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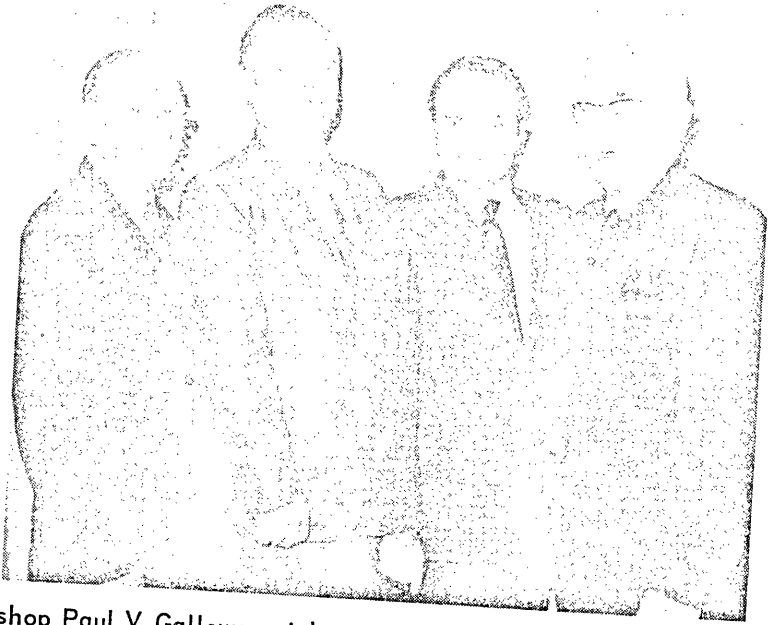
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CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

We would remind all of our readers of the 1971 Circulation Campaign for the Arkansas Methodist, the dates of which are January 17-24. The first printed report on the results will appear in the issue of February 4, containing all reports received in the office by Friday, January 29. We hope that all of you will send us a report of the progress of the campaign in your church in time for the first report. AAK



Bishop Paul V. Galloway, right, joined a team from Perkins School of Theology in presenting the details of a proposed Internship Program to leaders of the Arkansas Area in a meeting on January 15. The group from Perkins included, from left: Dr. Glenn Lembke, Dr. Claus Rohlfs, and the Rev. Gerald Rainwater.

Perkins Internship program interpreted to Area leaders

An enthusiastic response was given to the proposed new internship program of Perkins School of Theology by leaders of the Arkansas Area at a meeting held at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, January 15.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway welcomed the group to the meeting and commended the program which was presented by a team from the seminary made up of Dr. Claus H. Rohlfs, Sr., director field education; Dr. Glenn L. Lembke, consultant for the Perkins internship program; and the Rev. Gerald Rainwater, Perkins student from Fort Smith, Ark.

As outlined by the team, the plan calls for all seminary students to serve a period of internship, the exact duration of which has not yet been determined. Local churches of various sizes and styles of ministry would be the setting for these internships with the pastors serving as "field instructors" following a period of training. The training and oversight during the period of internship would come from a leadership team from the seminary.

Dr. Lembke, who has served as a consultant training for aero-space medicine and other professional disciplines in which the internship concept is employed, presented the organizational plan to the group. The heart of the plan, as he explained it, involves the arranging of four or more churches near enough geographically to constitute a "field unit" in which the pastors and the interns would have opportunities for regular sharing conferences in which they might gain a better understanding of the work of the local churches of a number of different types.

Dr. Rohlfs indicated that the new internship requirement for a degree will provide a better background and foundation for the students' future work in the ministry. By returning to the seminary for their final work following the time of internship an opportunity will be afforded for the closest kind of correlation between the academic preparation and the minister's work in the local church.

He said, "If this plan is as effective as we expect it to be, it will spread across the nation. To function effectively as a minister in today's complicated world requires all of the knowledge possible, but also tremendous skills in leadership. It requires a new

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Ministers' Week to feature speakers of diverse backgrounds

An Australian Methodist leader and a well-known Jewish rabbi will join four preachers of widely-divergent backgrounds and ministries as guest lecturers for Southern Methodist University's 36th annual Ministers' Week Feb. 1-4.

More than 500 ministers and other churchmen from throughout the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church are expected to participate in the four-day program.

The Rev. Arthur M. Jackson, president of the South Australia Conference of the Methodist Church, will present the four Fondren Lectures on the subject "Tension in Mission."

Rabbi Levi A. Olan, rabbi emeritus of Temple Emanu-El in Dallas, will deliver the three Jackson Lectures on "The Prophetic Faith in a Secular City."

Four outstanding alumni of SMU's Perkins School of Theology will share the Peyton Lectureship by delivering sermons within the context of varied types of experimental workshop services. Following each service, its preacher will discuss the place of preaching and worship in today's church as illustrated in the preceding service.

The four Peyton preachers will be Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Dallas since 1946; the Rev. Nathan-

DEDICATION AND CONSECRATION IN MONTICELLO DISTRICT

On Sunday, January 24, Bishop Paul V. Galloway will be in the Monticello District for the dedication of a church building and the consecration of a new parsonage.

At the morning worship hour the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church, Dumas, will be dedicated. Assisting in this service will be Dr. Raymond L. Franks, Monticello District Superintendent; the Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent of the Mount Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, who was pastor at Dumas when the sanctuary was built, and the Rev. Arnold Simpson, the present pastor.

Construction of the Dumas church, for which the total cost was \$197,500, was started in April, 1967. It was completed in March, 1968, and Bishop Galloway conducted the Consecration Service shortly thereafter. The final payments on the indebtedness were made Oct. 20, 1970.

On Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m., Bishop Galloway and Dr. Franks will be in McGehee for the Consecration and Open House for the new parsonage which is located at 1515 North 3rd Street. The new \$45,000 two-story home has been occupied since December by the family of the McGehee pastor, the Rev. Palmer Garner, and his family.

iel Lacy, who came to Perkins last fall as coordinator of black studies after

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Inaugural Prayer

Bishop Paul V. Galloway delivered the Invocation at the Inaugural Ceremony for Governor Dale Bumpers on Tuesday, January 12, the text of which follows:

"Eternal Father and Ever-present God, we invoke Thy power and blessings upon this state and all who share in the commitments of the day and the hopes for the future.

"We pray for our nation, its leaders and for all lands and people. Give to the world more of Thy intelligence and integrity that we may have peace and oneness in all relationships. Bless every institution of government and learning, our constitutional officers and staffs, our legislature, our judges and courts, and all enforcement officers and agencies.

"Grant that Church and State, business and professions, workers and 'the cared for' may unite hearts and minds to bring peace and righteousness.

"Look with Grace Divine upon this day and occasion. Help us to know that Thou art here!

"We thank Thee for all who have served our state as workers and Chief Executives. Just now we especially call upon Thee for Governor Bumpers, his family, and co-laborers. Safeguard them from fanaticism of the misguided, unfair and unkind criticism of people, pulpit, press, and self-righteous scorners. Give us bigness to see the day in which we live and wisdom crowned with sound judgment to be constructive sharers and helpers, that we may give voice to the right, correction to the wrong, direction to the needed and strength to every cause for growth and goodness.

"Bring us together in purpose and endeavor. Pour into our lives Thy goodness and spirit that we may become more than we now are. So keep and direct us that we may be worthy of Thy calls and blessings here and through the Eternal tomorrows. AMEN"

N. Ark. ministers to have additional protection in death benefit program

By action of the Committee on Group Insurance, the North Arkansas members in the Death Benefit Program went under Plan D on January 1, 1971 rather than February 1st. The Committee authorized the use of dividend money in order to give this higher protection one month earlier than previously planned. This now means the North Arkansas Conference ministers are under the same plan as the Little Rock Conference.

Also, ever since the North Arkansas Conference has been in the Death Benefit Program the members have realized additional protection through the use of dividends. The benefits, which are based on the average salary, were raised to the higher coverage as soon as possible even though the members had paid on the lower average salary.

Beginning January 1st the average salary is \$6,510 which is a raise of

\$96 over the average salary base used in the figures in the 1970 Journal. Now those who are 46 and under have a coverage of \$19,530.

The benefits drop off \$651 per year above age 46 until those who are active between ages 68 and 72 have \$5,208 protection. The retired over 65 now have \$2,604 protection. Those on disability retirement under age 65 have the same protection as the active ministers of their age.

The educational benefits remain the same as reported in the Journal, which are \$1,440 per year for four years of college for each child.

The District Insurance Treasurers of the North Arkansas Conference are now collecting the Death Benefits Program contributions which are \$76.97 from the charge and \$51.31 from the minister for a total of \$128.28 per member enrolled.

—Allan E. Hilliard, Chairman

Workshop at Aldersgate to promote Camp purposes

The Aldersgate Camp Public Relations Workshop scheduled for February 5 and 6, will enable interested participants to learn more about the only Board of Missions agency located within the state. Delegates will be from each district of all three conferences. Registration is still open to anyone in Arkansas, according to Mrs. Winston Faulkner, committee chairman, and the only expense to those attending is the transportation involved.

Couples are especially invited. Information will be given concerning the purpose and activities of Aldersgate, the most unique camp in the state and Methodism. Delegates are expected to learn more about its facilities and to promote the camp in their districts. Certified lay speakers might be interested in presenting the Camp as they speak in various churches. New slides are available to assist in this purpose.

For additional information, contact your district superintendent, or write: Aldersgate United Methodist Camp, 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, 72205.

The weekend workshop will begin at 5:30 p.m. Friday and close at 2:00 p.m. Saturday, February 6.

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Intern program

style of functioning."

Dr. Rohlf indicated that although the first interns would not be going out under this program until August, 1972, planning needs to begin in local churches which might be using the interns as budget planning takes place in 1971. In fact, he said, the leadership of such local churches are already being presented with the opportunities for such service.

February 20 was set by the group as the date for a Field Unit Development Conference which will bring together ministers and laymen from local churches which might be involved in the program. This meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, beginning at 10 a.m. Churches whose representatives will

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Ministers' Week

several years of urban ministry in the Los Angeles area; the Rev. C. Ebb Munden, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Lincoln, Nebraska; and the Rev. Dan Rodriguez, pastor of La Iglesia Metodista Unida, "El Mesias," in Mission, Texas.

Other special events of the week will include a panel discussion on "Counseling the Draftee and His Family," informal small-group discussions with Perkins faculty members on current developments in their fields of specialty, and presentation of portraits of former deans of the Theology School.

The Rev. Mr. Jackson, the Fondren Lecturer, is pastor of a Methodist church in Hawthorn, South Australia, in addition to heading the South Australia Conference since 1968. He also has been for several years a part-time lecturer in homiletics and Greek exegesis at Wesley College and a columnist for *The Advertiser*, a daily newspaper with a circulation of 120,000.

His varied background includes serving as a chaplain in the Australian Army and at the University of Adelaide, as well as a wide pastoral experience.

Rabbi Olan, this year's Jackson Lecturer, was spiritual leader of Temple Emanu-El for 21 years before his retirement last September. Since then he has been in London serving as visiting professor at Leo Baeck College. He has been a visiting lecturer at Perkins for many years and was appointed University Professor at the University of Texas in 1969-70.

Rabbi Olan, who was awarded an honorary doctorate from SMU in 1968, has given leadership to numerous humanitarian and civic causes throughout his career.

The Ministers' Week Luncheon will present an opportunity for informal dialogue with Mr. Jackson, Rabbi Olan, and Perkins Dean Joseph D. Quillian, Jr.

The Fondren Lectures were established in 1919 by the late W. W. Fondren and Mrs. Fondren of Houston. The annual Peyton series was estab-

attend that conference are to be selected by the Cabinets and Boards of Ministry of the Annual Conferences constituting the Arkansas Area.

