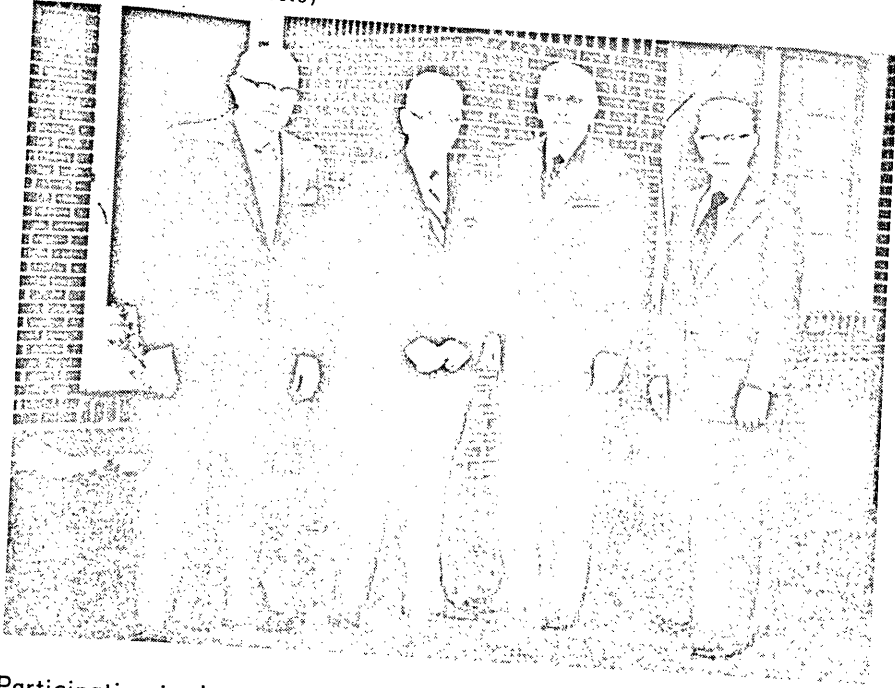


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Participating in the January 17 Service of Dedication for the parsonage of the Clarendon United Methodist Church were (l. to r.): Paul McKay, chairman of the Board of Trustees; the Rev. W. Glenn Bruner, pastor; Bishop Paul V. Galloway; and Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Forrest City District Superintendent. The parsonage was built in 1956 at a cost of about \$25,000. The final payment on the indebtedness was made in August of 1970.

Hendrix College Consultations announced

Hendrix College has announced a series of four consultations between United Methodist clergymen and representatives of the faculty and administrative staff of the college. According to a spokesman for the college the purpose of the conversations will be to discuss the role of the church-related college in the 70's.

The first of these meetings will be held on Thursday, January 28, with others to follow on February 4, February 25 and March 5. They will all follow the same format to be based on the presentation of one position paper by a Hendrix staff member and one by a minister. These will deal with a point of view concerning how a college benefits from being church-related and how a church benefits from having a college related to it. After the

presentation of the papers, the persons present for the consultations will discuss them and make their own suggestions concerning the church-college relationship.

At each of the meetings there will be four representatives from each of four districts—the district superintendent and three ministers chosen by him. Also at each consultation there will be one representative of the Conway District, so that the thirteen districts can be represented in four meetings. Five members of the Hendrix faculty and five or six members of the administrative staff will also be present.

The consultations will begin at 10:30 a.m. and close at about 2:30 p.m. with a luncheon served by the college at noon.

President Roy B. Shilling, Jr. said that Hendrix holds the enviable position of being a strong church-related United Methodist college, and he is confident that the series of consultations will enhance that position.

Dr. Dodgen one of five D.S.s honored

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Forrest City District Superintendent, North Arkansas Annual Conference, was one of five superintendents from the entire United Methodist Church honored this week by the Board of Education at their annual meeting.

Dr. Dodgen was selected for this honor from among the district superintendents of the South Central Jurisdiction. Honored along with him at the opening night banquet of the Board meeting on Monday, January 25, were: Dr. Donald H. McAninch, Concord, N.H.; Dr. James A. Fisher, Memphis, Tenn.; Dr. Donald L. Lowe, Vandalia, Ill.; and Dr. Melvin G. Talbert, Lakewood, Calif.

Speaking at the banquet were Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka, Kans., and Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Evanston, Ill. Presiding over the banquet and the business sessions of the

board was Bishop O. Eugene Slater, San Antonio, Tex., president.

According to Dr. Alvin T. Maberry, Nashville, Tenn., director of services to district superintendents and pastors for the Board's Division of the Local Church, the five superintendents represent the outstanding work of many leaders within the church. "Criteria for their selection included active and creative work in general areas of church school and study programs; attention to curriculum resources and training; support of higher education in colleges, seminaries and campus ministries and the use of educational procedures in the broad scope of their administration in local churches, districts and conferences."

The Board of Education, including nearly 100 elected members, both laity and clergy, met at Nashville's Holiday Inn-Vanderbilt January 25-27.

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Board/agency meetings scheduled

Mid-year meetings of the boards and agencies of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences will be held during February. Meetings of the Little Rock Conference groups will be held during the period of February 16-18, while the North Arkansas Conference meetings will be held February 23-25.

At 10 a.m. on Tuesday, February 16, the Board of Pensions of the two conferences will meet in a joint meeting at Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

Other meetings scheduled for the 16th, at Winfield United Methodist Church, Little Rock, 2:30 p.m., are an "Officers' Development Event" for all district officers of the Women's Society of Christian Service and a meeting of the Conference Advisory Committee on Church and Community Work.

On Wednesday, the 17th, the Little Rock Conference Board of the Laity will meet at 10:00 a.m. at Asbury United Methodist Church, meeting through luncheon at that church.

Meetings scheduled for the 17th at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, include: 9:00 a.m., TRAFCO; 10:00 a.m., Insurance Committee, Board of Evangelism, Board of Christian Social Concerns, Board of Ministry and Board of Health and Welfare Ministries; 2:00 p.m., Board of Trustees, Commission on Minimum Salary, Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, Board of Missions, and Committee on Disability; and 4:00 p.m., Commission on Archives and History; and Commission on Enlistment for Church Vocations.

Little Rock Conference meetings scheduled for Thursday, February 18, are: 10:00 a.m., Board of Education, Commission on Worship, and World Service and Finance Commission.

North Arkansas Conference meetings have been announced as follows: (all meetings will be held at Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, unless otherwise indicated) Tuesday, February 23: 1:00 p.m., Conference-District Coordinators of Adult Work; 3:00 p.m., Commission on Higher Education; 6:00 p.m., Dinner meeting of the Executive Committee of the Program Council at 2305 Middleton; 7:00 p.m., Commission on Minimum Salary and Commission on Worship.

Meetings scheduled for Wednesday, February 24, are: 7:30 a.m., Breakfast meeting of Camp Committee; 9:00 a.m., Committee on Group Insurance, Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, Executive Committee of the Board of Education; 10:00 a.m., Board of Evangelism, Town and Country Commission; 11:00 a.m., Board of Education.

At noon on Wednesday there will be a Dutch Treat Luncheon for all board and agency members, sponsored by the Board of Evangelism. The speaker for this luncheon will be Dr. Walter Albritton of the General Board of Evangelism.

Afternoon meetings announced for the 24th include: 1:30 p.m., Executive Committee of the Board of Missions; Board of Education; 2:00 p.m., Commission on Archives and History;

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Christian Civic Fd. elects officers in annual meeting

Members of the Board of Directors of the Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, attending their annual meeting at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, Monday, January 18, heard a presentation concerning narcotic education and the problems of drug abuse. The featured speaker was Paul R. Ramsey, educational assistant on the staff of the Foundation, who brought to the Board members the same information concerning the harmful effects of narcotics that he uses regularly in the schools, churches, and civic clubs of Arkansas.

Mrs. R. E. Snider of Camden was re-elected president of the Foundation.

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Paul R. Ramsey, left, speaker for the annual meeting of the Board of Directors of the Christian Civic Foundation, is shown with Mrs. R. E. Snider of Camden, who was re-elected president of the Board, and Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, executive director of the Foundation.

Tri-County group formed in Conway

A Tri-County Methodist Laymen's organization was launched at a dinner meeting held at First United Methodist Church in Conway on Monday evening, January 18. Dr. Matt L. Ellis, long-time Methodist leader and a former president of Hendrix College, was elected president of the three-county group (Faulkner, Conway and Perry).

Other officers elected to serve the new organization, scheduled to meet quarterly, are O. H. (Doc) Duewal of Morrilton, vice president, and Roy Wood of Perryville, secretary-treasurer. Dr. Ralph E. Clayton, Conway District superintendent, has been instrumental in establishing the laymen's groups. Similar meetings have been held in the Russellville and North Little Rock areas. Charles R. Tector is

Conway District lay leader.

Two Mississippi business men, Tommy Woods, of Byhalia and Bob McCustion of Pontotoc, were speakers for the initial meeting which attracted 186 men. Dr. Ashley R. Coffman, of the Hendrix College music faculty, directed a period of hymn singing.

The largest delegation present numbered 61 and represented the host church, Conway First Methodist. Other churches represented included Wesley Church of Conway, Morrilton—Rose City-Beacon, Levy and Amboy — all in North Little Rock, Perryville, Cleveland, Overcup, Solgahachia, Plummerville, Oppelo, Perry, Greenbrier, Mayflower, Salem, and Dover-St. Paul.

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Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, right, Conway District Superintendent, is shown with the officers elected to lead the new Northside Methodist Men's organization at their recent meeting at Levy United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. They are (from left): P.E. Munnerlyn, Lakewood Church, vice-president; Jim Lane, Washington Avenue Church, secretary-treasurer; and Dick Fikes, First Church, North Little Rock, president. The Rev. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District Superintendent, was the speaker for the organizational meeting.

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tion's Board. Other officers elected were: First vice-president: the Rev. David P. Conyers of Newport; Second vice-president: the Rev. Carter Rogers of Little Rock; Third vice-president: Mrs. Payton Kolb of Little Rock; Secretary: Dale Ward of Little Rock; and Treasurer, the Rev. Don Hook of Little Rock. The Board also re-elected Dr. W. Henry Goodloe as its Executive Director.

Elected as members-at-large of the Executive Committee were: Dr. Charles H. Ashcraft, Little Rock; Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway; Branch T. Fields, Sr., North Little Rock; Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock; the Rev. Fay Hutchinson, Little Rock; Edward S. Maddox, Harrisburg; Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Little Rock; Dr. Rheubin L. Smith, North Little Rock; Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff; Dr. Horace E. Thompson, Little Rock; and Harry Brewer, Jonesboro.

The Board adopted the budget of \$35,370 recommended by its Executive Committee, and heard its treasurer, the Rev. Don Hook, urge the members to seek additional contributions for the support of the organization to enable it to cover its budget.

