

Arkansas Methodist

90th YEAR

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1971

NO. 5

■ Race Relations Day offering to be received February 14

Arkansas conferences to make major thrust for Philander Smith College

Alderson named to Hendrix staff

Dr. Willis B. Alderson, who recently completed a doctoral program in higher education at the University of Arkansas, has been named administrative assistant to the President of Hendrix College. At the request of Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president, Bishop Paul V. Galloway appointed Dr. Alderson to the position effective February 1, 1971.

In announcing Dr. Alderson's appointment, Dr. Shilling said that it was an expansion of the College's development staff to secure the new financial resources necessary for underwriting the Regional Pacesetter Program, a five-year program of institutional advancement.

Dr. Alderson will seek financial support from national foundations and corporations and will work with governmental agencies. The Rev. James E. Major, vice president and director of Development, will continue to have responsibility for securing support for current operations from the United Methodist Church, alumni and friends. The new administrative assistant is a graduate of North Texas State University with both the B.A. and Master of Education degrees. He also attended Perkins School of Theology at SMU. He has been a teacher of English and a football coach in public schools in Texas for four years, and was principal of the Farmington, Arkansas High School while completing his study for the doctorate at the University of Arkansas.

As a Methodist minister he has served appointments in both Texas and Arkansas. Prior to attending the University of Arkansas, he was the associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith.

Mrs. Alderson is the former Karis Robinson, whose father, the Rev. Dan Robinson, is a retired member of the North Arkansas Conference. The Aldersons have two young sons, Roger and Michael.

Dedication at Highfill

Bishop Paul V. Galloway assisted by Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Fayetteville District Superintendent, will officiate at the Service of Dedication for the Highfill United Methodist Church. The new church, which was completed

in November, 1970, replaces one which was destroyed by fire last April. It cost approximately \$25,000.

The church which burned was constructed in 1908 on a part of the foundation of a church built originally

in 1865. A plaque has been placed in the new building calling attention to this historic fact.

The Highfill Church is part of the Gentry Parish of which the Rev. Herschel McClurkin is the pastor.

A major opportunity for the support of the operating budget of Philander Smith College, Little Rock, comes through the challenge of the Race Relations Day offering on February 14. The three annual conferences of the Arkansas Area will join six others in the Jurisdiction to use this February occasion to call attention to the unusual opportunities offered through the program of Philander Smith.

The college is continually attempting to upgrade its program and to increase financial aid to deserving students who would not otherwise be able to attend college. It offers a unique curriculum in dealing individually with students and bringing them to the level of skills needed for continuing toward their degrees.

Under the progressive leadership of its president, Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, a new division of teaching and learning has been added. This is known as the Instructional Resources Program which aims to give each student an opportunity to succeed, adjusts each student's courses according to his background, educational level, and in-

tellectual potential for college success, gives support to the total instructional program by teaching students the skills demanded by their professors, and provides adequate counseling services for each student so that he will better understand himself in the light of his strength and weaknesses.

Dr. Hazzard has stated that during the past three years the college has found it necessary to deny admission to nearly 200 students because of insufficient student aid resources. Your generous contribution through your church on Race Relations Sunday will make it possible for an increased number of students to be admitted to this strategic institution.

Nearly 80 per cent of the students at Philander Smith must receive some kind of financial assistance in order to get into and remain in college. Dr. Hazzard says, "With more than 40 per cent of our financial aid students from families which average four children and a family income of less than \$3,600, we feel a definite responsibility as a Christian college to do everything possible to help these students become productive citizens by securing

a college education."

The entire United Methodist Church has lifted its goal for the Race Relations Day Offering in 1971, and the churches of the Arkansas Area will follow this lead in their giving on February 14.

Laubach Literacy Method to be taught in L.R.

A training course in the Laubach Method of teaching illiterates will be held in Little Rock next week, February 10, 11 and 12. Two identical sessions will be held each day, one beginning at 9:30 a.m., and the evening course beginning at 7 p.m. All classes will be in Asbury United Methodist Church, 12th and Schiller.