Canadian photography on exhibit

The Hon. Pierre Asselin, consul general of Canada at New Orleans, officially opened an exhibit of Canadian photography at Hendrix College at a reception given by the Canadian government Monday, January 11, in the Trieschmann Hall gallery.

Entitled, "Canada, a Year of the Land," the collection of more than two hundred photographs in color and black and white is a featured exhibit of the Hendrix College "Canada Year" observance.

In addition to opening the exhibit of still photographs, Mr. Asselin sponsored a showing of a film relating to work of Canada's internationally celebrated film artist, Norman McLaren. His short animated films, which employ a vein of fantasy and are known for the great variety of animation techniques he has invented, have won numerous international awards at film festivals. In Europe and on this continent, Mr. McLaren is considered a major figure in the art of cinema.

Mr. Asselin, a native of Montreal, has been in the public service of Canada for over thirty years. Before going to New Orleans in September, 1969, he was consul general of Canada at San Francisco. He began his public career as secretary of the Quebec Department of Lands and Forests. In 1949 he was appointed principal secretary to the prime minister of Canada, the Right Honorable Louis St. Laurent. On Mr. Laurent's retirement in 1958, he joined the Department of External Affairs. Mr. Asselin's territory as consul general in New Orleans includes Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, and Tennessee.

lished in 1944 by Mrs. C. W. Hall of Austin. The Jackson Lectureship was established in 1945 by the sons and daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Jackson in their memory.

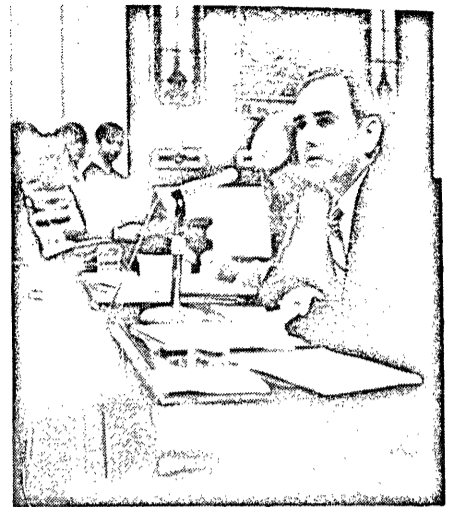
The Church Music Workshop for musicians and pastors, held each year immediately preceding Ministers' Week, is scheduled Jan. 31, and Feb. 1, with a public organ recital by Anthony Newman and the SMU Chamber Orchestra Jan. 31, at 8:15 p.m. in Caruth Auditorium.

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR NORTH ARKANSAS MINISTERS

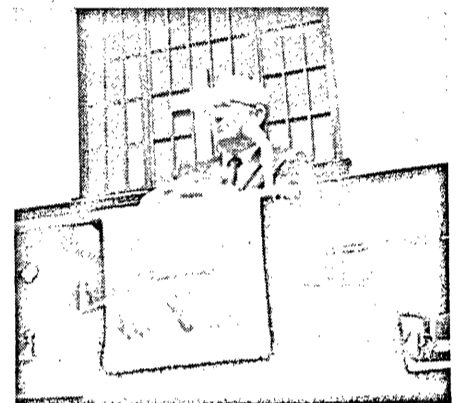
The Board of Ministry of the North Arkansas Annual Conference is offering ten scholarships of \$15 each for ministers wishing to attend the Ecumenical Clergy Conference on January 25-27.

The announcement came from the Rev. Harold Wilson, treasurer of the Board, who said that the scholarships will be awarded the first ten people writing or contacting him at 305 South Third St., Augusta, Ark. 72006.

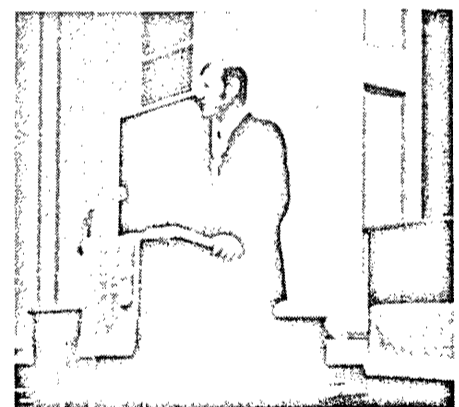
Dr. James Luther Mays of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Va. will be the featured speaker for this conference, to be held at St. John's Catholic Center, 2500 North Tyler Street, Little Rock. It is planned to bring together clergymen of various faiths for growth and understanding of each other, particularly as it relates to the Bible in the midst of today's theology and culture.



The Rev. George W. Martin, district superintendent, presided at the meeting of the Arkadelphia District Methodist Conference at First United Methodist Church, Malvern, January 12. The Rev. David M. Hankins served as secretary, and the Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft was the host pastor.



Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District superintendent, brought the message at the evening session of the Arkadelphia District Conference.



The Rev. Ralph E. Hale, Little Rock Conference, secretary of Evangelism, spoke to the Arkadelphia District Conference.

... the Scriptures, though not everywhere free from corruption, or entire, or clear, are uncorrupt, sufficient, clear, entire in all things which our needful faith requires.—John Dryden.



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Editorial

REACTIONS TO THE CONGRESS ON EVANGELISM

We would not want to be so bold as to suggest that the recent Congress on Evangelism in New Orleans marked the beginning of a new spiritual awakening in the United Methodist Church, but we do want to communicate to you our impressions of a meeting that provided a means by which a large number of ministers and laymen in our church indicated their desire to give the program of evangelism a new dimension.

Many young ministers and their wives were present looking for spiritual resources to give deeper meaning to the years ahead of them in the parish leadership. Other ministers participated in the Conference on Preaching hearing outstanding pulpits men preach and discuss their methods of sermon preparation. One of the new groups this year was dealing with marriage enrichment. Dr. Bruce Larson was active in the Congress contributing his unusual insights into the nurture of persons through small groups, and a number of those attending the meeting were enriched by their small group participation. Leaders of the program of evangelism at the conference, district, and local church levels spent long hours together discussing ways and means of implementing their plans at the level for which they have responsibility.

The individuals who came to New Orleans found themselves quickly absorbed in the work of the individual conferences, because they were joined there by others with common needs. The platform speakers all seemed to have a heart-warming style of communicating their messages even though some of them stood out in sharp contrast to others.

We would like to share with you our reactions to some of the major affirmations of the Congress.

—Coming from widely separated backgrounds, Dr. Sam Kamaleson of India and John H. Stagers, Jr., director of the Indianapolis Model Cities Program, spoke of some of the major issues of the day and put them in sharp focus. Both called for the Christian community to be obedient to and involved in the issues of the day rather than being apathetic and future-oriented only. Dr. Kamaleson said that one of the major problems comes "when God turns to the community and says, 'you've got something—turn it on,' and persons in the church often respond. 'Is there a reward in it for us?'" Mr. Stagers said that the kind of person who bothers him most is "the marginal man—apathetic,

fence-straddling, but not involved with the issues."

—Running through most of the addresses of the Congress was the theme of finding new ways by which the emphases of pietism and activism might be placed alongside each other. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr. of Charlotte, N.C. referred to this when he said, "The greatest scandal in the church is the dichotomy between personal and social relationships." Mrs. Virginia Law, Board of Evangelism staff member and former missionary to the Congo, spoke of the importance of relationships between persons, saying, "We must be Christian first to those who are closest to us. We can be healed only as we become willing to be instruments of healing for others."

—Dr. Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology delivered the Harry Denman Lectures, drawing striking similarities between the evangelistic concerns of churchmen today and the concerns of John Wesley. He appealed to his listeners to seek out the essence of the Wesleyan tradition and update it in the church that honors him. He said that "without some type of evangelical revival the future of the church and of the world is bleak indeed." He expressed his conviction that the church is in need of a spiritual awakening that will be relevant to our times, saying, "If there is to be a new awakening, it must be deeply concerned about the church. It must be ecumenical, social-action orientated, and be an outpouring of the Holy Spirit."

—Dr. Larson of the Faith at Work organization spoke of a need to shift the emphasis from fear to love. He said, "The church must love from a John-the-Baptist approach of proclaiming doom and affirm the

worthwhile and wonderful in people." Declaring that we are living in a pre-Christian era, he said that "the good news of Christianity has never been more relevant or negotiable. People are more open to hear the message of Christianity than ever before."

—Dr. Alfonso Rodriguez, director of Hispanic-American work for the National Council of Churches, called the growth of the ecumenical church more important than atomic power and modern technology. He expressed the hope that the Congress might be the starting point for an effort to evangelize the 12 million Hispanic Americans of whom he said 80 per cent are unchurched.

—In his closing message, Dr. Oral Roberts called the theological controversy between "liberals" and "evangelicals" a paradox. He said, "How difficult it is for the evangelicals to consider social action as a part of the gospel, and how difficult it is for the social action people to consider the miraculous power of Jesus Christ." Expressing his appreciation for the United Methodist Church of which he became a member in 1968, he said, "I believe that Methodism is one of the two or three groups in the world that has the possibility of complete spiritual renewal, of an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, of repeating the acts of Jesus in all their charismatic power, of being fully unashamed to stand on a street or in a pulpit, or to go where the needs are."

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the Editor's Corner



THE CRUSADE SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

One of the great programs of the United Methodist Church quietly observed its silver anniversary recently, and we feel it deserves special notice in this column. This is the Crusade Scholarship program which began in 1945 as World War II was coming to an end.

This venture in church-supported international education has helped in the education of 1,882 persons—students from the U.S. and other countries who have received training for service in the church, business, the professions, the arts, education, science and other fields.

Crusade Scholars have returned to their homes to become leaders in the church and in secular fields. Among former scholars are bishops, university presidents and professors, political leaders, journalists, musicians, doctors and businessmen.

The program takes its name from the former Methodist Church's four-year "Crusade for Christ" program from 1944 to 1948. The Crusade program and a similar overseas scholarship program of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church were merged in 1968 when the United Methodist Church came into being through the merger of the former EUB and Methodist Churches.

The program is administered by the national Crusade Scholarship Committee of the United Methodist Church of which Miss Margaret Swift, New York, is the full-time executive secretary, and Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, is chairman.

The group this year includes 78 Crusade Scholars studying in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, and 75 studying in 22 countries of Africa, Asia, Europe, Australasia and Latin America. Crusade leaders say the program provides that, where feasible, students are placed in schools in their geographic areas, both to strengthen overseas schools and to encourage a commitment to nation-building tasks in their homelands.

United Methodists support Crusade Scholarships through two major channels: part of the receipts from the annual One Great Hour of Sharing, and money appropriated by the Women's Division of Christian Service.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, speaker on the world-wide Lutheran Hour radio broadcast, has called the Cambodian phase of the Indo-China war, the "crucial struggle" of the war effort, according to a Religious News Service report. Returning from his second Christmas visit to American servicemen in Vietnam, the Lutheran clergyman said, "If the North Vietnamese find they cannot defeat the South Vietnamese in Cambodia, they may decide that they cannot defeat them at all and be ready to enter negotiations for peace." Dr. Hoffman praised the people-to-people civilian advisory program in Vietnam, saying "America has done itself great credit in the careful selection of these advisory groups."

Union Theological Seminary in New York is establishing a chair to honor the late Dr. Paul Tillich. Dr. Tillich was dismissed by Hitler in 1933 from his post at the University of Frankfurt-on-Main, and subsequently came to Union where he taught until 1955. The theologian, whose influence on theological education is well known, then held a prestigious professorship at Harvard. He died in 1965. An initial grant of \$50,000 for endowment of the chair has been given by the General Service Foundation. Union is seeking \$400,000 for the chair which will not be designated for any specific field of study.