Mrs. Snider delivered a charge to the officers as they were installed in

the closing moments of the meeting, and Miss Nancy Cooper, executive secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union of the Arkansas State Baptist Convention, led the closing prayer.

The Board voted to table a resolution presented by the Rev. Robert Van Hook of Bryant which would have commended former Governor Winthrop Rockefeller for his recent action in commuting to life imprisonment the death sentences of 15 inmates at Tucker Intermediate Reformatory.

MRS. GRADY W. REAGAN

Mrs. Lessie Mae Vail Reagan, 72, widow of Dr. Grady Watterson Reagan, a well-known Little Rock urologist, died on January 8 at San Diego, Cal.

A member of Winfield United Methodist Church in Little Rock, she has given untold hours of volunteer service to that church and a number of others in the city of Little Rock, using her love of the beautiful and her skill in gardening in landscaping their premises.

Mrs. Reagan was born in Meadow View, Va., attended Lincoln College in Tennessee and was graduated from the City Hospital Nursing School at Louisville, Ky. She was employed for a number of years as a visiting nurse for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., and later worked as a nurse at

the North Little Rock Veterans Administration Hospital during World War II.

Although she made a great contribution to her community through her skill as a nurse, Mrs. Reagan was known throughout her city for the gardening skill which she dedicated in beautifying the grounds of Winfield Church, Markham United Methodist Church, the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, the Little Rock District parsonage, and Trinity United Methodist Church. The beautiful landscaping which she planned and executed largely with her own means and her own hands attracted the attention of the entire city.

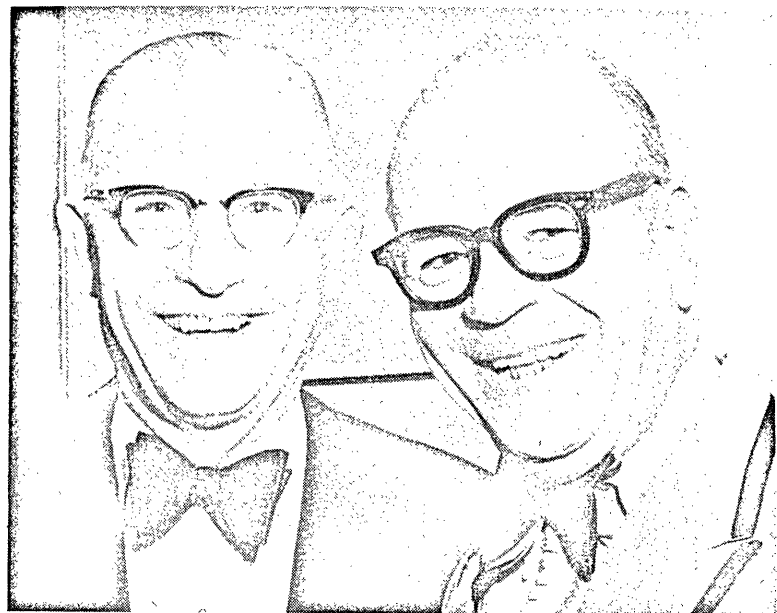
In 1965 the Official Board of Winfield Church awarded Mrs. Reagan a plaque in recognition of the "time, talents and means" she had given to

bring beauty to the landscape.

Over a period of four or five years she planned and implemented the beautification of the grounds of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home. Like so many of the other landscaping projects which she planned for the church, Mrs. Reagan not only gave of her time but also of her means toward the achievement of this form of ministry.

One of her last major landscaping projects was that at Trinity United Methodist Church which she dedicated as a memorial to her late husband. To this project she devoted the better part of the last two years of her life.

Mrs. Reagan is survived by a son, Dr. Grady W. Reagan, Jr. of Los Angeles. Memorial services for her will be announced at a later date by Reubel Funeral Home.



FROM LEFT: Roger Hull, CLU, and R. Percy Goyne, honoree at MONY luncheon.

Scholarship fund honors Dallas couple

A surprise dinner in Dallas, Tex. and the establishment of the Goyne Scholarship Fund honored a Hendrix College alumnus on Tuesday evening, January 12. The celebration marked the 20th anniversary of R. Percy Goyne as manager of the Dallas office, of the Mutual of New York (MONY) life insurance company, which he founded in 1951.

Goyne is a graduate of Hendrix College in Conway, a former aide to the president of Hendrix and a member of the college's board of trustees.

Honored with him was his wife, the former Blanche Butler of Madison (St. Francis County) and also a graduate of Hendrix.

The highlight of the dinner was the acceptance by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., president of Hendrix, of a check for a substantial sum for the establishment of the scholarship fund. The money was contributed by employees in the Dallas office of the company.

Among the surprise out-of-town guests were the Goynes' son, Robert P. Goyne Jr., of Long Island, N. Y.; their daughter, Mrs. Laura Lou Tolles of Pacific Palisades, Calif.; Mrs. R. Percy Goyne's brother, E. J. Butler, and Mrs. Butler of Forrester City, Joe T. Thompson, George Wells and Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Woods of Little Rock. Dr. Shilling was accompanied by Mrs. Shilling.

Roger Hull, of New York city, chairman of the MONY board, hosted a luncheon at the Statler Hilton Hotel for Dallas civic, business and professional leaders to pay tribute to the Dallas agency and Goyne in recognition of 20 years of phenomenal growth. The Dallas unit became MONY's leading agency in its 16th year and has led 200 agencies in production results for five consecutive years. It is reported to have sold more than \$42 million in ordinary life insurance in 1970, to lead all MONY agencies and set a new company record.

Goyne is a native of Gould. The Goynes lived in Little Rock and Shreveport, La., before going to Dallas.

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Boards

Committee on Publishing Interests; 3:00 p.m., Board of Missions; 4:00 p.m., TRAFCO, and Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information.

At 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 24th, at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, TRAFCO will present a session of previewing films, including "John Wesley," "The Acolyte," and others.

North Arkansas Conference meetings announced for Thursday, February 25, are: 10:00 a.m., Board of Ministry; 11:00 a.m., Board of Christian Social Concerns, and the Rural Advisory Committee and the Committee on Lay Workers; 12:00 noon, the Board of Laity will have a luncheon meeting; and at 2:00 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

Editorial

Look Ahead to Better Times

(We are sharing with you this week an editorial which appeared in the January 21 issue of The North Carolina Christian Advocate. The editor of that publication is Dr. James C. Stokes)

Always we are tempted to look back when we want to see the good aspects of gracious living. We glamorize the "good old days" and nostalgically long for their return.

But if the past has been good, the future holds promise of being better. We are on the threshold of breaking through all along the line of human life here on this globe. The next decade could bring greater advances for humanity than any century of our past history. There are reasons to believe that these advances can be realized.

Some of the advances to which we refer are these: the establishment of peace among the nations; the elimination of real hunger and real poverty; the harmonizing of relations among the peoples of the world; the widespread sharing of the blessings and benefits of life throughout the earth; the conservation and proper use of our natural resources; the increased establishment of freedom and justice with law and order; the decline of man's exploitation of man and the dehumanizing consequences thereof; the widespread practice of planned parenthood and the enhancement of the family relationship; the elevation of spiritual, intrinsic values to their proper position, the constant recreation of man in the image of his Father God.

We are nearer to the achievement of these goals than at any time in human history—looking at the world as a whole. At this point in time, it is quite possible, of course, for a perceptive individual to look back down the way mankind has come and see only the wreckage of broken dreams. However, he can see—if he will—that the years have brought progress. Progress, with many a set-back, but still steady and sure progress.

The movement of man is basically upward, though the way has been painful and bloody and tragedy-ridden. God surely wills that the goals and dreams mentioned above should be realized among us. He surely is at work in our midst. Surely, He invites all who will join Him in the glorious enterprise.

For a decade and more we have been expending a major portion of our energies in pro-

test, in criticism, in cutting away at the foundations of our structures. Perhaps this rather negative approach to our problems was necessary. Some are still engaged in such pursuits. Some do indeed advocate the leveling of all structures and the violent overthrow of all established institutions.

But more and more, these people represent an extremist fringe. They have lost most of their support. Their methods have proved to be counter-productive. All things that could be protested have been protested, and the protesters have been listened to. Not all that they have said has been accepted.

This, however, must be said: those who have challenged the status quo have rendered a significant service. They have stirred the body of humanity out of a deadly state of narcosis. They have aroused the keepers of established institutions out of their lethargy, and have deposed century-old prejudices and misconceptions.

Now many of those who once took on the role of protesters are beginning to shift their emphasis to one that is more constructive. Having pointed up the weaknesses and maladies within our institutions, they are more and more beginning to make common cause in the struggle to improve these institutions.

They see more clearly that the basic problem is not the fact of structures, but the evil accumulations which attached themselves to structures. They realize that community life—especially in a world community—is impossible without structures of all sorts.

The decade of the sixties was a period of caustic criticism and protest. During this period the Church certainly took its lumps. It underwent a constant barrage of blows. It is still under vigorous attack, but we seem to sense that the tide of criticism is somewhat subsiding. This is partly due

to the way in which the Church has faced criticism. In the main it has offered a constructive rather than a defensive response. It has faced up to many of its faults and has sought ways to correct them. The corrective processes—often moving slowly—have begun to show results.

But some of the criticism has subsided because more and more protesters have now joined in the effort to build a better Church. They perceive the folly of tearing down the institutional Church with nothing of a like nature to take its place.

Because of (and in spite of) what we have written above, we remain hopeful and optimistic about the future. We are living in a great time. We have the know-how and the tools with which to forge a better life for all mankind.

But more importantly there are stirrings on the spiritual scene. Men are coming alive within. They are rediscovering the fact that they are living souls, and are beginning to live in a new-found spiritual dimension. They are beginning to break through the crust of formalism, of nominal acceptance of Christ. They are rediscovering the reality of miracle, as marvelous things happen in their own lives.

The God who has seemed to many to be a Big Daddy up there in the sky or a vague symbol has come down into the very midst of them. They have been surprised by a Visitor whom they did not expect or even invite. But his coming—however it came about—has brought peace and joy and power.

Where shall we look, then for better times? Ahead. That's where Christ is, pointing the way to good and wonderful things that lie out before us.

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ADVERTISING SERVICE FOR LOCAL CHURCHES

We would like to call your attention to a new company which has been formed by a group of able United Methodist public relations experts to offer assistance to local churches that are interested in doing a better job of advertising in their local papers.

The company, known as **Adchurch**, was formed after a national consultation on church advertising agreed that such help would be a benefit to local pastors and congregations. It was reported that many churches would consider such an advertising program if such help were available.

The group, which has established headquarters in Evanston, Ill., is offering local churches a selection from three ad series a quarter, allowing the pastor and public relations committee to select the type of ads they want to use. The series will vary in size, in theological approach and general appeal.

