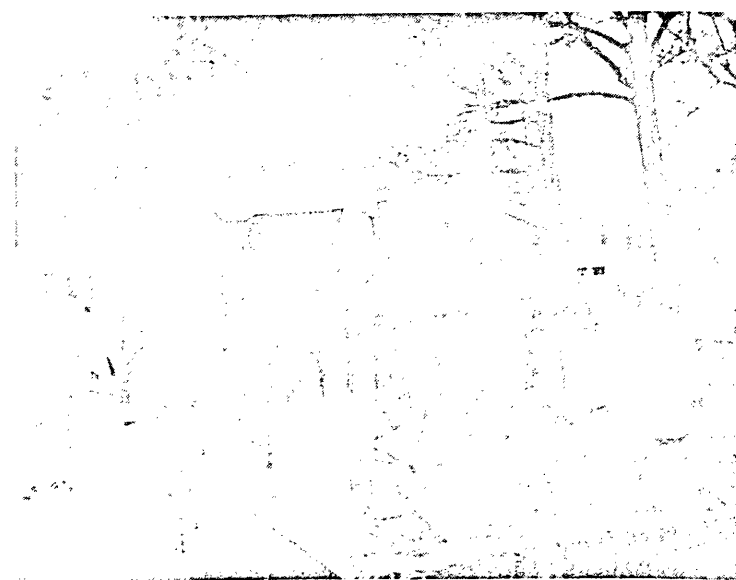
Dr. Gonzalez was born in Cuba. He received the Ph.D. degree at Yale University in 1961, the youngest ever to do so. He has studied at Universidad de la Havana, Cuba; Union Theological Seminary, Matanzas, Cuba; Yale University; Strassburg and Basel. He is a writer of prominence both in his native language and in English. He is a member of the commission on faith and order of the World Council of Churches.

The Fondren Lectures at Scarritt College were established by Mrs. W. W. Fondren of Houston, Texas, to promote a better understanding of the mission of the church. The theme of Dr. Gonzalez' lecture is the church's role in Latin America. Mrs. Fondren was a trustee of Scarritt College from 1937 to 1952. Fondren Hall on the Scarritt campus was named in her honor.

## LOUISIANA COURT REITERATES BAN ON PAROCHIAL AID

BATON ROUGE (RNS) — The Louisiana Supreme Court has refused to reconsider its October decision outlawing state aid to private schools under terms of a law passed by the 1970 Louisiana Legislature.

In a 4-3 ruling—the same margin involved in the October decision on the constitutionality of the law—the court refused a state request for a rehearing on its decision that the Private School Aid Law violated the state constitution's provision providing separation of church and state.



Magnolia First Church junior high group with Nativity float in Christmas Parade. After the parade the float was removed from the trailer and placed on the church lawn. The different churches in Magnolia were assigned different themes for their float entries in the parade. Each will be displayed in front of the sponsoring church. The Rev. Allen B. Bonsall is pastor at Magnolia First Church.