The Wall Street Journal reports that church buildings placed on the real estate market due to the decline of the innercity church, have become warehouses, supermarkets, gas stations, television repair stores, and recreation centers. The Church of England plans to sell 700 church buildings, the Journal says. Some U. S. churches have been sympathetic to the disposal of church properties, suggesting that the money earned could be put to "spiritual" uses. Not everyone is happy with the new uses of church buildings, the Journal reports.

Two widely separated "clergy cultures" exist in the U.S. Catholic Church, one composed of men over 50 who are relatively secure and the other encompassing men under 45 who are "impatient and dissatisfied," according to a team of sociologists. Presenting the findings of their study to the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion, meeting in Chicago, they said "personal loneliness, work frustration and the need to marry" "most probably" lead to an exodus of a sizeable number of younger priests if the dissatisfaction is not resolved. On the other hand, the sociologist found that Protestant clergymen have a "relatively low and uncomplicated stress profile," mostly gravitating around "inadequate compensation, work frustration and, to a small degree, family unhappiness."

Prof. Harold P. Green, director of the law, science and technology program at George Washington University has suggested that further sacrifice of freedoms will be the price of survival in a technological society. Dr. Green writing in the official publication of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, called anti-democratic a position taken by Dr. Philip Abelson in a Science magazine editorial. "He (Abelson) seems to say that facts relevant to public decisions on science and technology should be determined by elitist groups . . . rather than having the facts determined in the rough and tumble of political process," said Green. "This view reflects a lack of faith in the democratic system," the educator pointed out.

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Sixty-four-year-old Anglican Bishop Launcelot Fleming of Norwich in eastern England, who has also served as a polar explorer and geologist, is to be new Dean of Windsor and senior chaplain to Queen Elizabeth. In July, he will be installed to formally succeed the Very Rev. Robin Woods, who was recently named Bishop-designate of Worcester, western England.

The Commission on Ministry of the American Baptist Convention has voted to establish a Fair Employment Council and to encourage the creation of pastoral relations committees in congregations. The Council, to be made up of minority group representatives, will work in the area of "discriminatory employment practices against professional leadership within the denomination." The Rev. Robert D. Rasmussen, director of the Commission, said "The effectiveness of the church's mission is the ultimate reason for improving pastor-people relationships. Conflict can, within certain limitations, be productive, but when those limits are exceeded, the church's mission and its credibility suffer."

A shortage of doctors may mean that two (one in Kenya and one in Uganda, Africa) of the 138 hospitals operated around the world by the Seventh-day Adventists will close, according to a spokesman at the Church's headquarters in Washington, D.C. Dr. H. N. Sheffield, director of the denomination's department of health, said that there is a shortage of doctors throughout the Afro-Mideast division. The hospitals involved employ a total staff of 132 people but each has only two resident physicians.

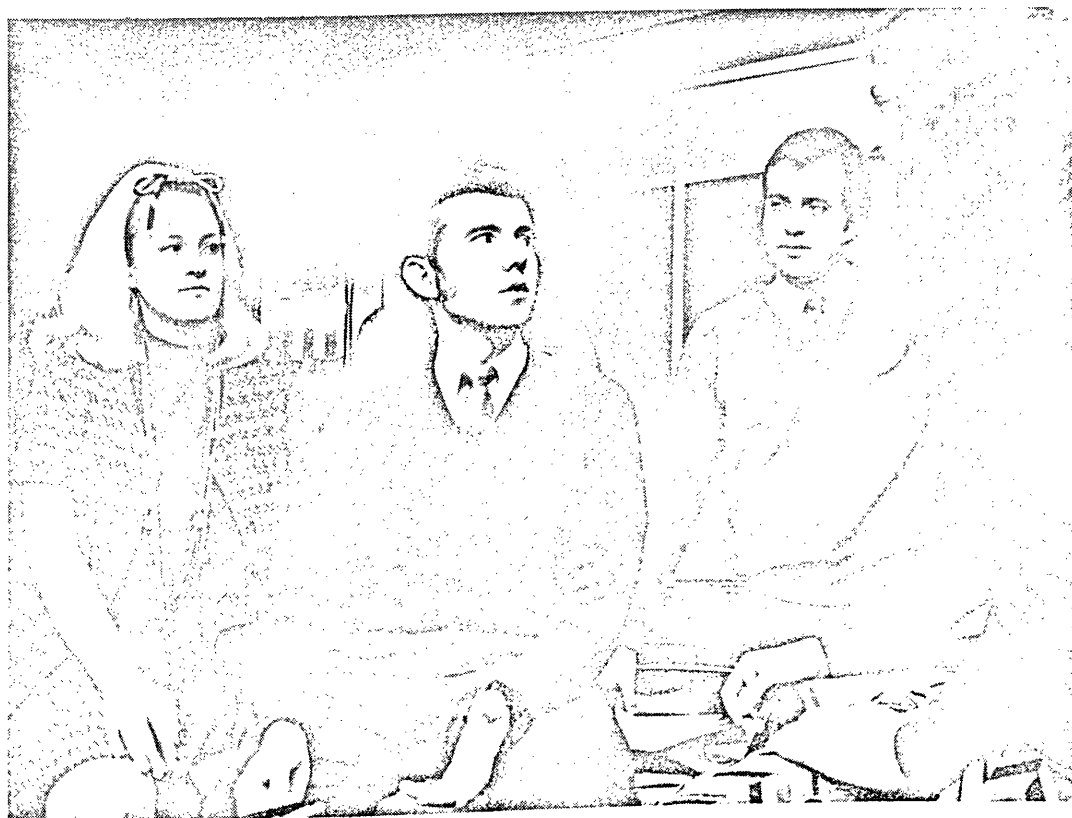
A Japanese-American executive of the American Baptist Church said in Chicago that the impact of the Christian Gospel appears to be profound in Japan, even without the benefit of a large Christian community. "Even in secularized Japan," with few churches, Jesus Christ is at work with redeeming power, Dr. Jitsuo Morikawa told the Sunday Evening Club, a religious fellowship of Chicago businessmen. Dr. Morikawa, said the church in Japan has greatly affected the theater, the status of women, the working class, mass and popular education and social welfare concern.

A member of the Sisseton Sioux tribe has been named to the Indian services desk in the Division of Mission Services, Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. Eugene Crawford, formerly executive director of the American Indian Center in Omaha, and a Presbyterian layman became associate secretary for the council's Indian services at the start of the new year. He will assist the nation's largest Lutheran Churches to cooperate their ministries among Indians through improved communications. Crawford, 42, was born on a Reservation in South Dakota, and has a master's degree from the Univ. of S. Dakota.

Dr. Will Herberg, theologian and philosopher, writing for a symposium in American Judaism's official publication charged that "we have lost the sense of what a human problem is." "By atomizing, depersonalizing, technologizing and homogenizing the substance of life, mass society withers the roots of humanness," Dr. Herberg said.

What is held to be the first authenticated physical evidence of crucifixion in Biblical times was unearthed more than two years ago in the outskirts of Jerusalem, according to an announcement in the Israel Exploration Journal on Jan. 2. The Journal, published by the Hebrew University Institute of Archaeology, reported that a skeleton, its heel bones pierced by a large iron nail, was found during excavations in an ancient cemetery at Givat Hamivtar in northeastern Jerusalem in June, 1968. Ancient literary sources record several waves of crucifixions in Jewish Palestine, as well as individual crucifixions by Roman procurators.

Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, has called for strong grassroots resistance to "tuition voucher" proposals currently being advanced for use in local school systems by the Office of Economic Opportunity. He charges that "under the guise of encouraging competition in education, these people are seeking to supersede the authority of local boards, erode the public school system, and undermine the separation of church and state." Archer has urged local school boards to "strongly resist this federal interference."



PHILADELPHIA — Jesse James (center), unlike his great-great grandfather, the legendary outlaw of the Old West, carries no gun. An ordained minister, he carries Christianity's message to college students through his work with the Campus Crusade for Christ. Shown with several members of the Crusade at its recent national conference in Philadelphia, which he organized, Mr. James is Crusade staff member at the University of Delaware. The 24-year-old minister, a native Kansan, says he never uses 'reverend' before his name. "The kids would run away, like I was some kind of green-eyed monster." (RNS Photo)

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Hendrix College receives memorial gifts

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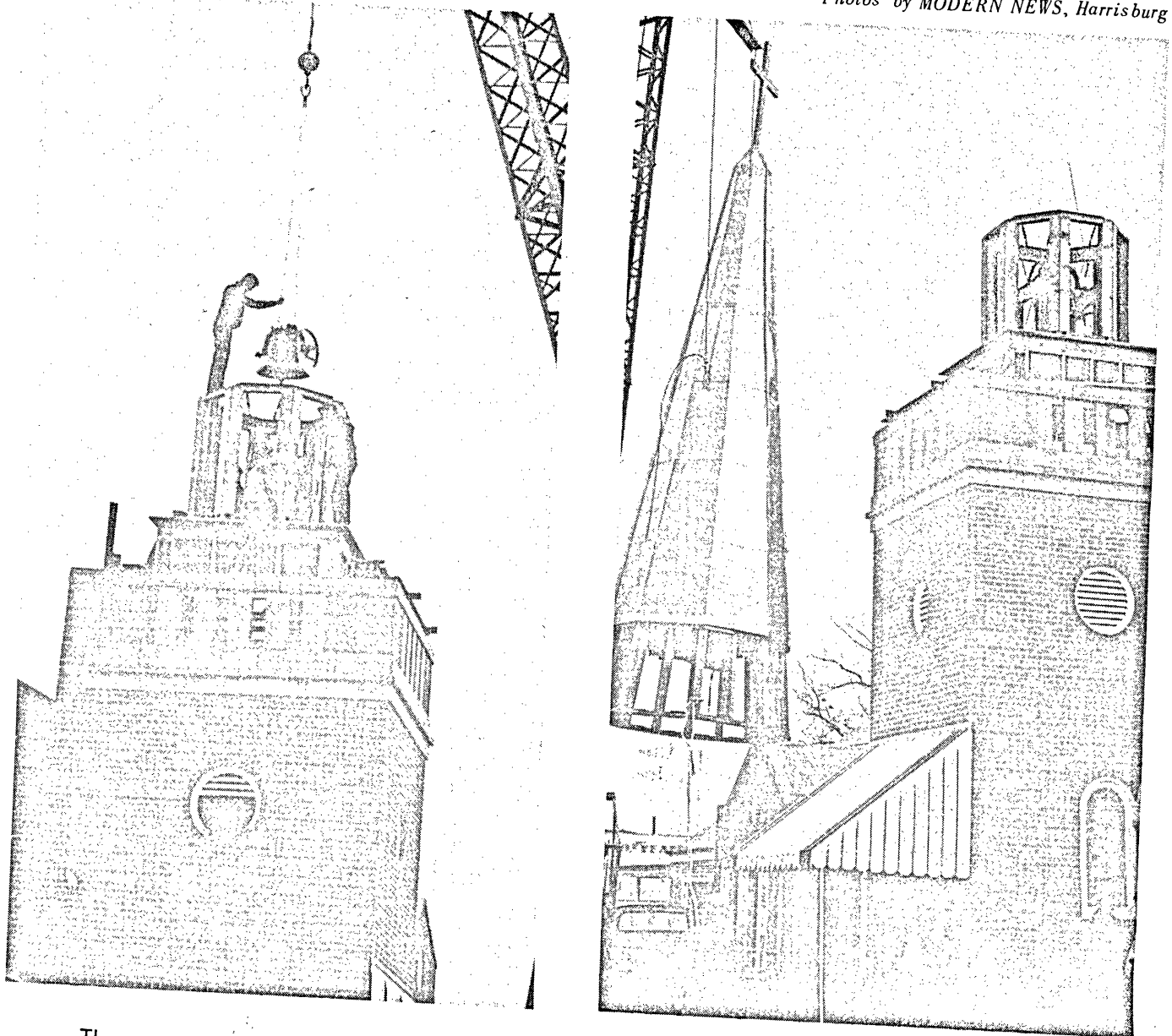
MRS. ANNA WATSON

Mrs. Anna Watson, oldest member of the Spadra United Methodist Church on the Hartman Charge in the Fort Smith District, died January 7 in a Russellville nursing home. She would have been 92 years of age on March 7.