Each series is designed for the smaller daily and weekly papers. **Adchurch** will supply ads for a full quarter—13 of them—for \$15. They will be sent either as repro proofs or as mats, depending upon the need of the local paper.

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

This is an excellent opportunity for local churches that are interested in an entirely new approach to the entire field of local church advertising.

If you want more details write to **Adchurch**, Room 502, 1100 Church Street, Evanston, Ill. 60201. A descriptive brochure will be sent listing the ads that are now available.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A new structure and name were adopted by the New Jersey American Baptist Convention at its annual meeting in East Orange. The convention will be divided into 10 clusters of churches—five in the south state area and five in the north—and will be called the American Baptist Churches of New Jersey. The staff of the restructured convention will consist of an executive minister, a business manager, two ministers of public mission and one minister each for parish missions in the south and north areas. By-laws to implement the proposed structure will be voted on at a special Feb. 27 convention and an executive minister will be elected at that time. Task groups to carry on the work of the Convention will replace present committees.

Three staff members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), convicted Sept. 28 of interfering with local draft board operations, must face the consequences of their actions, according to the denomination's president, Dr. A. Dale Fiers. He spoke in answer to a recent editorial in the *Christian Century*, which suggested that the Church investigate whether justice was accomplished in the three-month sentences handed to the three members.

The Wisconsin Supreme Court has ruled that a state law requiring children to be sent to school through age 16 is unconstitutional as applied to members of the Amish sect. Writing the 6 to 1 majority opinion, Chief Justice E. Harold Hallows said in part: "No liberty granted by our Constitution is more important or vital to our free society than is a religious liberty protected by the free exercise clause of the First Amendment. This appeal poses the question of whether the compulsory education law of this state, as applied to Amish, infringes on their religious liberty. . . ." Justice Hallows said the court reserved the right to re-examine the question if the compulsory education law ever was seriously jeopardized by the exemption.

A two-year effort by the Women's Fellowship Class of Chevy Chase Presbyterian church has resulted in the appointment of the Rev. Hosta H. Browne as the first full-time Protestant chaplain at D.C. General Hospital (Washington) since 1964. The class launched the drive to raise funds for the chaplaincy when it learned that no Protestant denomination could finance the post. Mr. Browne will also serve as part-time pastor of Good Shepherd Baptist Church, Capitol Heights.

The nation's fourth Christian television station, WF-CB-TV, Channel 45, in Hollywood, Fla., had hoped to go on the air Jan. 1. However, 461,000 pounds of steel rods for the station's 1,000-foot tower has just been delivered to the 20-acre site there. Eldon Purvis, president of the non-profit agency said the aim of the station's regular broadcasting will be "to make the good news of Jesus Christ available to every home, every day." Christian-sponsored television stations are now in operation in Newport News, Va., and Los Angeles. Another in Atlanta is nearing completion.

Lincoln Square in New York City will be the site of a high-rise religious center constructed by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon). The center will include a chapel, classrooms and cultural facilities, and residential or commercial spaces. The 1,400 Manhattan Mormon members now worship in a former synagogue.

Roman Catholic and Protestant clergymen will cooperate in a program to aid Spanish-speaking people in the Southwest. A spokesman for the group said in Albuquerque, N. Mex.: "Over six million Spanish-Americans live in the 13 states of the Southwest. Most of them are on the lowest rung of the economic ladder. Our goals will be to find a practical way to help these people with concrete programs, and to unite existing Chicano organizations before they become polarized and unable to work together." Participants in the program believe the ecumenical makeup of the program team is an important step because "it will reach more people and show the churches' concern for people's economic, social and spiritual improvement."

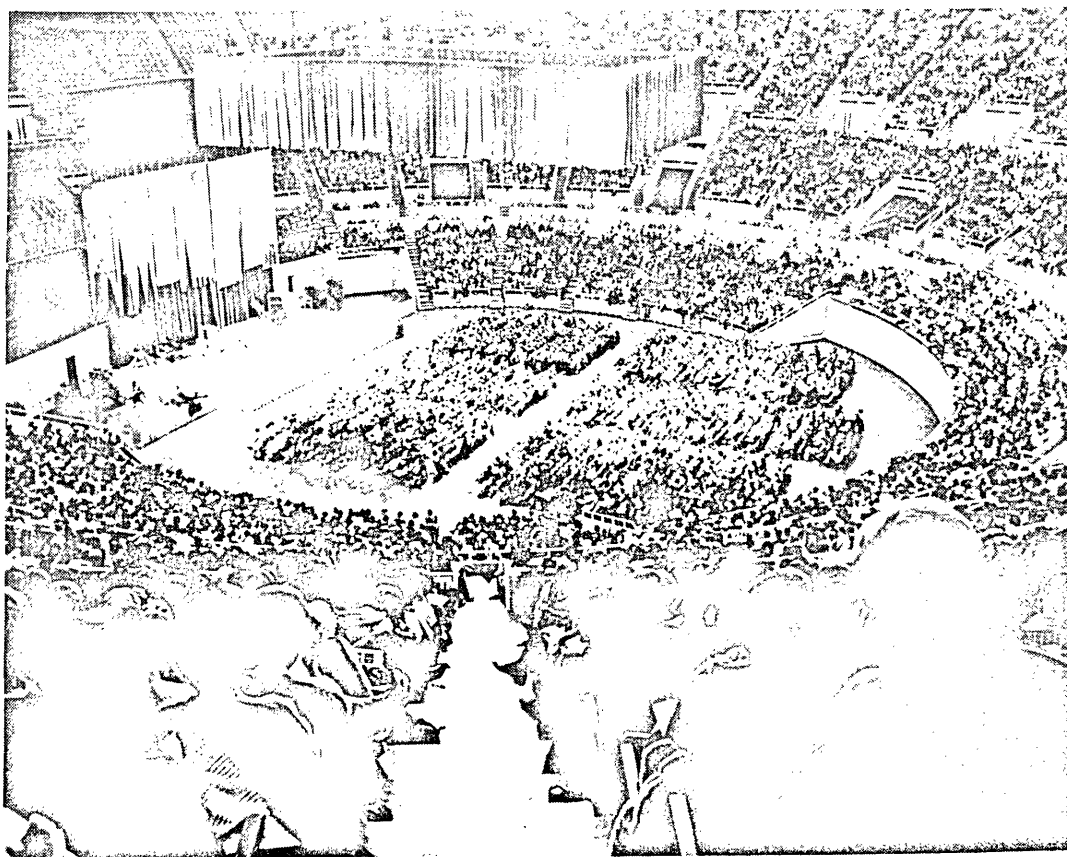
Dan West, Church of the Brethren founder of the well known Heifer Project, died at the age of 77 in Goshen, Indiana on Jan 7. Mr. West, born in Ohio, was involved in relief work to war-ravaged Spain in the 1930s. As he faced lines of hungry children, he conceived the plan for the Heifer Project as a means of bringing food-producing animals into needy areas—as an alternative to direct food handouts. Under the program, cows are given to poor families with the understanding that some of the offspring will be passed along to others in need. His family has established the Dan West Educational Fund to support volunteers who offer training in animal husbandry to Heifer Project recipients.

Current "vampire" motion pictures have turned from "horror to gore" and may be conveying "unhealthy linkage between lust, blood, mutilation, desire and eroticism," according to Film Information, a service of the National Council of Churches. The Rev. James M. Wall, coordinator and also editor of *Christian Advocate*, said that very little parental concern has been voiced to Hollywood on vampire pictures and many are being shown under the GP rating, that is, all ages admitted, parental guidance suggested. Film Information does not rate films itself, but lists ratings given by the Motion Picture Assn. of America and offers critical comment on individual pictures and types of films.

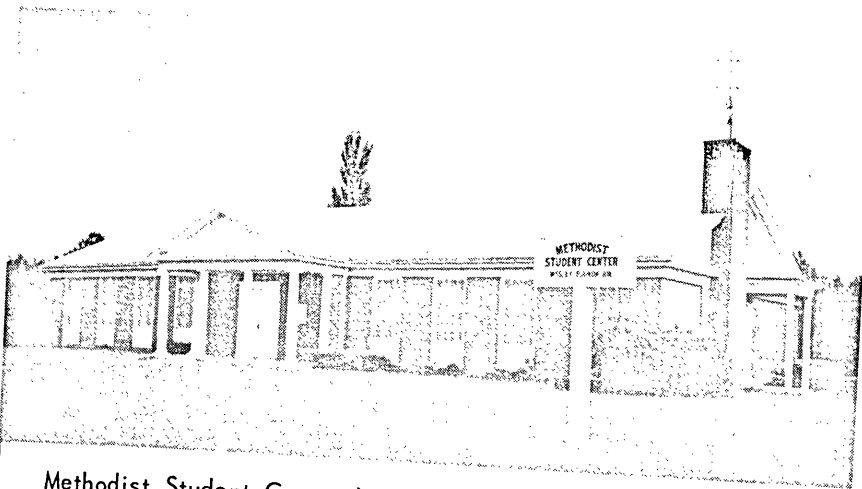
Christian Aid, the service arm of British churches, revealed in London that it had channeled more than \$288,000 into Rhodesian African education during the past year, and that it will continue its aid. However, the government of Prime Minister Ian Smith has placed many restrictions on church schools, and churches are being careful that their offers of aid are not interpreted as an endorsement of Smith's apartheid-type policies, according to news service reports.

Two noted psychiatrists have condemned the "generation gap" and the "do-your-thing" philosophy as among the greatest perils to a healthy youth-parent relationship. Concepts of "teen-age" and the "generation gap" are products of a "semantic plot—a conspiracy involving sleight of words and artificial labeling and a kind of segregation," according to Dr. Richard Rabkin of Cornell Medical School. Dr. J. Thomas Ungerleider of the Neuropsychiatric Institute of the UCLA Center for the Health Sciences, Los Angeles, expressed alarm at the effects of the "do-your-thing" philosophy—which he saw as the credo of children as early as the fourth grade. Until lately, a teenager was recognized for what he is—a young adult, Dr. Rabkin pointed out. "By definition, a young adult, a middle-aged adult and an old adult have a lot in common, a sense of community," and the psychiatrist warned that by giving in to the semantic plot, we help split the ties that bind us together."

A resolution asking Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to permit the various states to provide for the voluntary recitation of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of verses of the Bible in the public schools, has been introduced in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Ten members co-sponsored the measure. The resolution noted that a "considerable segment of public opinion is opposed to the results" of the U.S. Supreme Court decision that banned the reciting of the Lord's Prayer and the reading of the Bible in public schools.



URBANA, Ill. — Some 10,000 students fill the University of Illinois Assembly Hall at Urbana during the ninth Missionary Convention of the Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The efforts of many evangelical Protestants to draw evangelism and social concerns more closely together were reflected as the students, mostly from the U.S. and Canada, grappled with such topics as student power, "revolution," racism, relations with non-Christians and education. The Rev. David M. Howard, the Fellowship's missionary director, said in his keynote address that the church has "been guilty of a lack of social concern" and that the choice between evangelism and social concerns is not "either/or." (RNS Photo)



Methodist Student Center building at Southern State College in Magnolia.

Wesley Foundation Southern State College

The Rev. Allen B. Bonsall,
Associate Pastor
First United Methodist Church,
Magnolia
Minister to Youth and Students

Miss Bennie
Sue Cameron,
president
of
Wesley Council
at Southern
State College,
is a member
of St. Paul's
United Methodist
Church in
El Dorado.



The Wesley Foundation at Southern State College is undergoing some changes. The basic change is that of terminology and point of origin of the direction of our program at Southern State College. This is to be an experiment to reflect the change that has taken place in the role of the Wesley Foundation on the campus. It should be noted here that the basis for these changes does not mean that this is the way all Wesley Foundations should operate but that for Southern State College we feel that it can be most valid and useful.

Our aim is to bring the student into a closer relationship with the local churches of Magnolia, assimilating them into the program of the church, but at the same time giving the local churches an opportunity to assume some responsibility in providing for the needs of the students.

Our basic philosophy is simply that as an ordained minister in the United Methodist Church, the campus minister has a primary concern to serve the needs of students and faculty as pastor. He is always available for counseling or assistance. At Southern State College there are actually three campus ministers — the pastor of Asbury United Methodist Church and the pastor and associate pastor of First United Methodist Church.

Our objectives are:

- a. To lead all members of the college community to accept the Christian faith in God according to the Scriptures, to live as true disciples of Jesus Christ, and to become members of Christ's Church.
- b. To deepen, enrich, and

mature the Christian faith of college men and women through commitment to Jesus Christ and His Church, and to prepare them for active lives of service and leadership in and through the church during and after their student years.

- c. To witness in the campus community to the mission, the message and the life of the church.

By helping to develop these objectives in our campus community we believe that it will strengthen the ties with the institutional church. It is our goal to bring new insight to students of what God's Church can become if they will bring fresh visions to it and not settle for the stagnant cliches. Yet we are not saying that all that is traditional should be done away with, but rather, we should add to traditions our fresh visions and ideas.

The programs and activities scheduled for the Wesley Foundation are governed by the Student Council of the Wesley Foundation in consultation with the campus minister. This Council consists of ten students elected by the students themselves. Six of these are on the executive council and four are members-at-large. From the executive council the students elect a chairman and a secretary to serve the school year. Membership on the Council is open to any student who has at least a "C" average in his studies. Miss Bennie Sue Cameron of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, El Dorado is presently serving as chairman. Miss Linda Harris of Ozan is the council's secretary. Our elections are held in May of each year.

Last year the Council was instrumental in helping to organize

a non-sectarian married couples fellowship on the campus to bring all the married couples together for activities. The Wesley Foundation offered its building and facilities for a meeting place. This year we are working to establish a Day Care Center on the campus for the married students who have pre-school children.

The Chapel Services held on Wednesday evenings are central in the life of the Foundation. The service is brief, and there is a fellowship period following. Students are urged to become affiliate members of one of the churches in Magnolia and to attend their Sunday morning services.

The Sunday Morning Hour, meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Wesley Foundation, features a Church School for married students as well as a class for single students. Periodically study groups are held dealing with specific areas of Christian concern, such as Bible study, contemporary literature, and politi-

cal and social issues. These are presented informally, using films, speakers and discussion groups.

A major service project is the Christmas party for underprivileged children. The Wesley Foundation also acts as a clearing house for information about opportunities for summer and graduate service.

The main guideline for the Council in planning is to remember that we are a part of the campus community and not a separate group.

One other thing which determines the success or failure of any Wesley Foundation is the attitude of the Board of Directors, elected by the Annual Conference. Here at Southern State College the Board has concerned itself with administrative matters and has left the operation of programs to the director and his Student Council. This has given the students an added sense of maturity and responsiveness.



The 1970-71 Wesley Foundation Council in program planning session with the Rev. Allen B. Bonsall, director of the Wesley Foundation program at Southern State College.

NEWS and NOTES

OAKLAWN CHURCH, Hot Springs, has added an associate pastor to the staff to work with the Rev. Fred H. Arnold, pastor. He is the Rev. Harold Botteron, who is also serving as pastor of the Mountain Pine and Gum Springs United Methodist Churches.

MALVERN METHODISTS honored Mrs. T. H. McLean on Sunday, January 24, for her 42 years of service as organist in First United Methodist Church. The service was broadcast on the radio. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft is her present minister.

CARL RUNYON, executive director of "Big Brothers," Little Rock, was the speaker for United Methodist Men of Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, at the supper meeting, January 18. Thurber Owens is president of the group. The Rev. John B. Hays is pastor.

DR. MILTON HARBUCK of North Little Rock was the speaker for United Methodist Men of Highland Church, Little Rock, January 18. Ben Miller was in charge of the program. John Dudley is president of the group. The Rev. Bryan Stephens is their pastor.

A RECENT MARRIAGE of interest was that of Pamela Anne Simmons and Eston Horace Williams, Jr., performed in the Oak Forest Church at Little Rock by the Rev. M. E. Scott. Williams is president of the student body at Hendrix College where he is a ministerial student, and is one of five young people serving on a national committee of the United Methodist Church, the Structure Study Commission.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS CHURCH youth of Fort Smith visited the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock on Friday, January 22, taking gifts for the children with them. They also visited other points of interest. The Rev. Pryor R. Cruce is their pastor.

P. K. KORNER

MR. AND MRS. G. H. SHEPHERD of Edwards AFB, California, are the parents of a son, David Bayliss Shepherd, born December 15, 1970. Mrs. Shepherd is the former Sondra Bayliss, daughter of Dr. John A. Bayliss, pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, and Mrs. Bayliss.

JOHN MARK BAYLISS, son of Dr. and Mrs. John A. Bayliss of Fort Smith, has been elected president of the Northside High School student body for the second semester.

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GOODRICH AND MANN REPEAT VISIT TO CAMDEN

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Dallas, and Bill Mann, nationally-known leader of congregational singing, will be in Camden for a four-day preaching mission, January 31 through February 3. The evangelistic team was in Camden two years ago. In addition to the evening services there will be noon-day services and luncheons on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday. Services will be in First United Methodist Church, Camden, where the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is pastor and the Rev. David F. Prothro is associate.

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THE CLARKSVILLE LAY Witness Mission will be held in First United Methodist Church this weekend, January 29-31. Lee Faulkner of Fort Smith is the coordinator. The Rev. Clarence Wilcox is host pastor.

MRS. GRANVILLE FUGETT, member of First United Methodist in Batesville, observed her 102nd birthday on January 9 at the Woodlawn Nursing Home where she resides.

A NEW PARAMENT SET including eight symbols and four colors was dedicated recently at Scott Memorial United Methodist Church in Eudora. The paraments are a memorial to Mrs. Ella Ura Lingo, wife of Robert A. Lingo, a long-time servant of the Methodist Church. A seven-weeks course on the Christian Year, its seasons and festivals was conducted for junior and senior high students and a shorter study was presented for adults. The congregation at Scott Memorial began worship in a new sanctuary in September of 1969. Mrs. W. C. Carothers is chairman of the Work Area on Worship; the Rev. Merle A. Johnson, Jr. is minister.

LICENSED TO PREACH at the January 12 session of the Hope District Conference were Billy Norris Steele, whose father serves the Hope Church as pastor, and Guy Downing, with the State Police. The Rev. Alf Eason, district superintendent, presided at the conference.

DR. WILLIAM C. GENTRY filled the pulpits at Bethlehem, Dalark and Manchester Churches, Fayetteville District, and the Rev. Freddie Hunter preached at Rock Springs Church, January 3, due to the illness of the pastor, the Rev. Harold Rogers. On January 10, Kendel Hunter filled the Bethlehem pulpit, Johnnie Haltom the Manchester Church, and Mrs. Harold Rogers brought a devotional at Dalark and Rock Springs Churches.

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT APPOINTMENT CHANGES

The Rev. Claude Clark, pastor of Tigert Memorial-Morning Star Charge in Hot Springs, has been forced to retire because of ill health, according to the Rev. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District Superintendent. He has completed 22½ years of service in the Methodist ministry.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has announced that the Rev. Robert E. Woody, a minister from the Church of the Nazarene, will become pastor of the Tigert Charge, effective February 1. He has served churches in Kansas and Texas and is coming from the First Church of the Nazarene in Russellville. He also has been active in educational work, serving at the present time as principal of the Elementary School in Pottsville. He and Mrs. Woody have two children, a daughter who is married and a son in the service.

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EVANGELISM SEMINAR PLANNED

An Evangelism Seminar for churches of the Little Rock District will be held at St. Luke United Methodist Church on Tuesday, February 9, beginning at 7:00 p.m., according to Dr. Joseph E. Taylor, district director of evangelism.

The Seminar will be led by Mrs. Carl Smelley of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Leaders will include the Rev. Ross Whetstone of the General Board of Evangelism staff; Kelsey Caplinger of Trinity United Methodist Church; and Bill Evans of Markham United Methodist Church.

The discussions will be geared to new methods of evangelism in the local church and ministries to persons outside the church, involving new members in the life and work of the church, securing a full commitment and deepening the spiritual life of all members.

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LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR Bob Riley spoke in El Dorado at the Sunday evening service in First United Methodist Church, January 17. His talk on "The Problems of Communication Today" was in keeping with the church study on "How the Word Gets Around." Dr. Riley is a professor in the social science field at Ouachita Baptist University, Arkadelphia, in addition to his political office. Dr. Alvin Murray was host pastor.

NINETEEN YOUNG FOLK became members of the new United Methodist Youth Fellowship when it was organized at Mt. Zion Church on the Austin Charge, Lonoke recently. The group visited shut-ins in their community on Thanksgiving and Christmas and visited and presented gifts to residents of the Cabot and Lonoke Convalescent homes during the Christmas season. On Jan. 17 they viewed a film from the TRAF-CO Library at Methodist Headquarters in Little Rock, and urge other organizations to make use of films available from this source. The Rev. T. G. Poss is pastor.

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. 31—Sunday	Luke 4:33-37
Feb. 1	Matt. 7:24-27
Feb. 2	Matt. 7:7-11
Feb. 3	Matt. 9:10-13
Feb. 4	Matt. 10:16-33
Feb. 5	Matt. 11:25-30
Feb. 6	John 1:1-5
Feb. 7—Sunday	John 1:29-34

MISSIONARIES ON FURLOUGH

The Rev. and Mrs. Andrew Fowler, missionaries to Malaysia, and children are now in the states on furlough, according to "The Evangel," newsletter of the DeQueen United Methodist Church. The DeQueen Church, of which the Rev. David B. Wilson is pastor, contributes to partial support of the Fowlers. They are attending Perkin's School of Theology, SUM, Dallas. They are scheduled to meet with DeQueen Methodists the weekend of February 20 and 21.