The funeral service was held at Hardwicke Funeral Chapel in Clarks-ville with the Rev. Gaston Matthews, pastor, and the Rev. Elmer Linton, pastor of the Hartman Baptist Church officiating.

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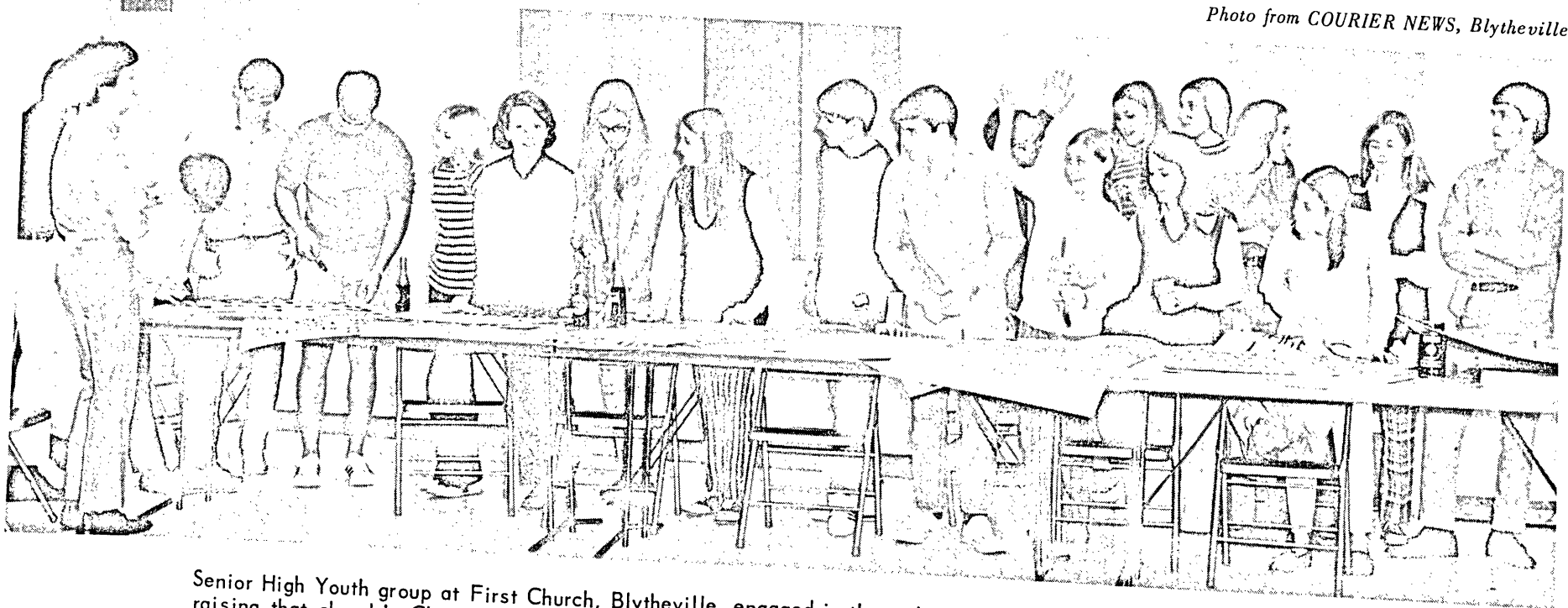
Photos by MODERN NEWS, Harrisburg



These pictures of the installation of the 75-year old bell and the new Steeple at First United Methodist Church in Harrisburg first appeared in the Dec. 24 issue of MODERN NEWS, published in Harrisburg. The bell cost approximately \$100 when purchased in 1895. The steeple was originally scheduled to be constructed with the present church building, but at the time funds for its erection were not available. The new steeple towers 64 feet above the ground. The Rev. Bob Orr is pastor of the Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley Charge in Jonesboro District.

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Photo from COURIER NEWS, Blytheville



Senior High Youth group at First Church, Blytheville, engaged in the making of posters to promote their project of raising that church's Christmas offering for the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. Their efforts, under the guidance of their counselors, Dr. and Mrs. Weldon Rainwater, resulted in a total contribution in the amount of \$1,766. The seniors called every member of the congregation, made brief talks at worship services, spoke to W.S.C.S., circles, and other groups concerning the project, and placed posters in strategic locations. The Rev. Virgil D. Keeley is minister.

NEWS and NOTES

GRAND PRAIRIE UMY Sub-District met on Sunday afternoon, January 10, at the Carlisle United Methodist Church. The special program featured Jan Roseberry of Little Rock, president of the Little Rock Conference UMY.

DR. MAX MCGINNIS, Little Rock obstetrician, spoke on "Sex Education in the Christian Home" at the January 12 meeting of the Asbury Mothers Roundtable, held in the Asbury parsonage with Mrs. Edward W. Harris as hostess.

SPRINGDALE UNITED Methodist Men heard Mrs. E. R. Stafford give a slide-lecture of her recent tour of Lapland in the Arctic at the January 12 meeting. Ladies were guests. The Rev. Clinton Atchley is the pastor.

THE ANTIOCH church and the WSCS renovated the utility room at the parsonage and installed a new automatic washer just before Christmas. The pastor is the Rev. Kelly Jones.

CARL RUNYON, executive director of "Big Brothers," spoke to United Methodist Men of Lake-wood Church, North Little Rock, on Monday, January 18.

"IT'S THE LORD'S THING," a Christmas folk musical, was presented by young people of several denominations of the community on December 22 at the Dermott United Methodist Church. Dale Martin, music instructor in the Dermott Public Schools was director, assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Barton Bynum. Miss Sue Arnn was pianist. Forty-six young people participated and a good crowd enjoyed the different approach to the Christmas message. The Rev. Noel Cross is the Methodist pastor.

THE TIMOTHY UNITED Methodist Church, Camden District, has just completed a ten-week program of spiritual development known as an "Experiment in Discipline and Discovery." During this time members of the congregation are invited to experiment in such Christian disciplines as prayer, Bible study and tithing. A number of our people accepted the challenge and a significant impact is being made in the church especially in terms of financial stewardship, Christian witnessing and individual spiritual development. This program is a recent innovation of the Institute of Church Renewal, Atlanta, Georgia and is designed for use in churches that have had a Lay Witness Mission. Permanent koinonia are now being formed to continue the development. The Rev. Doyne E. Graham is pastor.

E. H. "TANK" HARRISON was the guest speaker when United Methodist Men of a tri-county area met in First Church, Conway, on Monday, January 18.

WEST HELENA METHODISTS heard a minister of the Church of God of Prophecy speak at a recent service. He is the Rev. Floyd Tackett, native of Russellville, who has been preaching for 17 years. Host minister was the Rev. William Haltom.

EL DORADO FIRST CHURCH is devoting four Sunday evenings in January to the mission study "Getting the Word Around." The introductory study January 10 presented John Lusk, Joan Lusk and Max Methvin. Lt. Governor Bob Riley spoke January 17 on "The Problems of Communicating Today." A panel of speakers will discuss the systems of communication in city and country, next Sunday. A play on the theme will be given on January 30, when members of St. Paul Church have been invited to attend. Dr. Alvin Murray is pastor.

JIM KELL AND LYLE SALLEE led a discussion of "How the Word Gets Around" at the opening session of the study in Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, on January 10. Dr. Charles W. Richards is pastor.

THE ASBURY CHURCH study of "New Forms of Mission" began January 10 with Mrs. Fran Millard, executive director of CONTACT, explaining that project. Mrs. Eugene Rolfeigh presented a film on "The Homeless Child." The Rev. Edward W. Harris is pastor.

N. C. HEATHMAN, SR. is the study leader at Springdale for the four Sunday evenings' study of The Psalms during January. Each session is preceded by a cooperative supper. The UMYF will sponsor a "mission supper" January 31, with proceeds going to the Youth Service Fund. The Rev. Clinton M. Atchley is the pastor.

RETIRED MINISTERS and their wives of Arkadelphia were honored by the WSCS of First Church by a gift made to the Building Fund. Honored were the Rev. and Mrs. W. T. Bone, the Rev. and Mrs. C. D. Cade, the Rev. and Mrs. J. M. Hamilton, and the Rev. and Mrs. R. C. Walsh.

LESLIE McCULLOUGH, a layman in the Harrisburg United Methodist Church, recently brought the devotional at the regular 6:30 a.m. Monday morning ecumenical prayer breakfast held in the basement of the Weiner United Methodist Church. Mr. McCullough spoke on the subject of "Soul-Winning at Cummins Prison." The Weiner churches have agreed to help Mr. McCullough purchase a piano for the special evangelistic services he holds at the prison.

Student Recognition Day observed

AT JONESBORO FIRST CHURCH, Student Recognition Day had three guest speakers. Using the subject "Confronting the Campus for Christ" were the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, Methodist campus minister at Arkansas State University; the Rev. Benny Clark, Baptist campus minister at ASU; and Miss Pat Brown, ASU student who is active in Campus Crusade for Christ. The Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor, conducted the service.

COLLEGE HILL CHURCH of Texarkana devoted morning and evening worship services to student recognition on December 27. Students participating in the morning were Larry Douglass, Jerry Shipp, Mike Tullos, Billy Elam, Susan Hill, Chrys Culberson, Penny Stewart, Dale Cornett and Mike Williamson. Students in the evening service were David Fowler, Larry Douglass, Nancy Wright, Susan Hill, Lynn Williamson, Mary Kay Stuckey and Mary Ann Hill.

VICKIE GIVENS, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Givens of Weiner, recently attended a Campus Crusade for Christ Convocation in Dallas, Texas. Miss Givens and several other students at Arkansas State University helped make up over 1,000 in attendance at the Convocation. On Sunday, January 3rd, Vickie shared with the Weiner Church the purposes of Campus Crusade and also some of her thrilling experiences in witnessing for Christ during the Convocation.

PARK VIEW United Methodist Church of Benton observed Student Recognition Day, December 27. College students presented an interesting and helpful program built on the theme of "self examination." Bob Plummer was the speaker. Deborah Hollowell presided. Linda Sims offered the morning prayer and Analee Anderson led the congregation in a meaningful litany. Elizabeth Bunday was organist. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

THE REV. C. NORMAN GUICE observed his 91st birthday on January 11. A retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, Mr. Guice is now making his home at: Presbyterian Village, 510 Brookside Drive, Little Rock, 72207.

A MINI-LAY WITNESS MISSION was held at Wyatt Memorial United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, on Dec. 8, with the pastor, the Rev. Tom Weir as coordinator, assisted by Clem Pfeifer and Bill Bennett. Visiting witnesses were from Prairie Grove, Morrow, Spiro, Cavanaugh United Methodist and First Church, both of Fort Smith.

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.