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ROBERT SARVER, Commissioner of the Arkansas Department of Correction, was the guest speaker at the January 25 supper meeting of United Methodist Men in St. Luke Church, Little Rock. Eugene Carter is the president at St. Luke and the Rev. Alfred DeBlack is pastor.

MRS. HARVEY HAZELWOOD, wife of the minister of Charleston United Methodist Church, broke her hip in a fall at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, while attending the meeting of the Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation, January 18.

JOSEPH HENRY FISHER

Joseph Henry (Jodie) Fisher died recently at the Cross Country Hospital, one week after his 91st birthday.

Mr. Fisher was born in Bartlett, Tenn., and moved to Wynne with his parents at the age of four. He was married October 11, 1908, to Florence Elizabeth Morris who survives him. They had been married 62 years.

He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and had served in many capacities on the Official Board.

He was organizer and first president of Wynne's Happy Age Club for senior citizens.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Florence Fisher; one son, R. A. (Bob) Fisher of Wynne; two daughters, Mrs. J. W. (Jake) Wiltshire of Wynne and Mrs. James Roleson of Blytheville, four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held at the Kernodle Funeral Chapel with the Rev. Charles Nance, the Rev. Jim Campbell and the Rev. Freddy Howard officiating. Burial was in Cogbill Cemetery.

JANUARY 28, 1971

Former Arkansan listed by JOURNAL among top 75 important women

(Miss Theresa Hoover is a native of Fayetteville, Arkansas, and a graduate of Philander Smith College, Little Rock.)

NEW YORK (UMI)—Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, chief executive of the national women's program of the United Methodist Church, is listed among "America's 75 Most Important Women," as presented in the January issue of *Ladies Home Journal* magazine.



The publication lists a circulation of 6,900,000 and claims 13,000,000 readers. It is generally regarded as one of the country's prestige magazines.

Miss Hoover is associate general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions with responsibility for the Women's Division. One of the Board's top administrators, she is the chief executive for program and work of the United Methodist women's organizations, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. The Division is the national policy-making body for more than 1,500,000 Society and Guild members in 38,000 local units.

The *Journal* list of "America's 75 Most Important Women" includes persons of national and international fame in many fields, including government, business, science, communications, education, entertainment, civil rights, medicine, music, drama, law, religion, architecture and the women's liberation movement. Included are three present and former First Ladies, Patricia Nixon, Lady Bird Johnson and Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis.

The list was prepared by researcher-writer Donald Robinson, whose most recent book is *The 100 Most Important People in the World Today*. Explaining his standards for selection, he wrote in an introduction that "we

were looking for women who had made the greatest impact on our civilization within the last five years, and who would continue to affect us significantly for the next five years. He said he had used the phrase "women who have done the most to shape and illuminate the world in which we live."

The *Journal*, in an Editor's Note accompanying the presentation, said that though "it is an arbitrary, somewhat hazardous venture to choose 75 people as 'most important,' Donald Robinson is particularly well qualified to make such a selection." To answer its own question as to "why doesn't the *Journal* do a survey based on reader opinions?" the editors said that "someday we hope to do just that."

Among the United Methodists in the listing are Sen. Margaret Chase Smith (R-Maine), Rep. Shirley Chisholm (D-N.Y.), opera star Leontyne Price, and Dorothy I. Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women. Four women were in the general field of "religion." Besides Miss Hoover they are Cynthia Clark Wedel, first woman president of the National Council of Churches; Sister Mary Luke Tobin, first American woman at the Vatican Council, and Rosemary Ruether, writer on Roman Catholic theology.

Each of the "Most Important" was identified by a photograph and a thumbnail sketch. Miss Hoover was described as "top woman executive of Methodist Church, guides 38,000 women's groups. A board member of YWCA and National Council of Churches."

The *Journal* listing was not the first mass media recognition for Miss Hoover. In November she was on a panel on New York's WNBC-TV "For Women Only" program, moderated by Aline Saarinen. She and five fellow panelists discussed "Women and Organized Religion." In 1969 she was in the "Speaking of People" section of *Ebony* magazine, which features black Americans who have made significant achievements in various fields.

WRIGHT'S CHAPEL LADIES HOST TO TWO GROUPS

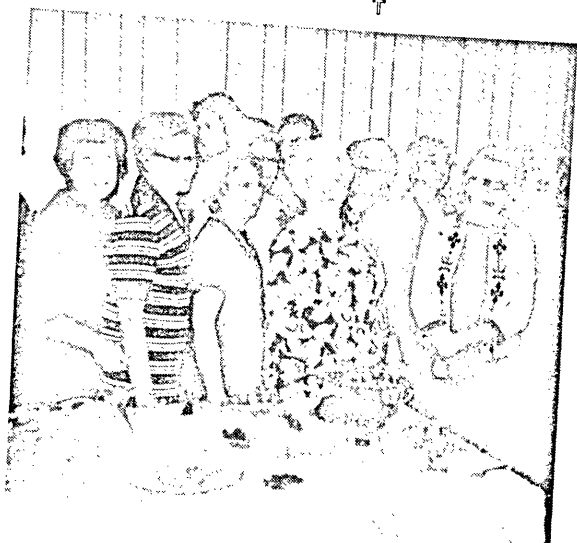
Ladies of Cummins Chapel and St. Francis Churches were guests at the December program of the Women's Society of Christian Service at Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church, Piggott.

Mrs. Elmer Stewart presented the program, assisted by Mrs. Emma

Buck, Mrs. Herbert Hill, Mrs. Darrell Johnson, Mrs. Jean Scheffler and Mrs. Boyce Blake.

Guests from Cummins Chapel presenting a skit were Mrs. Loran Holifield, Mrs. Lewis Holifield, Mrs. Ralph Trout, Mrs. Leroy Craig, Mrs. John Gettings and Mrs. Doisie Webster.

The Rev. Loren Piercy is pastor of the charge.



Shown are some of the ladies who attended the WSCS program at Wright's Chapel United Methodist Church, near Piggott.

Literacy Workshop group meets to "tell it like it is" at Forrest City

The Literacy Workshop group of Eastern Arkansas, initiated by Mrs. Paul V. Galloway in the Forrest City District on October 15 and led by Mrs. Doris Wood of Parkin in a 15-hour workshop on November 17, 18 and 19, reports action from four areas.

A "Tell It Like It Is" meeting of this workshop group in Forrest City, January 13, had 19 members attending. Mrs. Ethan Dodgen, a sponsor of the project and wife of the Forrest City district superintendent, reports that the "air was electrified with the thrilling experiences reported." Four classes have been in progress in the Helena-West Helena area since the November workshop. A class in West

Memphis began about the same time. There is also a class meeting regularly in Forrest City. Several class members felt that it was an answer to prayer when they heard that someone would teach them to read and write. The exciting story reveals equal enthusiasm by teachers and pupils. In one instance, one pupil after only three lessons wanted to read for his employers, who had been very cooperative in assisting the employee to take the training.

Many other contracts have been made which reveal opportunities to open the printed page to non-readers. Helena-West Helena began three new classes this month. Forrest City workers were scheduled to meet on the 19th with several non-readers at the request of the director of the Headstart program. West Memphis is planning a city-wide workshop to train tutors within the next month. The workers in Helena-West Helena secured materials and have given instruction to five additional tutors in that area.

The November workshop taught by Mrs. Wood at Planters' Bank, Forrest City, had 31 participants from eight cities of the area.

Treasurer's Annual Report

North Arkansas Conference
Womens Society of Christian Service
and Wesleyan Service Guild
January 1, 1970 - December 31, 1970

RECEIPTS

	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.
Pledge to Missions	79,539.71	19,994.58
Memberships	3,645.00	1,495.00
In Remembrance	1,003.53	98.00
World Bank-Thank Offering	3,287.50	1,192.98
TOTAL RECEIVED ON PLEDGE	87,475.74	22,780.56
Supplemental	397.84	127.68
Call to Prayer	3,312.99	1,248.27
School of Christian Mission	566.00	329.00
Christian Civic Foundation	501.50	131.40
District Cultivation	62.51	
Magazine & Picture Fund		106.00
1970 Assembly Offering	563.05	64.75
Interest on Savings	310.80	
Annual Meeting Offerings	366.02	263.00
Miscellaneous	113.50	100.00
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	6,194.21	2,370.10
TOTAL RECEIPTS		8,564.31
Balance January 1, 1970		118,820.61
Savings Certificate		5,328.42
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR		6,000.00
		\$130,149.03

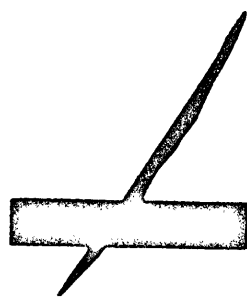
DISBURSEMENTS

	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.
Pledge to Missions	71,586.74	17,995.15
Memberships	3,745.00	1,495.00
In Remembrance	1,003.53	98.00
World Bank-Thank Offering	3,287.50	1,192.98
TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE	79,622.77	20,781.13
Supplemental	397.84	127.68
Call to Prayer	3,312.99	1,248.27
Christian Civic Foundation	501.50	131.40
Conference Cultivation	4,604.35	231.00
District Cultivation	2,660.00	840.00
Magazine & Picture Fund		106.00
Printing	807.98	39.98
Insurance for T. & C. Worker	122.18	
Annual Meeting Expenses (Speakers)	303.70	100.00
1970 Assembly Offering	563.05	64.75
Miscellaneous	102.50	181.50
TOTAL OTHER DISBURSEMENTS	13,376.09	4,070.58
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		17,446.67
Balance December 31, 1970		117,850.57
Saving Certificate		6,298.46
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR		6,000.00
		130,149.03

Mrs. James E. Nix
Conference Treasurer

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 7: Persistence in Prayer

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:5-13; 18:1-8

MEMORY SELECTION: Every one who asks receives, and he who seeks finds, and to him who knocks will be opened. (Luke 11:10)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help class members develop the practice of persistent prayer in the knowledge that God's answers are assured and are given in wisdom and love.

Out of the prayer habits of Jesus came the urgent requests of his disciples that he teach them how to pray. They readily admitted that they did not have the answers, and so he spent some time in trying to help meet this need. Who among us has not come to a feeling of despair in his own prayer life and cried out, "Lord, teach us how to pray?"

This lesson and the one to follow deal with prayer. They will be two of the most important periods we spend together with the teachings of the parables. We know that we often give lip-service to the idea of prayer without ever making it a part of our lives. When we do pray in times of great stress we may be so out of practice that we find it difficult to express ourselves or keep our thoughts from straying. We give up so easily. There is a strong possibility that through the consideration of this parable today we may move toward real persistence in our own prayers.

Jesus spent long hours in prayer. He often went out on the mountainside to talk with God about the problems he confronted. Often there was a real crisis experience involved, and from the deep commitment to purpose which the disciples saw in their Master came the longing in their hearts to know what he knew about prayer. Dr. George Buttrick says (*The Parables of Jesus*) "That power and peace came to Him through such vigils is attested by the disciples' plea: 'Lord, teach us to pray.'"

It is clear that Jesus regarded prayer as the simple outpouring of human need. It may take many forms—thanksgiving, confession, adoration, or intercession, but all these forms are but variants of the cry of human poverty. Many men have sought to analyze the unique character of Jesus and have concluded that his prayer life is at the heart of the answer. Dr. Buttrick has said in his book *Prayer*: "So attuned was he to God by secret communion that his words are as God's words. He did what other men had done—trudged the road, taught his truth, healed the sick, and flinched not from martyrdom—but, oh the difference! The disciples tracked down the secret to its hiding place—'Lord, teach us to pray.'"

The two stories concerning prayer are so similar in purpose that they might be termed twin parables. Although separated in Luke's gospel, they are so much alike that it is possible they were given at the same time. One is the story of the friend who sought bread from his neighbor in the middle of the night, while the other tells of the persistent widow who would not quit in her appeal to the judge for justice. The one central theme in both is perseverance in prayer.

THE NATURE OF FATHERHOOD

Jesus introduced the two parables related to prayer with an affirmation about the nature of God as it stands in contrast with human parenthood. We read in Luke 11:11-13: "What father among you, if his son asks for a fish, will instead of a fish give him a serpent; or if he asks for an egg, will give him a scorpion? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the

Holy Spirit to those who ask him?" In this version "Holy Spirit" is substituted for "good things" in the version in Matthew. Who of us would deny that the Holy Spirit is the best gift, God's gift of himself?

Here Jesus is pointing out the nature of a human father who does all that he can to see that his children have what is best for them. This is done to establish the contrast with the superior goodness of the heavenly Father so that there will be no question in the minds of men that God is anxious to give them what is best for them.

Jesus argued from the lesser to the greater, the bad to the better. The contrast could not be missed. If human fathers know how to respond to the requests of their sons, then we should all know that there is no question about God's hearing and answering our prayers. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "The clue to God's loving nature is to be found in good and true fathers on earth. There is a spark of God in every human parent. If in spite of men's weaknesses they can choose to do loving things for their children, how much more will God pour forth his love upon men who look to him as their heavenly Father."

THE FRIEND AT MIDNIGHT

In the first of our parables today we are told of a man who had unexpected company arrive in the middle of the night. The most elementary rules of hospitality required that he break bread with his guest before they retired. However, he was embarrassed because there was no food in the house. He did what any of us would have done—he went to his neighbor to borrow some bread. He discovered that the man had retired for the night and was not willing to get up to comply with the request. This seems to be a rather logical reaction. Most of us would have probably done the same. But the petitioner was not to be so easily pushed aside. He ignored the refusal and banged on the door again. Finally, in desperation, his neighbor came down and gave the bread to the man in order to quiet him down.

It is not easy for us to find the real meaning of this parable. Certainly we are not to believe that the unfriendly neighbor represents God. We must make clear that our original interpretation of a parable was that it was a story intended to make a single point. We said that these stories were not allegories and that we were not to seek meaning in every character and every detail. To take any other position regarding both these parables today would communicate an erroneous image of God. The one great idea here is that once we have started praying for a worthy purpose we ought not to discontinue those prayers until that goal has been achieved.

The apostle Paul echoed Jesus' teaching when he said, "Pray without ceasing" (1 Thess. 5:17). If we are to develop a prayer life it will be necessary for us to discipline our lives and develop periods of sustained prayer during which we will not let anything divert us from our petitions. In the area of petitionary prayer, a skeptic once asked the Russian novelist Tolstoy, "How can I believe in God in the face of a cholera microbe?" To which Tolstoy replied, "Don't be flippant!" We cannot understand all there is to know about God, and yet, as Dr. Buttrick says, "We see God as a sailor might see a promontory—now in sunshine, now in storm, the tiny visible only a sign of a vast unknown. Some petitions are not answered, and if they were we could not worship Him, for His ways are higher than our ways. But many petitions are answered."

THE WIDOW AND THE JUDGE

In Luke 18:1-8 Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow before the inconsiderate judge. It is much like the first story, and yet it has more serious overtones. This judge is not one before whom

any of us would like to stand seeking justice. The implication is that he expected to be bribed for his decision, and the widow had nothing with which to purchase his favor.

Such a judge could only be bribed, bullied, or besought until he surrendered. The widow had no wealth with which to bribe him, and no power with which to threaten. She could only plead with the persistence of despair. She pleaded even against hope. She spoke to the judge in his courtroom. She talked to him on the street as he went toward his home. He could not escape her. At last, to get away from her and her plea he did as she asked. We read in Luke 18:4: "He said to himself, Though I neither fear God nor regard man, yet because this widow bothers me, I will vindicate her, or she will wear me out by her continual coming." Again we would emphasize the importance of seeing that the judge in the story is not representative of God. We are only being told that the widow was persistent, and this was the source of her reward in the story.

The answers to many prayers are long delayed for a number of reasons. Usually the delays are the result of unreadiness on the part of the petitioner. God does work out sovereign purposes in our lives and in the lives of others. We cannot always be immediately aware of what these are, so while we keep on praying we do not doubt that the final outcome will be for our best because it will be based on God's infinite love and wisdom.

COMMUNICATING WITH GOD IN DAILY LIFE

Let us move out from the outline of these parables and look toward some general guidance for our own prayer life. To do so we must come to see that prayer is so much more than petition. It is truly one of the communicative arts. It is by this means that God lets man know His wisdom, His way, and Himself with a human being. It is a two-way street since it also is the means by which the human being communicates his mind, his heart, his body, and his total self with God.

Surely one of the biggest problems God has with people is in this area of communication. Even though we know God has resources adequate for all our needs, it is difficult for him to give us even a small amount. Certainly the problem is not that God is unwilling to give to us, but that we are unwilling to receive.

Dr. Thomas Carruth in one of his fine books on prayer pointed out three basic principles for communicating with God: 1. We need a common-sense. Scriptural interpretation of the God who communicates; 2. We need a practical view of the elementary factors involved in our own ability to communicate; and 3. We need a practical application of prayers and patterns in prayer which we can practice in daily living.

Bishop Gerald Kennedy tells the story of a mother who listened to her son as he prayed. She noticed that what he was doing was to tell God what he planned to do and to seek to direct God to help him. The mother said to her son, "Son, don't bother to give God instructions, just report for duty."

REASONS FOR PERSISTENCE IN PRAYER

Although the parables which we have studied have emphasized the need for persistence in prayer, we have to look beyond these stories into our own lives to discover reasons for this persistence.

First, we pray persistently because we struggle with uncertainty. Some people ask of prayer that it be painless. They expect it to bring them peace of mind. Jesus bids us pray persistently because the struggle between faith and doubt goes on. Then, our prayers reflect our faith. The man of faith finds prayer exciting since it flows out from faith.

Also we must be persistent in prayer because of our desire for God. Jesus warns each of us to guard our devotion, turning away from lesser goals. He tells us that we cannot serve both God and Mammon. Finally, we are told that persistence in prayer is a form of daily renewal. Through it we express our need to abandon ourselves to God each day. We cannot deny that we are in need of new energy and new purity, and that we can expect to find them in prayer.

FUNDS FOR NEW CHURCH DIVERTED TO AID BUSINESS, EMPLOYMENT

TYRONE, Pa. (RNS) — The Columbia Avenue United Methodist church here has been saving for eight years to build a new sanctuary, but now instead of a new structure, the congregation is lending its \$100,000 to the community to help attract new businesses.

"We do have facilities and using them is better than having our men unable to make a living for their families," said the Rev. Leroy J. Harrison.

In December, 1970, the Westvaco Corp. cut back 550 employees at its Tyrone paper mill. The mill has been the town's mainstay for 90 years.

Eight years ago the building of the Columbia Avenue church burned. Since then, makeshift quarters have been used.

The \$100,000 building fund will go to the Tyrone Improvement Corporation to finance a \$1 million industrial development program. The sum represents the 10 per cent mortgage needed to obtain funds from the Pennsylvania Industrial Development Authority.

Harry K. Sickler, president of the improvement corporation, said the church will be repaid by April 1, 1973, with receipts from a fund drive.

Mr. Harrison said his congregation will make further contributions if necessary to help the community gain a stable economic foundation.

"As Christians," said the clergyman, "we are bound to minister to the town in this way. We feel this is simply part of a Christian commitment and Christian opportunity. We are not looking at it as something unique."

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1971 Prayer Calendar updates missions information

NEW YORK — One of the most widely used publications of the United Methodist Board of Missions, the annual **Prayer Calendar**, is off the press and available for use. As in the past years, the 1971 **Prayer Calendar** is regarded as a primary aid in individual, family and group devotions, and as a valuable reference source.

The cover describes the 1971 edition as "a prayer itinerary day by day and a directory of mission work and workers around the world." Bearing out this description, the **Prayer Calendar** again includes listings of missionaries, deaconesses and mission projects of the Board of Missions. Besides being listed on their birthdays, mission workers are listed in the back with name, address, conference and field of service. Also contained are

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the British scene



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

Banks in Britain will close on February 10 until February 15. This is not a threat of bankruptcy — it is simply the financial system's way of dealing with the changeover to decimal currency. On that date we shall leave behind forever the pounds, shillings and pence which have haunted the visitor from the USA and other places and go into a coinage which corresponds quite closely with many other countries.

For Britons this seems like a revolution. Many people are saying that it is all right for the children—who are already learning about decimal coinage at school—but what about the very elderly who will, it is said, never get used to it? The contrast is shown by the fact that one popular radio programme has engaged a schoolboy to explain to listeners how to convert LSD into DECIMAL, and how **thinking** decimally is a necessity.

It provides for Church treasurers a nightmare, too. For one thing, one of

the most popular coins in the collection has been the half-crown—a peculiarly British compromise crown worth two shillings and sixpence. When that coin was withdrawn from circulation in preparation for the new coinage, the pessimists feared that people who had been accustomed to putting one coin in the offertory bag would never get used to putting two, or making up the amount in other ways—and to a certain extent they have been right.

But, much more traumatic is going to be the task of treasurers who have worked in the old system all their lives, and who, overnight, will have to think decimally. It is going to be great fun for some. In fact, after a short time, I expect we shall wonder why we made such a fuss. But meantime, some vestries are going to be the place where Christian charity and temperance will have to be exercised!