Jan. 24—Sunday	James 1:21-27
Jan. 25	I Peter 2:1-10
Jan. 26	II Peter 1:16-21
Jan. 27	II Peter 3:1-9
Jan. 28	I John 3:18-24
Jan. 29	Rev. 3:8-12
Jan. 30	Mark 4:14-20
Jan. 31—Sunday	Luke 4:33-37

AT CENTRAL CHURCH, Springdale, students who led the 8:30 a.m. service, December 27, were Al Jewell, Debbie Mayfield, Suzanne Coker and Phil Royce. At the 10:50 service, leaders were Jimmy Crouch, Anita Hinshaw, Randy Kimbrough and Marion Russell. Accompanying the choir in both services were Terry and Charmaine LeFevre on flutes and Joyce LeFevre on harp.

MARGARET DYE, a graduate of McCrory High School and now a freshman at the University of Arkansas, spoke on Student Recognition Sunday at the Weiner United Methodist Church. Her subject was: "Youth Turning on With Christ on the University Campus." The congregation from the Weiner Baptist Church also joined in this special recognition service at the Methodist Church, where the Rev. John W. Lee serves as pastor.

LON CORDELL, assistant dean of the School of Veterinary Science at the University of Ohio, was the speaker in Wesley Church, Conway, on Student Recognition Sunday. His father, the Rev. Britt Cordell, is pastor at Wesley.

AT WASHINGTON AVENUE U.M. Church of North Little Rock, Lee Davidson and Bert Powell had charge of worship services on Student Recognition Sunday.

GORDON DONHAM, ministerial student at Hendrix College, spoke at the evening service in Gardner Memorial Church of North Little Rock, January 3. The Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr. is pastor.

WALNUT RIDGE METHODISTS are having a study of Psalms and "Out of the Depths" on Sunday evenings of January. Resource leader is Miss Kathleen Sharp, librarian for the Northeast Arkansas Regional Library in Paragould. The Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr. is pastor.

THE TYRONZA United Methodist Church asks prayers of fellow-Methodists for the forthcoming Lay Witness Mission to be held there this weekend, January 22, 23 and 24. The coordinator is David Bentley of Little Rock. Host pastor is the Rev. Cleve Yarbrough.



Fayetteville District officers of the Ministers' Wives Fellowship are, from left: Mrs. Lewis Chesser, president; Mrs. Vernon Paysinger, secretary-treasurer; and Mrs. William Connell, vice president.



A Literacy Workshop was conducted in First United Methodist Church of Fort Smith on November 18 and December 4. The two five-hour sessions were directed by Mrs. Lela Tisdale (shown standing) of Fayetteville. Nineteen received certificates at the conclusion. The workshop was sponsored by the Methodist Ministers' Wives of the Fort Smith District, of which Mrs. John Bayliss is president.

Annual Treasurer's Report

Women's Society of Christian Service
Little Rock Conference

1970

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$84,462.70	\$18,426.85	
Special Memberships	3,402.50	1,292.50	
In Remembrance Gifts	411.62	47.50	
My World Bank/Thank Offering	3,496.17	1,829.47	
Total Credit on Pledge	\$91,772.99	\$21,596.32	(113,369.31)
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	2,985.40	882.76	
Supplementary Gifts	489.90	92.60	
Assembly Offering	1,066.52	300.66	
Elizabeth Thornburg Workman Fund	765.63		
Total Receipts from Districts	\$97,080.44	\$22,872.34	119,952.78
Refunds, Miscellaneous	223.70	166.13	
Interest, Savings Certificate	483.49		
Special Offerings	205.00		
Taylor Endowment Fund (Support H. Wilson)	2,515.36	300.00	
In Remembrance Gift	5.00		
Student Loan Fund	500.00		
Aldersgate Piano Fund		102.50	
Total Receipts	3,932.55	568.63	4,501.18
Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts - December 31, 1969			124,453.96
Total to account for			21,729.28
			146,183.24
DISBURSEMENTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	77,999.27	16,343.12	
Special Memberships	3,652.50	1,417.50	
In Remembrance Gifts	416.62	47.50	
My World Bank/Thank Offering	3,496.17	1,829.47	
Total Credit on Pledge	85,564.56	19,637.59	(105,202.15)
Call to Prayer & Self-Denial	2,985.40	882.76	
Supplementary Gifts	1,689.90	92.60	
Assembly Offering	1,066.52	300.66	
Total sent to the Division	91,306.38	20,913.61	112,219.99
Audit	70.00		
Elizabeth Thornburg Workman Fund	990.00		
Meetings - Conference	1,069.78		
Connectional (Incl. Prog. Council)	375.43	1,141.60	
Church Women United	50.00		
Itineration to District Meetings	127.90		
District Cultivation Fund	4,500.00	1,300.00	
Jurisdiction Cultivation Fund	562.90		
Inter-Conf. Sch. of Christian Mission	1,200.00	250.00	
Regional Sch. of Christian Mission	787.92		
Assembly Expense	220.00		
Assembly Expense (Reserve)	800.00	264.00	
Christian Social Relations (Reserve)	50.00		
Stationery and Printing	131.39		
Administration	399.64	156.52	
Student Loan Fund (Grant Judy Atwood)	500.00		
Gift - Lillian Johnson Scholarship		10.00	
Total Disbursements	11,834.96	3,122.12	14,957.08
Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts - December 31, 1970			127,177.07
Total accounted for			19,006.17
			146,183.24

(Local Church and Community work reported by Societies \$50,654.09)

Ada May Smith, Treasurer

JOINT OBSERVANCE AT N.L.R. OF "CALL TO PRAYER"

The "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" observance was noted in North Little Rock at First United Methodist Church by the Women's Society and two Guilds, Morton-Wayland and Pearl McCain, on Monday evening, January 11. A period of fellowship in the church parlor was followed by the program in the chapel. Mrs. Harold Womack, Mrs. Roland Darrow and Mrs. Clifford Blackburn were in charge of the program.

THE ANNUAL CHRISTMAS party for members and friends of the Wesleyan Service Guild at Wyatt United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, was held December 12 at the Town and Country Restaurant. Special Membership pins were presented to Mrs. Vadene Wyatt and Mrs. Tom Weir by the president, Frances McNinch. The Rev. Tom Weir is pastor.

MISS MILDRED OSMENT was in charge of the January pledge service held by the Women's Society of First Church, Jonesboro.

"GUILD MONTH" TO BE RECOGNIZED AT LITTLE ROCK TEA

Little Rock District Wesleyan Service Guilds are observing "Guild Month" at the tea to be held Sunday afternoon, January 24, in Asbury United Methodist Church, Schiller at 12th, Little Rock. Presidents of Women's Societies and wives of ministers are especially invited to the affair which will be held from 2:30 - 5:00 o'clock. Mrs. Clara Fleming is president of the Asbury host guild. Mrs. Louise Pate is district chairman of guilds.

THE HELEN WILSON GUILD of First Church, El Dorado, sponsored a silver tea in December, the proceeds of which will go toward the support of the Bible course which is being taught in the El Dorado High School this year.

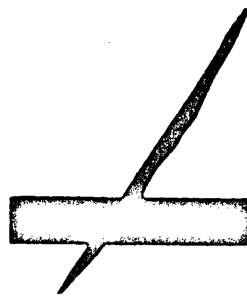
MAJOR JACK WATERS from the Salvation Army was the speaker at Winfield Church, Little Rock, during the January meeting of the Women's Society.



The "Birthday party for Christ" at St. Paul Church, El Dorado, was hosted by the Women's Society for the women of the church. From left are Mrs. W. W. Artt, vice president and program chairman, Mrs. Monroe Stewart, Mrs. Gordon McCleskey and Mrs. J. G. Simpson. Mrs. James Cottrell is president.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JANUARY 31: The Basis of God's Rewards

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BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 19:23 through 20:16

MEMORY SELECTION: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover the meaning of the grace of God and its rewards which are based on the love of God and not on the merit of man; to show that God gives us what we need when we will put ourselves in a position to receive it.

We have discovered that the setting of the parables is a most important part of their basic teaching. Today's lesson is very closely related to the story of the rich young ruler who came to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good deed must I do, to have eternal life?" In the answer he received he discovered that the rewards of the kingdom are not directly related to the doing of a certain number of good deeds. Even though Jesus told him that he must sell his possessions and give to the poor, it is obvious from the parable that follows that this was not just another thing that a person was asked to do. Jesus really told him that he must come into a right relationship with God—a situation which did not exist at the time, and at which the young man was obviously not willing to work to come into being.

As Jesus answered the question of the young ruler, he was in a tense situation. Peter and the disciples were listening, and they had given up everything to follow Jesus. He was not at all anxious to make a statement which would allow this new questioner or his intimate followers to feel that they were bargaining with God for something they all wanted very much—eternal life. Jesus said in effect, "You shall have this reward if what you do constitutes a real sacrifice for you and is not just a calculation."

We must see this lesson as dealing with the basis of God's rewards, based on his mercy and justice which cannot be judged according to human standards. Love is the basis for all his dealings with us, and this goes far beyond human standards in all particulars. The grace of God is that quality of God's nature which is the source of men's undeserved blessings, in particular those blessings which have to do with their salvation from sin. One of the great verses of the New Testament stands as a bridge between the introduction to our lesson and the parable which is our main concern. It says, "But many that are first will be last, and the last first" (Matt. 19:30). Dr. Sherman E. Johnson says concerning that verse: "In the age to come conditions will be reversed—the disciples who are now last among men, will be first." The verse is repeated at the conclusion of today's parable in 20:16.

THE PARABLE OF THE WORKERS IN THE VINEYARD

Our story tells of the owner of a vineyard who went into the market-place early in the morning to hire men to harvest his crop. This apparently was the regular way to obtain such workers, and a large number replied eagerly to the workman and the offer of his wages. The denarius was a normal day's wage, and, as someone has pointed out, there was a great deal of unemployment in Jerusalem at this time.

All through the day the farmer hired other men,

because of his need for them. The parable even tells us that some of them were hired just as the sun was going down. Then at the end of the day, when the steward came to pay the workers each man was paid the same amount, regardless of the length of time he had worked. We can well understand that there was grumbling among those who had worked throughout the day when they discovered that their pay was no more than the ones hired at the last hour. Can we not see that they are very much like the elder brother in the story of the prodigal son? According to his standard of rewards, he should have received a great deal more than his younger brother. However, when the forgiving father and the keeper of the vineyard are seen through Jesus' eyes as God the loving Father, we can begin to understand that in the kingdom of which Jesus taught there are no degrees of rewards. Eternal life is held out to all who enter into that right relationship with him.

NOT A LESSON IN ECONOMICS

It should be clear to us that the parable we are studying today was never intended to serve as a pattern for running a business. To see it as such would be to miss the point. Like so many others, Jesus here told a story that was familiar in its setting but brings a lesson that was quite new to his listeners. As Dr. Paul M. Pettit says in *Adult Bible Studies*, "He was saying that God is so scandalously generous in his dealings with men that by any human standard we would say he is unfair. But it is exactly for this reason that he told the parable."

No, Jesus did not undertake here to speak of business and industry. He was concerned to reveal the nature of God, perhaps believing that once any man came to know that nature he would be better prepared to deal with other human beings who are working for him. One of the interesting developments of our time is referred to as "sensitivity training" or "encounter groups." All across the nation business executives are being trained in understanding people, and there is reason to believe it is making a difference.

No, this parable is not an economic tract; but we cannot hide from the fact that it speaks of the importance of man. Dr. George Buttrick says, "This is a demand that industry shall exist for man, and not man for industry."

"THE FIRST SHALL BE LAST"

One of the charges that was brought against the Christian church in its early days was that its members were "they that have turned the world upside down." There were a number of reasons why this could be said of the early Christians, and one of them was this change in priorities suggested by our parable today.