METROPOLITAN MISSION

The evangelistic problem of the great sprawling "conurbation" that we call London has been one that has engaged the attention of the most devoted men over the years. Especially in inner London where there was a proliferation of church building at the turn of the century, recent years have brought with them problems of redundancy, lack of funds to run places which once depended on social appeals which have become outdated, and the reducing church attendance which has meant that once-filled churches stand almost empty.

The free churches have begun to tackle the problem together, and with the new climate of unity between Anglican and Methodist churches, even here there has been the beginning of united action.

The basic problem has been to rationalise men and money so that in some of the most difficult areas of witness known to the church an effective piece of work can be done. Social needs of new kinds are being met, and the servant-church has become a feature of the streets of inner London. At the same time the primary purpose of the church is not forgotten. Dr. Irvonwy Morgan the Methodist Secretary who is responsible for London affairs in the Methodist Church has recently said that in his opinion only the maintenance of public worship gives meaning to the service of the church—otherwise the service offered is merely humanistic. Certainly, under his direction, while new attempts are being made to meet human need in London, the basic spiritual witness will not be forgotten.

TOGETHER IN 1971?

A new note of optimism was struck by the Archbishop of Canterbury this week when he said in an interview that he had an "ardent hope" that Anglican and Methodist Unity may take another step forward this year.

He pointed out that the lesson to be learned from the set-back, when the proposals were halted by the failure of the Anglican Church to match the Methodist agreement to the scheme, was that the Anglican church was not sufficiently committed to unity on the local level. During recent days, however, there has been emphasis upon more local knowledge, and more local action and co-operation. High-level decision, he thought, must now match what is happening at local levels, otherwise frustration would ensue.

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listings of members of the Board of Missions, and Board staff executives.

A new section, "Tips for Prayer Calendar Readers," notes some features of the 1971 edition — vignettes of mission, verses from the Gospel of Matthew, mission quotes, prayers by Board members and staff, maps showing mission centers in the U.S. and around the world, brief missions facts, a world time map, and prayer requests of various kinds. The material is arranged geographically and alphabetically.

The cover has an ecology motif, with an artist's drawing of a cosmic nebula and the words in large type, "His World, Our World." Many ways to use the 1971 **Prayer Calendar** are suggested—designed to be of help to Women's Societies of Christian Service, Commissions on Missions, Councils on Ministries, study groups, families and individuals.

Miss Frances Eshelman, New York, an editor of literature for the Board of Missions and editor of the **Prayer Calendar**, says: "This can be a 'book of Knowledge' for your church's mission throughout the world this year. In addition to its helpfulness in private prayer and group devotional moments, it can serve another practical need, listing the specific projects and persons to which by far the greatest share of United Methodist missionary giving is directed. The reader's interest can lead to further study and to

support of the church's mission through prayer, action, and giving."

The 1971 **Prayer Calendar** is \$1.25. A bonus to all who purchase a copy is a new free leaflet, "Retired Deaconesses and Missionaries," which lists these retired workers. The **Prayer Calendar** and the new leaflet may be ordered from: Service Center, Board of Missions, 7820 Reading Road, Cincinnati, Ohio 45237.

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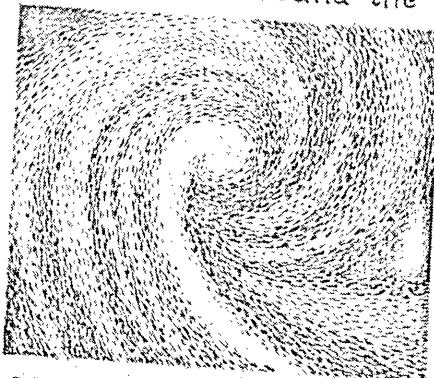
News in Brief

A Prisoners Prayer Program with the objective of securing release of American servicemen held prisoners in Vietnam has been launched by the Department of Prayer and Spiritual Life at Asbury Theological Seminary. Prayer Partner cards are being issued to citizens throughout the country encouraging prayer and publicity as instruments of the program.

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Urgent needs in Pakistan call for additional funds

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two church leaders, including United Methodism's chief overseas relief executive, have told the World Council of Churches that additional funds and materials for disaster-stricken East Pakistan will be sent as soon as they become available.

Learning of needs totaling \$650,000, Dr. J. Harry Haines and James MacCracken said that American churches will be asked to respond further to appeals for aid from East Pakistan — an initial response having been made by most denominations. The New York executives were apprized of the most recent needs in a telephone conversation with World Council headquarters in Geneva, Switzerland, January 8. Dr. Haines said that the United Methodists have been asked to provide \$150,000 of the \$650,000 requested by the World Council. He is executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) and Mr. MacCracken is executive director of Church World Service (CWS), ecumenical relief agency.

In their conversation with Helmut Reuschle, liaison executive for the World Council's Division of Inter-church Aid, Refugee and World Service (DICARWS), Dr. Haines and Mr. MacCracken were told that American churches "are urgently called upon to contribute to a major rebuilding job in one of the hardest-hit areas of East Pakistan."

The World Council of Churches has thus far issued through DICARWS, a call for a \$350,000 fund, to which CWS has pledged \$50,000. A further \$300,000 for food-for-work projects will be needed including the supply of building material, farm tools and animals. Mr. Reuschle said that an im-

mediate need is additional blankets for victims of the disaster. Twenty thousand are to be purchased in either Japan, Hong Kong or India by U.S. churches, and 10,000 blankets already are on their way by ship, sent by CWS.

United Methodist churches, groups, and individuals may contribute to East Pakistan relief by sending gifts to United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Room 406, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

NEW BOOK TRACES WESLEY'S BREAK WITH CHURCH

DURHAM, N.C. — Dr. Frank Baker, Duke University's noted English church historian and expert on the famous Wesley brothers, is the author of a new work showing John Wesley's life to have been "inextricably interwoven with the Anglican church."

The Abingdon Press book shows the famed English clergyman, known as the "founder of Methodism," to have been reluctant to break with the Anglican church, yet relates solid evidence of Wesley's personal resolve to "follow his conscience" and his own views on the church ministry in making the move.

As Methodist historian and former secretary of both the Wesley Historical Society and the International Methodist Historical Society, Baker is widely recognized in the field of English church history. Baker's personal collection of Wesleyana gathered from his boyhood in England and through half a century, constitutes about half the Wesley publications known to exist.

Proposed amendments to go before annual conferences

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 denominations as they begin in early February.

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 by the Council on World Service and Finance Department of Records here, in cooperation with the Council of Bishops.

The two amendments before the sessions were approved by the 1970 General Conference and will become effective if ratified by at least a two-thirds majority of the aggregate vote in the annual conferences.

One of the amendments would delete the minimum age requirement of 21 for members of annual conferences. The other provides for two persons under 25 years of age from each district being seated in the sessions.

An item on the docket of several annual conferences will be unification.

In Louisiana, the white and black

conferences will merge into one unit. If a similar merger is approved at special sessions in February of the North Georgia and Georgia Conferences, a uniting session will be held by those groups June 21-25 in Atlanta.

In addition to those black and white conferences actually merging this year, votes on proposed plans of merger are expected in several other sessions.

June will also mark the final sessions of former Evangelical United Brethren Conferences. The Erie Conference unites with the Western New York and Western Pennsylvania Conferences, and the former EUB Pacific Northwest and the former Methodist Pacific Northwest are uniting.

All other unions between conferences of the two former churches have been completed.

Another item of considerable interest on the agendas of the conferences will be election of delegates to the 1972 General Conference and the five jurisdictional conferences. The General Conference is the church's top law-making body, and the jurisdictional conferences elect and assign bishops, among other duties.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

9. To Be Ministers of Christ (Cont.)

Last week we discussed with you the section of the chapter on the ministry which spells out the role of the laity in the ministry of the proposed new church. This discussion will be concerned with the proposals concerning the ordained ministers.

Orders of Ordained Ministers: In the united church the three orders to be recognized with particular functions attaching to each are: presbyter, bishop, and deacon. The term "presbyter" is an entirely new one for the United Methodists and approximates our "elder," since this is the full-time, fully-prepared person serving in pastoral or special appointment.

The plan provides that ordination will take place in the presence of the congregation, with a bishop acting as the presiding minister, and with representatives of all offices and orders of the ministry and representatives of the laity participating. (The Service of Ordination is included in the Plan of Union.)

Bishops: All who are bishops in the uniting churches will be bishops in the united church, and churches that do not now have bishops will elect some (number not specified) to be consecrated in the new church. We read that "the ministry of bishops is corporate (called to lead the church in the fulfillment of Christ's universal commission given to the whole church), personal (personifies the unity and continuity of the church, and a ministry for specific individuals), collegial (belonging to the college of bishops—not completely autonomous).

The unit to be administered by a bishop will be known as a district, but its organization and responsibility will be very much like an Annual Conference in the United Methodist Church. (The organization and administration of the district will be discussed in a later installment.)

Functions and Responsibilities of Bishops: The functions and responsibilities of the bishop are described as:

a. **Pioneers in Mission:** "in company with others he is to take initiative in developing new approaches in mission to the area entrusted to his care."

b. **Pastoral Overseer:** He is to have general pastoral oversight, with particular responsibilities as shepherd for the ordained ministers and their families. (For United Methodists it should be pointed out that there is no provision for an office similar to our district superintendent.)

c. **Teachers and Prophets:** Here responsibility is spelled out for leadership in teaching the Christian faith and in concerning himself with public and social issues.

d. **Administrative Leaders:** Charged with responsibility for administering the church's organized work and life, the bishops are promised "competent assistance." In the matter of the placement of preachers, the Plan says: "Working with the district committees on ministerial relations and with bishops in other districts and regions, the bishops have a responsibility to match the need of the parishes for ordained ministers with the need of the ordained for places in which to serve."

e. **Other Duties.** Other duties listed for the bishops include: liturgical leaders, responsibility for ordination, and for leadership in further ecumenical relationships looking to other unions.

Additional details concerning the administration of the district will come in our later discussion of Chapter 8 of the plan.

(Next week we will continue our discussion of the chapter on the ministry dealing with "presbyters" and "deacons.")

News in Brief

United Methodist-related Meharry Medical College in Nashville, Tenn., has received its largest research grant ever, \$488,164 from the National Center for Health Services, Research and Development. The funds will be used to investigate the effects of health programs in urban and rural areas.

Dr. Frederick P. Sample, president of United Methodist-related Lebanon Valley College in Annville, Pa., has been named to the Theological Study Commission on Doctrine and Doctrinal Standards succeeding Dr. Frederick K. Miller of Annville who has resigned.

African Methodist Episcopal Bishop George W. Baber died December 26 in Washington, D.C. He was 72.

The Rev. Bertil W. Selin, former treasurer of the Methodist Board of Hospitals and Homes and a past president of the National Association of Methodist Hospitals and Homes, died January 6 in Palm Beach, Fla. He was 69.