This is precisely what Christianity does to people. It turns them and their lives upside down. If it does not, then there is something wrong either with their faith or with the believers themselves. Faith in Christ does not make men better. It transforms them and makes them different creatures.

This lesson is entitled "The Basis of God's Rewards," and the object is to show that God's mercy and justice are not to be judged by human standards. One commentator says, "It frequently comes as a shock to Christian believers when they discover that the Christianity which they profess is practically the reversal of human standards, even the highest. This may appear to make Christian teaching and Christian life impractical, too exalted for men to achieve. And they are precisely right. Unaided by God himself we have no hope. Left to our own devices our lives tend to become conformed to the standards of the world."

SEEKING TO UNDERSTAND THE REWARDS OF GOD

As we look at our parable we see again that Jesus is speaking to his critics as well as to his followers. They accused God of being unfair because he took persons who joined themselves to his company far down the road and seemed to give them the same reward. People who had worked in the company "in the heat of the day" and had remained faithful all the while could be expected to accuse God of unfairness as he dealt with those who had joined the group late in their lives. Have we not all had trouble with this matter? Can we truthfully say that we have not wondered about degrees of reward in the future life, as well as in the present life?

Jesus tells us in this parable that God is willing to risk such charges as he exercises his compassion, trying to persuade all men to take their places in his kingdom.

The rewards of God are not arbitrary. They are built on tests that are higher than ours. "Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me?" does not mean that God is a God of capricious whim. It means that he has his own criteria which we, in mortal sight and selfish aim, cannot comprehend. Dr. Buttrick has suggested that "the rewards of God ought to enlist our glad assent, not our murmuring. Why did the earlier workers not rejoice that the man who had waited long in the market place was now at peace, with money to take home to his family? Why did not the elder brother rejoice that the prodigal was now restored, set free from the rags and hunger of a far country?"

No man knows for sure how long he has to work for Christ. Our stay on earth is uncertain but our reward is sure if we put in whatever time we have in faithful service. It is vitally important that each Christian see this.

WHY DO MEN SERVE GOD?

One of the reasons Jesus told the parable of the workers in the vineyard was to make it clear to his friends and his critics why men should choose to serve God. Why do we serve him? It is because we are looking for specific rewards? Or do we follow him because he first loved us and we cannot do otherwise.

The great teacher used the shock treatment in this instance in order that he might show men their own motivations. He knew that many would be attracted to the kingdom if he offered them sure and certain rewards. Dr. Pettit suggests that he came close to saying that love is its own reward. He says, "At least, it must be stripped of all the usual rewards—the gratitude of others, the congratulations and praise of our friends—so that we love regardless of the response?" In what sense can you say you believe that sonship to God is its own reward?"

MERIT AND GRACE

It is not easy for us to really believe in the grace of God. How hard it is for the doctrine of merit to die! How loveless we are toward those who have come into the family of God out of backgrounds of inadequate living! The parable we have been studying must have been known by Paul when he wrote in Ephesians, "For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God; not of works, lest any man should boast." (Eph. 2:8-9)

Any of the things which men do in response to the love of God can become deeds which are counted off as deserving his merit, or they can be seen as normal response to the grace of God. At the time of the Protestant Reformation men had let their religious life deteriorate into one collection of "works" after another. Out of such a readiness Luther and the other reformers spoke concerning the grace of God. The blasphemy of the position still is to be found among those in our time who feel that God's rewards are controlled by what they do. Christianity has always had to struggle with this issue. In his attempt to win the Jews the apostle Paul continually faced it. Dr. Charles Laymon says: "The law held to a legalistic view of justice by which God repaid measure for measure. Paul substituted the rewards of grace for the law. Loving generosity was to be accepted as payment in full."

the British scene



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

The opening of a new year is traditionally the time to look back as well as forward, and 1970, just over, has been a year in which all kinds of changes at the beginning of the decade foreshadow a time in which we shall find event crowding upon event.

The year began with the concern of the churches about Biafra—torn by civil war, and seemingly unable to allow even the mercy organisations enough scope to help the needy. In February the student revolution movement took a turn in England when there was a fuss about supposedly sec-

ret files which were said to be kept, outlining the political attitudes of politically-conscious students. UDI in Rhodesia came with the early Spring, and an amusing sidelight was that the Isle of Dogs, a downtown area of South London declared its own UDI in a protest against public amenities, which, said the Londoners, were inadequate. In April violence started again in Ulster, and the voice of the churches was again shouted down by the loud noise made by the extremists. Protests against the South African cricket tour in the summer were long enough and loud enough to stop the tour altogether—and England lost the World Cup and nearly lost its football captain too—Bobby Moore was accused of stealing a bracelet from a Bogota jeweler.

The General Election in England produced a shock. The Labour Party which was in power was said to have a lead of 5% on the eve of the election. The only man who seemed to be sure that he would win the election in fact won it, and Mr. Edward Heath became Prime Minister with a Conservative administration, which immediately set about changing the economic face of Britain, so that this country is now promised a different health service with more for individuals to

pay, but something off the income tax as an incentive.

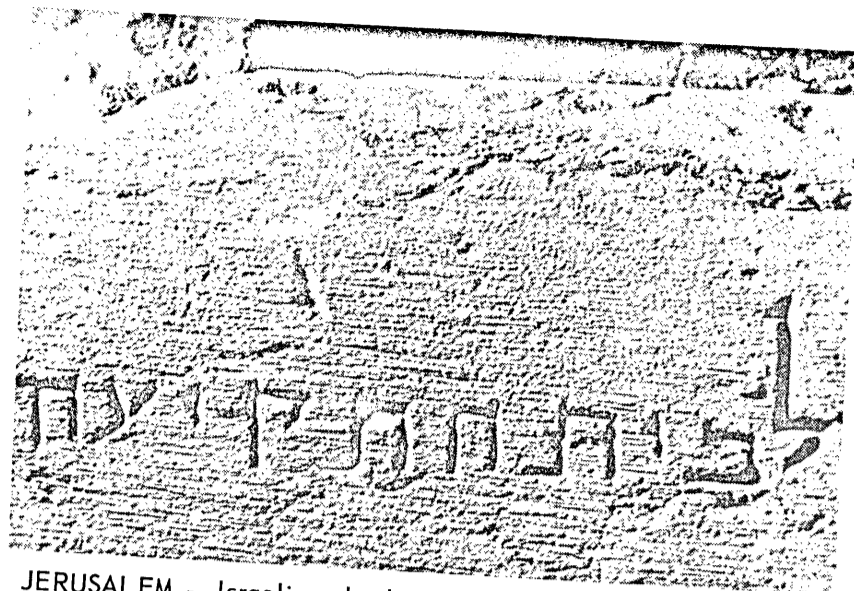
1970 could be described as the year of the hi-jackings and in Britain a year of industrial unrest with more to come. The churches got into trouble, first because the World Council of Churches gave money to help freedom fighters as well as the more orthodox Christian bodies, and secondly the Archbishop of Canterbury went to South Africa and said some hard and brave things about apartheid—an other example of when you can't win. If the church does not speak on great issues it is accused of being uninvolved. When it does, it is told (as it was by Mr. Enoch Powell) that politics is none of its business.

The evangelical-radical row went on all the year, and the British Conference Home Missions Department organised a series of meetings of all shades of ecclesiastical opinion so that reconciliation may be the keynote. The Anglican Methodist Union negotiations ground to a halt when nothing happened to move the Anglicans another step nearer.

A murder attempt on the Pope in Manila, pre-Christmas riots in Poland, the kidnapping of a British Trade Commissioner in Canada, a Swiss ambassador in Brazil and a West German Consul in Spain set a new pattern of threat and violence. And General de Gaulle died.

Set down like that, it makes a strange picture of a world. One of the more striking factors is the sheer weight of information which pours into the ears and assaults the eyes of the ordinary man. Where can he get a sense of perspective? That may be the real question for many people who find the complex interplay of ideas and happenings disturb and confuse them.

The search for an ethic and a morality goes on. The "permissive society" will evidently still be the theme for the coming year though there are signs that people are being alternately bored and frightened by the general lack of standards, and the failure to find any stability in society. We are clever enough—technological revolution is part of the climate of our time. The question for 1971 remains: Are we good enough? Not by a long way, and it may be that in the quest for a way to match moral and scientific and social progress so that we find the good life, men will turn again to some



JERUSALEM — Israeli archeologists have discovered this corner-stone from the wall of the Jewish temple destroyed by the Romans in 70 A.D. The six-foot-wide limestone fragment — bearing the inscription "To the house of the blowing of the ram's horn" — matches a reference to the temple in the works of first century Jewish historian Josephus Flavius. The stone was unearthed at the Wailing Wall dig inside Old Jerusalem. (RNS Photo)

of the more tried and tested basic truths—truths which are never far from the Gospel saying that a man may gain the whole world and yet lose his own soul.

Forerunner of modern alphabet?

ANN ARBOR, Mich. (RNS) —The discovery of eight ancient scrolls, dating from about the time of the prophet Elijah and perhaps containing the forerunner of the modern alphabet, was disclosed here by Dr. George F. Mendenhall, former director of the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem.

Now a professor at the University of Michigan, the scholar and Lutheran minister said eight manuscripts were purchased four years ago by Dr. William Brownless of Claremont (Calif.) Graduate School through the Department of Antiquities of Jordan.

The scrolls are believed to have come from an ancient site in the district of Hebron and to date between 1000 and 850 B. C.

The documents, the professor said, all seem to be funeral books. The code of the alphabet has not been deciphered. Dr. Mendenhall said there appear to be more than 40 symbols and the documents may well represent the earliest known example of the alphabet borrowed by Greeks and Etruscans (a people in Italy) and the one which is used today.

If the scrolls are Philistine, deciphering will help to show links in ancient thought and civilization, Dr. Mendenhall feels.

The scrolls were bought from an Arab farmer who is thought to have found them in an underground tomb. Five are written with ink on leather; three are incised with a sharp instrument on crude parchment.

Extremely dry, dirty and brittle, the tightly rolled documents had to be subjected to humidification for five days before the unrolling could begin.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

8. TO BE MINISTERS OF CHRIST

As we move into Chapter 7 of the Plan we begin to travel from what might be called the background or rationale for the Plan into the details of polity and organization. There is so much in this chapter concerning the ministry of the proposed new church that we will have to take more than one of these columns to deal with it.

The basic premise being followed is that the ministries of the ordained and unordained are aspects of the same ministry. Even though God calls some to be ordained, they are seen to have the same responsibility for ministry as the unordained. "It is the intent of the united church that the laity understand itself as a functional part of the whole ministry."

As the new church looks forward to the new forms of ministry evoked by new understanding of the Gospel and by changing conditions, the work of the laity and the ordained becomes more mutually supportive.

New forms of mission indicate new forms of ministry. It is declared that inherited forms of structure will be subject to the criterion of usefulness in God's world.

Ministry of the Laity: The Laity has fundamental responsibility for the Christian mission. Through individual action and decision, the church becomes a living reality in society. In their families, at work and at leisure, the laity make a witness. The laity have a responsibility for bridging the space between worship and work. "The ministry of the laity is one ministry within the structures of the world and of the church." The Plan affirms that ordination does not exempt clergymen from their individual ministry within the world — "the laity are to be engaged actively in the corporate ministries of worship, prophecy, relief of suffering, establishment of justice, teaching, and comfort."

Mission in the World: The Gospel has revolutionary powers in implying that precisely where the Christian does his daily work, the Spirit of God may find a place where a completely new way of life may be begun. There is a special ecumenical opportunity for the layman, because he frequently has more opportunities for contacts with persons of other faith than do ministers.