United Methodist-related Paine College in Augusta, Ga., has named the Rev. Lucius H. Pitts as its ninth president. He succeeds E. Clayton Calhoun. Dr. Pitts has been president of Miles College in Birmingham, Ala., the past ten years.

Bishop and Mrs. Charles W. Bra-shares have moved from their retirement home in Ann Arbor, Mich., to the Georgian in Evanston, Ill.

Liberian President William V. S. Tubman presided at the recent laying of the cornerstone for a crafts and recreation building at the Ganta Leprosarium of the Liberia United Methodist Conference and the Board of Missions. At the same service, a new church and the Ganta Leprosarium school also were dedicated.

The Rev. Frank E. Lochridge, a leading South Dakota pastor and chairman of the former Methodist General Board of Temperance from 1952 until 1956, died January 7 at Mitchell, S.D. He was 85. Among other honors, he had been a member of four General Conferences.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME of Arkansas

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

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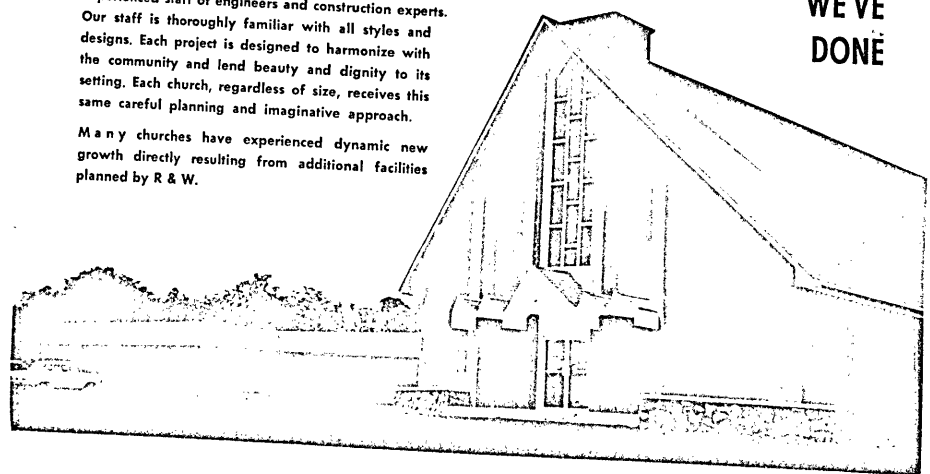
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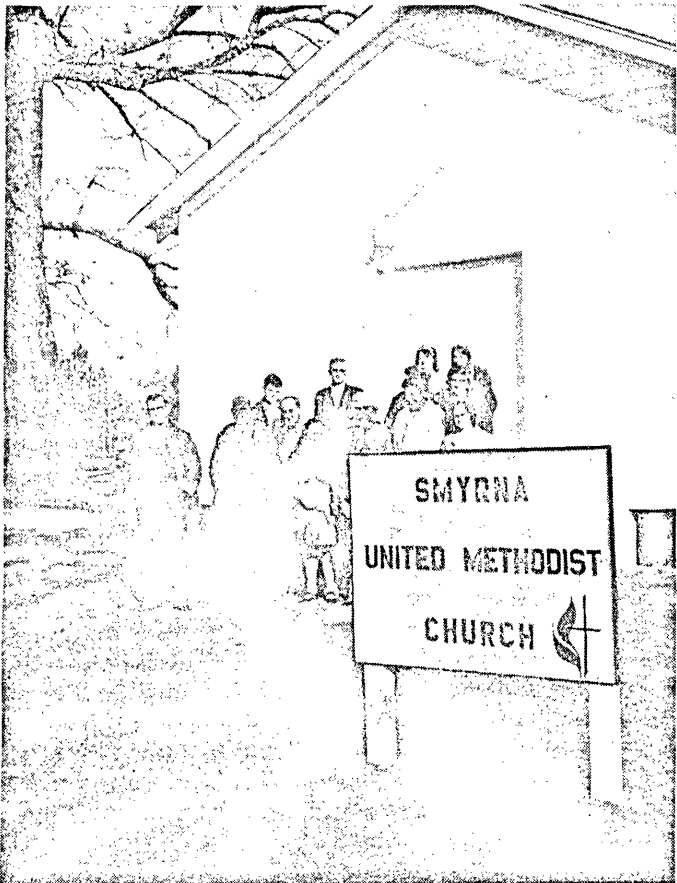
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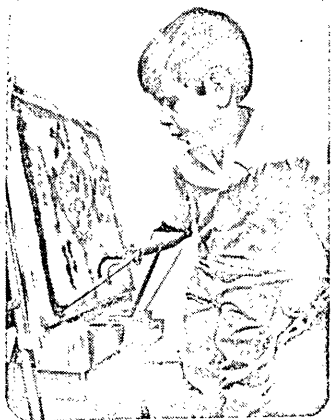


The new sign pictured here was designed and constructed by the Rev. Fred W. Hunter, lay pastor on the Delight Circuit in Arkadelphia District, and Mr. Rosemond Davis.

WCTU LEADER HAILS FEDERAL DRIVE ON DRUNKEN DRIVING

EVANSTON, Ill. (RNS) — The president of the National Woman's Christian Temperance Union, has commended Transportation Secretary John A. Volpe and the Nixon Administration for taking a positive stand toward reducing the number of traffic deaths and injuries caused by drunken drivers.

She said "the action can be termed a beginning to face up to a problem which has plagued the American public for many years."



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Mrs. Fred J. Tooze was a delegate to the recent forum in Washington when Mr. Volpe announced a joint educational campaign on drunken driving and financial aid to community level programs on alcoholism.

"It is heartening," Mrs. Tooze declared, "to see that National Safety Council statistics on drunken driving have at last reached governmental agency thinking and that the 425,000 people killed on America's highways in the past 20 years because of drunken driving may not have died in vain. "Think of the amount of money the government might have gleaned from taxes from this number of citizens over the 20-year period had their lives not been snuffed out by someone whose senses were blurred by a \$5 bottle of booze on which the federal government received \$1.81 in taxes."

Mrs. Tooze also complimented Illinois Gov. Ogilvie on his pledge to seek legislative enactment of an implied consent law requiring anyone arrested on suspicion of drunken driving to take a "breathalyzer" test with one year suspension of license mandatory for refusal to do so.

There are so few atheists in the world because it takes more credulity to accept the atheists position than most men can muster.—Gerald Kennedy

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

3 RELIGIOUS JOURNALS SET PROGRAM ENLISTING PROMOTION BY PROFESSIONS

NEW YORK (RNS)—A new information and action program designed to involve professionals in interreligious understanding has been launched here by three religious magazines — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Jewish.

Doctors, lawyers, dentists, accountants, investment counselors and other professionals who are leaders in the community are being asked to place the three publications in their waiting rooms or reception areas.

Magazines cooperating in the venture are New/World Outlook, a United Methodist-United Presbyterian monthly; Catholic World, issued monthly by the Paulist Fathers, and Dimensions in American Judaism, a quarterly published by the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

The project involving the publications, all of which are ecumenical in tone, is called Professionals For Interfaith Leadership. Sponsors say it is the first attempt to use secular channels to boost spiritual thought. Other joint ventures in interreligious understanding are expected to follow.

A year's subscription to all three periodicals is being offered to professions for \$13.76, almost \$4 less than each would cost separately. A special mailing to thousands of professionals went out in mid-January.

The steering committee for Professionals for Interfaith Leadership is composed of a top official of the publishing agency for each magazine: Dr. Tracey K. Jones, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions which originated New/World Outlook; Father Thomas F. Stransky, president of the Paulist Fathers and Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of interfaith activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations.

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Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

"How welcome are the feet of the messengers of good news." (Romans 10:15)

CHARISMA (Gift Of Grace)

Lord, let me write an ocean
Pounding, and splashing and bold
With surf and breakers the deaf can hear
Surging and foaming; swashing and cold.

Let me write words that speak aloud
That shout and whoop and cheer
Action-speaking for those who are mute
Full of laughter; or holding a tear.

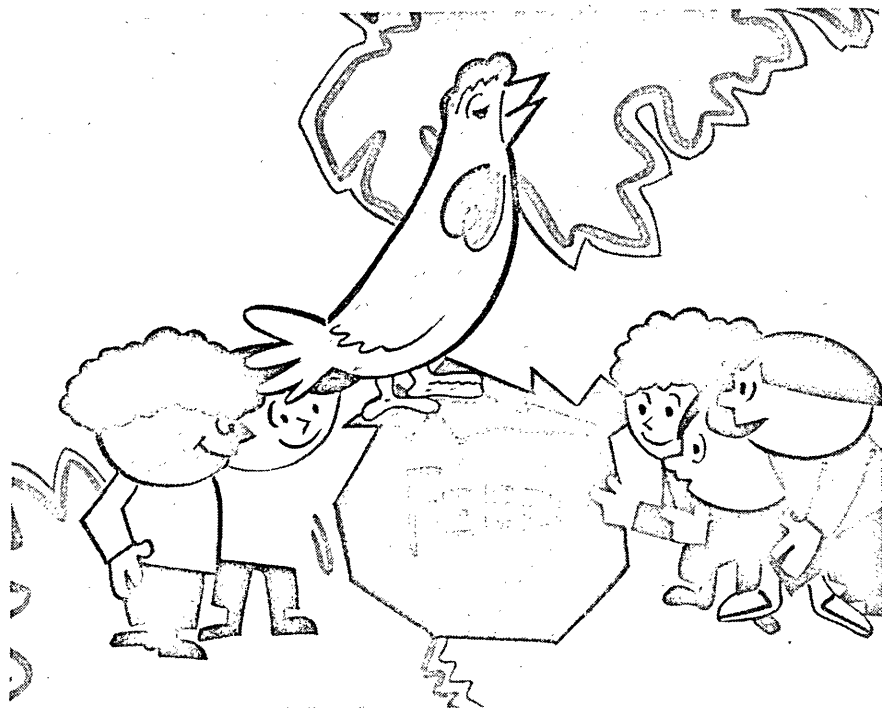
Lord, I would write a snowstorm
Still; and powdery-white;
Then cold and crunchy underfoot
That the blind may see, in their night.

I would chase a deer or mountain-sheep
So urgently-active my stride;
The lame and the halt could follow
To see where the wildings hide.

Lord, if I could have this gift of grace
Could speak such words divine
I'd give no credit to my pen;
All praise and glory, Thine.

—by Billie Allen

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NEW YORK — "It's Nice to Share" is the theme of four new television spot announcements in the Sesame Street style, aimed at three-to-six-year-olds. The cartoon series was produced by the Methodist Church (Disciples of Christ), the Episcopal Church, the United Methodist Church, and the United Church of Christ. The 30-second spots star children at play with balloons, a kaleidoscope, a wagon and a talking chicken. They stress the simple Christian value of sharing, and are being offered as an alternative to the greed, selfishness and violence encouraged by so much of children's programming. (RNS Photo)

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