Responsibility in the Church: The responsibility of the layman in the church includes full participation in the government of the church, the establishment of policy, and the articulation of its standards. The united church must recruit and train a rich diversity of lay office holders and ministers. Lay members will share responsibility with the ordained ministry for preaching the Word, teaching the Gospel, leading in worship, assisting in the administration of the sacraments, providing pastoral care and discipline, and leading in mission. The church must provide a full program of training in order to equip its laymen for all these responsibilities.

The training of laymen will include the development of necessary skills in constructive social change, for on such skills rests their effectiveness in dealing with the world's ills.

Council on Youth Ministries affirms priorities for projects

OKLAHOMA CITY, OKLA. (UMI) — Funding of missional projects should take precedence over maintaining an institution, the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM) said at its mid-winter meeting here December 31-January 4.

Faced with a sharply decreased income, the 20 youth and ten adults confronted the question of continuing the funding of some 28 projects in accord with commitments already made for 1971 even if it meant severely cutting stipends and operating expenses for staff personnel and offices. After hours of consideration, they voted to try to keep the commitments to their projects in the full amount of \$270,000. To do this, they will reduce the already minimal stipends paid some staff members and eliminate entirely that given others. They will also seek to cut general operating expenses and make greater efforts to increase the giving to the Youth Service Fund, and use up all available reserves.

Facing the mandate received from

the 1970 General Conference, the council adopted a policy statement drafted by the youth members, which said, in part: "We feel that at any time should the institution called UMCYM obstruct the fulfillment of the principles to which our movement is dedicated, this institution must die that the movement may live."

In putting the emphasis on funding missional projects, the UMCYM said it was "trying to give the church a lifestyle to follow."

As part of the operating budget cuts, the staff of the Legislative Affairs Project in Washington, D.C. has agreed to complete their terms without any salary, unless they can find contributions outside the YSF, although there is the hope that some \$1,400 in scholarship funds can be given them at the end of the summer.

Miss Myra Gum of Thermopolis, Wyo., who has been a youth associate in the UMCYM headquarters office in Dayton, Ohio, will move to the Youth Service Fund office in Nashville, Tenn., to assist that staff in the ef-

forts to increase income.

Some of the other actions taken by the council at its meeting included:

—Asked the U.S. government to deny federal funds to any educational institution discriminating "in any way regarding the personal appearance" of students.

—Opposed militarism and the draft, but said that an all-volunteer army was needed at this point in history; called attention to the problems of hunger, pollution and over-population; and asked for the empowerment of minorities in the nation.

Several hours of the session were devoted to a consideration of preliminary proposals by a four-year study commissioned for a restructuring of general boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church. The UMCYM said that the proposed General Council for the denomination should be composed in a more representative fashion than has been drawn to date, and that all the effective bishops of the church should not be seated on it.

The 20 youth members of the council come from all five jurisdictions of the denomination with an average age of 17, and half are from minority groups. The ten adults are largely staff members of general boards and agencies. Chairwoman of the council is Miss Doris Ellzey, a first-year student at Wellesley College from Wilmette, Ill.

If income from the Youth Service Fund permits, the group's next session may be held in August near Denver, Colo.

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Bishop Thomas 1971 Willson Lecturer

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, will be the 1971 Willson Lecturer at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, during the South Central Jurisdiction's Workshop on "The Church as an Agent of Change," each day of the period June 29-July 2, according to an announcement by Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction Program Director.

Dr. George Hunter, III, of the General Board of Evangelism at Nashville, will act as moderator following each lecture as Workshop participants respond to Bishop Thomas' messages.

Dr. James Hares, director of the North Texas Conference Program Agencies, and director of the Workshop, announces that in addition to the Willson Lectures each morning, Coaching Conferences and Seminars on the three Church-Wide Studies — "The Study of Matthew," "New Generations in Africa," and "New Machines and the New Humanity,"—together with additional Seminars on "Stewardship," "Counseling Draftees and Their Families," "New Life Missions," and "Population/Environment Crisis," will be offered each afternoon of the Workshop. In addition, Job Training for Conference and District workers of Program Boards — including Christian Social Concerns, Evangelism, Health and Welfare Ministries, Missions and others—will be provided each evening of the Workshop.

Annual Conferences Begin In February

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Ratification of two proposed amendments to the United Methodist Church's constitution will be before the more than 80 annual conferences of the denomination as they begin next month.

First of the sessions will be the Puerto Rico Annual Conference February 3-7 in Rio Piedras, and the last will be the Louisville Conference June 25-29 at Bowling Green, Ky., according to a schedule prepared by the Council on World Service and Finance Department of Records here, in co-operation with the Council of Bishops.

If ratified by at least a two-thirds majority of the aggregate vote cast in the conferences, the amendments will increase youth membership in the sessions. In addition to votes on the amendments, several conference sessions will see merger of former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren units, the union of black and white conferences, or votes on the latter issue.

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ALASKA METHODIST UNIVERSITY PROF. EDITS FIRST ANTHOLOGY OF FINNISH LITERATURE

Richard Dauenhauer, comparative literature professor at Alaska Methodist University, has edited the first anthology of modern Finnish literature ever published in the U.S.

Dauenhauer was awarded a Fulbright grant for the study of modern Finnish poetry at the University of Helsinki a few years ago. While in Finland he became acquainted with both established and younger Finnish writers, critics, and teachers.

Dauenhauer holds an undergraduate degree in Russian from Syracuse University and a master of arts degree in German from the University of Texas.

NCC General Board To Meet

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — A report from laymen who are described as feeling "alienated" from all church structures and a report from a high level Protestant-Roman Catholic committee studying the latter's membership in the National Council of Churches will highlight the meeting of the General Board of the NCC here January 23-27.

The policy making group representing 33 Protestant and Orthodox denominations, including the United Methodist Church, will also consider the proposed restructuring of the national ecumenical agency. The layman's report will be presented by a national committee that coordinated a two-year "listening-to-lay-people" project involving lay groups in 23 U.S.A. regions. The committee will also offer a plan of action to help close the indicated gap between laity and the church as an institution.

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Ecumenical Scholarships Available

NEW YORK (UMI) — Applications are now being accepted for a limited number of scholarships granted annually by the United Methodist Commission on Ecumenical Affairs for study at the 20-year-old Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, Bossey, Switzerland (near Geneva).

Dr. Robert W. Huston, New York, Commission general secretary, said that up to three scholarships may be granted to United Methodist ministers for the semester beginning October 5, 1971, continuing through February 15, 1972. He added that some financial aid is also provided by the Commission to ministers and laymen studying in short-term courses at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute during spring and summer. The Graduate School program is related to the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva Faculty of Theology.

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Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions speaking at the United Methodist Missionary Conference at Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, predicted "the time may be ripe for some kind of breakthrough in the activist-pietist syndrome that has torn us apart and crippled the mission of the Christian community."

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The Rev. Dennis W. Read, professor of moral theology at Catholic University in Washington, told the 25th anniversary program of the U.S. Veterans' Administration Chaplain Service that "ministers and doctors are united by human care and cure, as well as by the mysteries of both their professions."

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The Rev. Donald G. Shockley, chaplain at Birmingham-Southern College, writing for the next issue of *The Christian Advocate*: "Devotees of various secular interpretations of the gospel find it difficult to believe that there are yet tens of thousands of people capable of responding to the message of sins forgiven on the basis of the atoning significance of Christ's death and resurrection. Many people

these days understand themselves to have found 'assurance' in these terms. We cannot ignore the phenomenon and continue to be honest."

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Dr. Paul Lehmann, Union Theological Seminary professor recently told a colloquium on Karl Barth in New York that "Two years after his death, his time has finally come in America. Theologians in the United States were wrong in dismissing Barth as neo-orthodox, in flight from the tensions of post-World War I Germany and attempting an impossible return to the past. In our time of revolutionary trouble, we must abandon our dismissal of Barth as a theologian of despair, and start to think up to him."

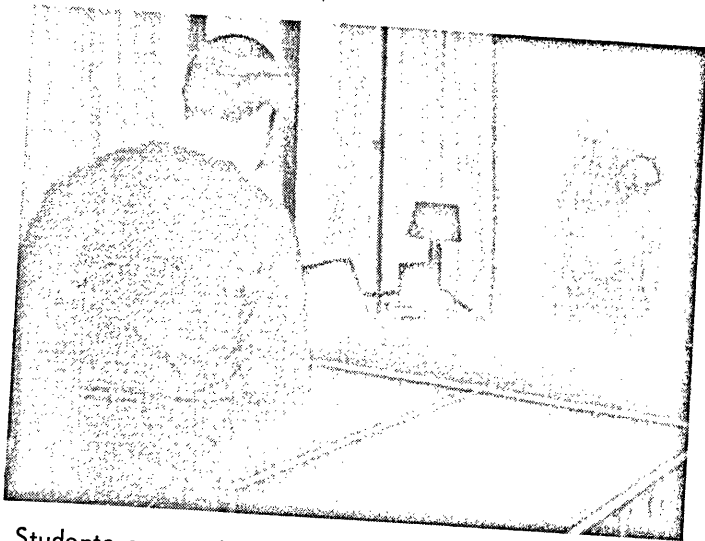
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Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, speaking at that group's annual Charles Evans Hughes Award dinner, called for firm opposition to the use of violence in struggles for social change. He said: "Our nation is in the grip of an escalating madness wherein violence is condoned because it is allegedly necessary or helpful in achieving beneficent goals. Some organizations must take a firm, unequivocal stand against this monstrous error."

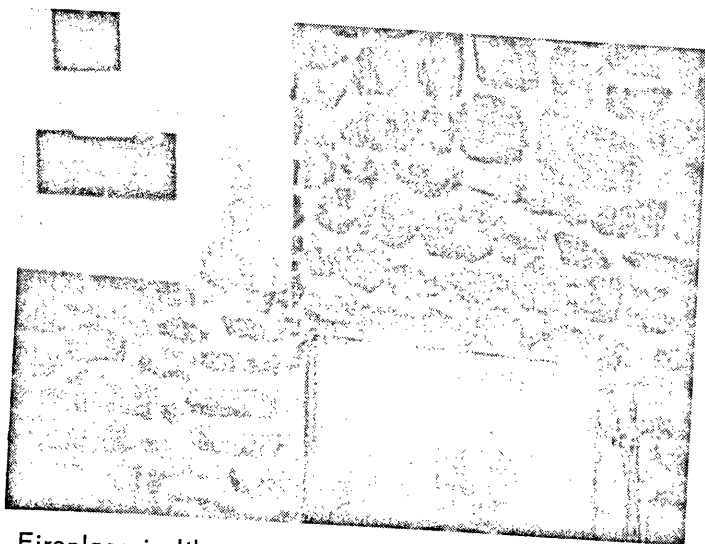
Wesley Foundation at UALR

by the Rev. James R. Sewell,
Director

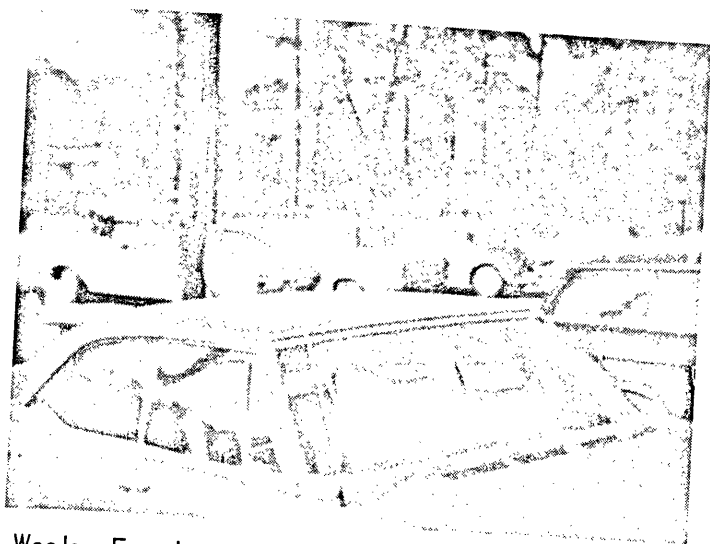
(The fourth in a series of articles relating
to the work of Wesley Foundations
in Arkansas)



Students engage in recreation activities between studies.



Fireplace in library where students gather to read and study.



Wesley Foundation parking lot looking toward wooded area on UALR campus.

The Wesley Foundation program of the United Methodist Church at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock is unique and different from the seven other Wesley Foundation programs in Arkansas. This difference is due to the fact that all of our students commute while the majority of the students at the other institutions live on the campus.

The program was begun under the very capable leadership of the Rev. Bill Gentry. It was during the period of his tenure as director that the Wesley Foundation Building was constructed in 1963. This building of native stone and glass is located at 5605 West 32nd Street.

The building contains two offices, one for the director and another for the student director. One room is used for mimeograph equipment, files and supplies. There is a nice library with an open fireplace to create an atmosphere for reading and study. A large assembly room provides space for conferences and recreational activities. A modern kitchenette provides a place for preparing snacks and meals. The building is centrally heated and air-conditioned. Two rest rooms and a shower complete the facilities. Such a building affords ample space for a varied program.

The Rev. Harold Wells succeeded Mr. Gentry as director and served for two or three years. The present director was appointed in June, 1968.

We have not endeavored to have any religious services due to the fact that the students commute, and it is our feeling that such a program would be competing with the activities of their local churches. The purpose of Wesley Foundation is to develop an enriched appreciation of the church.

Our purpose is to keep the students in active church participation and to encourage those who are inactive to find places of service in their own congregations. We believe that the United Methodist Church is the greatest church organization in the world and that persons committed to Christ have a far better chance of succeeding in whatever vocation they choose for their lives. Most of our students work part-time or full-time. This means they are gone from the campus as soon as they are out of class. Some drive as far as fifty miles each way every day, and there is no getting them back once they are out of class.

Many of the students have not decided on a vocation. This prompted us to start a Careers Program one night each week. Business people are invited to come and explain the requirements and challenges of their

profession, including the means for applying for jobs. This was done in an informal manner, and we feel that those participating were greatly helped.

Periodically we have an evening program of Western and Folk Music, which is also very informal. As many as three or more groups may be engaged in pursuing their own interests totally independent from the others. Refreshments are usually provided for these evenings.

Wesley Foundation is an excellent place for "boy meets girl," out of which romance begins leading to marriage. We feel that the young adults who participate in Wesley are the "cream of the crop." What better place could there be for romance to start?

While our library is greatly understocked, we are grateful to the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock District and others for making available the books that we do have. This room with its open fireplace makes for a congenial setting for study where the noise of other activities can be turned off.

College students naturally have a desire to demonstrate their skills in such activities as ping-pong. We have some very lively tournaments and, needless to say, the rivalry becomes quite exciting. About a year ago we acquired a pool table, and this has become the most widely used piece of furniture in the building.

Through a scholarship of six hundred dollars provided by the director, a young married couple lives in the building to assist with the program. It is our feeling that this provides an advantage over a previous arrangement of having one young man living there our first year and two young men the next year. This supervision makes for a much wiser use of the physical facilities.

Our organization consists of a president, vice-president, treasurer, committee chairmen, and the director. The staff consists of two part-time secretaries, the resident couple, and the director. The director serves as the loan officer for the Methodist Student Loan Fund.

The greatest demand on the director's time is that of counseling. University students have their unique problems, like others in society, and they need someone in whom they can confide. This seems to indicate the wisdom of having a person of experience as the director.

With the pictures accompanying this article we have tried to portray our program of study, recreation, relaxation, fellowship, and counseling in the building of Christian character.

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Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

Ralph Waldo Emerson, in his essay entitled "Friendship," said, "There are two elements that go into the composition of friendship, each so sovereign that I can detect no superiority in either, no reason why either should be first named. One is truth . . . The other element of friendship is tenderness."

FRIENDSHIP

Friendship carries you on golden wings to the Divine.
We walk in friendship on plains of gold with God
Or ride with him in silver chariots.
And cherish the coming and the going together.

— by Jean Holder

CINQUAIN

Take time,
Stop and listen,
And you may hear someone
Speaking through friendship in
his heart,
To you.

— by Etta Caldwell Harris

NO MAN MUST STAND ALONE

Sometimes when Eden's flowers fail to grow
For a friend, and his sun-bright days are few,
Extend to him your hand and let him know
That you will share his disappointments, too.
Encourage him to smile and lift his head
To see the distant horizon shining
With promise. Gently tell him not to dread,
But to search for the bright silver lining
Around each cloud. No man must stand alone
On this planet to face a night-filled day;
Call out to those in need and make it known
That you will give your help along the way.
If every man must cross a Rubicon,
Then each should have a friend to cheer him on.

— by Deener W. Wardlow

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"TANK" HARRISON TO SPEAK AT CLARKSVILLE, JAN. 27

E. H. "Tank" Harrison has been invited to attend the Methodist Men's regular dinner meeting on Wednesday, January 27, at 6:30 p.m., and to speak in the sanctuary of the First United Methodist Church of Clarksville. The general public is invited to attend and hear him speak at 7:30 o'clock.



"Tank" Harrison is a captain with the Police Department of Memphis, Tennessee. He has been a member of the police department for 21 years, serving on the vice and narcotics squad, the juvenile squad, and is a member of the Community Relations Bureau.

Community organizations recognizing his work include the Civitan Club, which gave him the "Outstanding police officer of Memphis" award; the Rotary Club gave him the "Vocational Service Award"; the Downtown Optimist Club gave him an award of merit for "rehabilitation service of parolees and ex-convicts." Mississippi and Tennessee law enforcement officers named him "Lawman of the year" in 1961 for outstanding crime prevention involving juveniles.

"Tank" Harrison is an involved Christian. Since 1966, he has taken part in a tremendous number of Lay Witness Missions over the entire United States.

Harry Coffman is program chairman and vice-president of Clarksville Methodist Men. The Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox is pastor.

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Mrs. Molly Tate celebrated her 100th birthday, January 2, at Jonesboro. She has been a resident of the Craighead County Nursing Home for the past 10 years, and open house in her honor was held there by members of the Women's Society of Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro. Mrs. Tate was president of the Huntington Woman's Missionary Society from 1923-1929. The Huntington Church declared January 3 "Molly Tate Day." She received greetings from the Rev. Leonard Byers, pastor, and Mrs. Jim Kimberling, WSCS president, pinned a corsage on her. Mrs. Tate has been affiliated with the Methodist Church 95 years, since she started attending Sunday school at the age of five.

PULASKI HEIGHTS PLANS ACADEMY OF RELIGION

An Academy of Religion will be offered for members of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church in Little Rock for a ten-week period beginning Sunday evening, January 24. The courses in Bible study methods and basic Christian theology will be taught by the ministers of the church, Dr. James B. Argue and the Rev. Howard S. Ritchie, associate.

The Sunday evening series will be conducted January 24 through March 28. The weekly schedule of hour-long classes calls for presentations of "The Faith of the Christian Church I" to be taught by Mr. Ritchie from 5:00-6:00 p.m.; "Methods of Bible Study" by Dr. Argue, 6:30-7:30 p.m., and "The Faith of the Christian Church II" by Mr. Ritchie, 6:30-7:30 p.m.

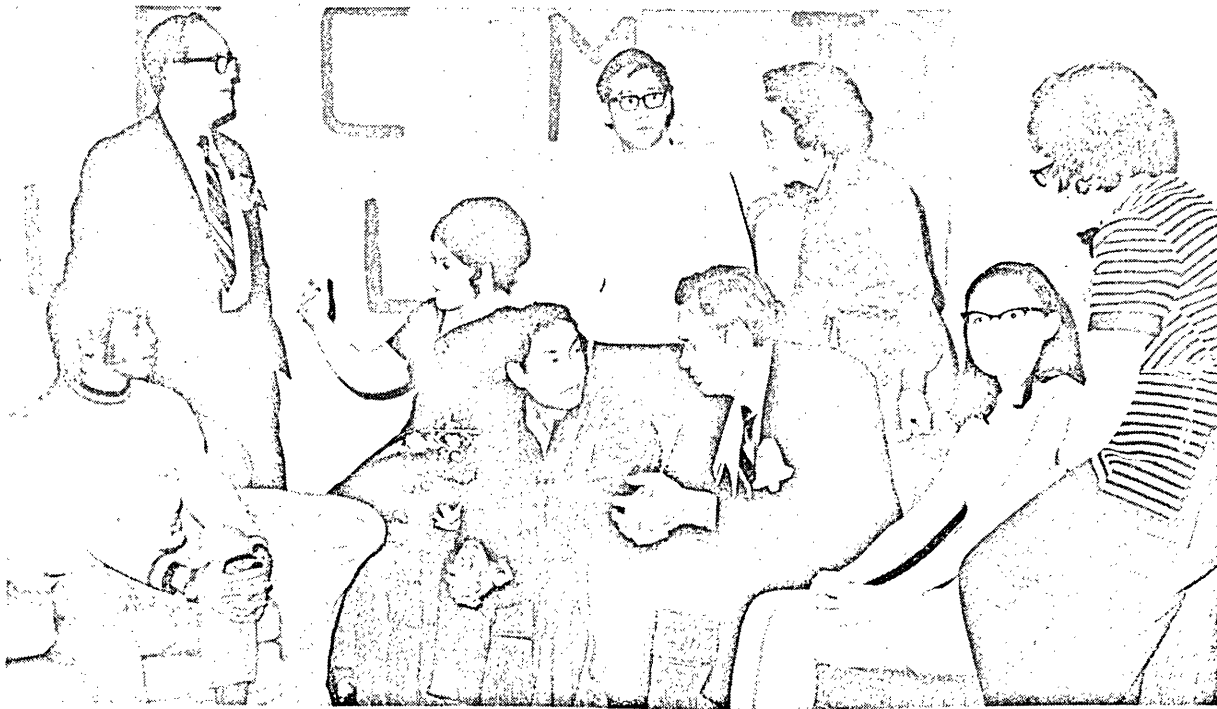
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GRAND AVENUE CHURCH, H.S., ADDS TO CHURCH STAFF

The Rev. Albert W. Lapthorne has been added to the staff of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, as associate pastor. He will serve with the Rev. Ralph E. Hale, senior minister.

Mr. Lapthorne is a retired minister, a member of the Nebraska Conference. More than half of his 40-year ministry was in Lincoln and Omaha, where he served two different churches in each city and also was superintendent of the Omaha District. Since retiring, he and Mrs. Lapthorne have made their home in Hot Springs.

—ARKANSAS DEMOCRAT Photo



International students visit with Mr. and Mrs. Bruce Drawbaugh and Dr. and Mrs. Thayer Hendrickson, members of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Nineteen foreign students attending various U.S. colleges, spent ten days in Little Rock during the holidays, sleeping in the First Presbyterian Church and being entertained by various families and churches. The "Christmas International House" program began in 1965 at Huntington, Virginia, initiated by a Presbyterian minister. Miss Shirley Guttenfelder was chairman of the Little Rock hospitality committee.