Two teachers experienced in the Laubach simplified system of "each one, teach one" will lead the classes. Mrs. Don Reaves of Little Rock has used the Laubach method when she was working in poverty areas of Indiana as a VISTA worker. Mrs. Lela Tisdale of Fayetteville has been using the Laubach system to teach illiterates for years, and has trained many others to teach the same phonic method.

The course is offered at no cost to participants except the buying of texts. It is open to men and women of any race or faith. After ten hours of class work, students are accredited to help non-readers. Anyone interested in the problem of non-literates is encouraged to take the training, whether or not he/she sees time in a busy schedule for helping others.

Mrs. Paul V. Galloway has stimulated the current interest in helping the non-readers in the state. In checking with school officials, she finds that this is not at cross-purposes with Adult Basic Education classes held in the old Eastside Junior High School by the Little Rock Board of Education, but that the individual attention given to pupils enables and encourages them to attend basic education classes. Mrs. Galloway sponsored a demonstration class in Little Rock in January to focus attention on the problem and possible remedies. Those attending that class have formed the nucleus

Please turn to page 7



Dr. James L. Mays of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., speaker for the second Ecumenical Clergy Conference held last week at St. John's Retreat Center, Little Rock, is shown at the center of a discussion that followed one of his lectures. About 100 registered for the conference.



FROM LEFT: Billy Norris and Guy Downing, who were licensed to preach during the January 12 Hope District Conference. Dr. Roy Bagley, Camden District superintendent directed a panel discussion which concerned the proposed merger of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences; Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, pastor of First Church, Texarkana was the evening speaker.

N. Ark. Program Council lists program needs

Acting under the directive of its Executive Committee, the Program Council of the North Arkansas Conference recently distributed a questionnaire concerning the needs of local churches. These were presented to local Church Councils on Ministries, and the results have recently been distributed as a resource for future planning of boards and agencies.

Dr. Harold O. Eggenesperger, Program Director, has revealed that the following needs were mentioned most frequently:

1. Personal Religious Experience and Commitment
2. Youth Ministry (1 and 2 tied for first place)
3. Teaching Materials
4. Strengthening the Ministers' Home Life, Preaching, and Role as Advocate
5. Christian Education (Leadership Development)
6. The Need for Small Churches to be Heard
7. Stewardship Education
8. Local Church Involvement in Decision Making
9. Survival Issues
10. Helps in New Ways of Recruiting Members

Leaders of the conference boards and agencies have been asked to share these needs with members of their groups in advance of the mid-year meetings February 23-25 in order that they might be considered in the planning done at those meetings.

Little Rock District offers training opportunities

The Little Rock District of the Little Rock Conference has announced plans for a number of training opportunities during the months of February and March.

The first of these will be the Spring Quarter Curriculum Workshop on February 16, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. Mrs. V. B. Story will serve as coordinator.

On March 1, Dr. Poe Williams of the staff of the General Board of Education will lead a Workshop on Securing and Developing Leaders. The time will be from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. at Pulaski Heights Church.

Dr. Woodrow Hearn, Program Director of the Louisiana Annual Conference A, will lead a Workshop on the COCU Plan of Union at Pulaski Heights Church from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. on March 23.

On March 29-30, 7:00 to 9:00 p.m., Dr. Lyle E. Schaller of Evangelical Theological Seminary, Napierville, Ill. and a leader in long range planning procedures, will direct a Workshop on Establishing Priorities in the Local Church. This will be to help members of Councils on Ministries and pastors in planning, goal setting and evaluating.

An angel is a spiritual creature created by God without a body, for the service of Christendom and of the Church.—Martin Luther

Report from N. Arkansas Conference on Pension Endowment Campaign

More than \$330,000 was received by the end of the first calendar year of the North Arkansas Conference Pension Endowment Campaign, according to an announcement by the Rev. Earl B. Carter, director of the campaign.

As more than \$1,235,000 was budgeted or subscribed by the local churches of the Conference for the

three-year campaign, this represents 83 percent paid of the first-year-goal. The District Summary given below indicates that the Fayetteville District was the leader with 103 percent of its goal for the first year and also led the Conference in amount paid.

The report covers the first full calendar year from January 1 to Decem-

ber 31, 1970. Actually, the first three months of the year were spent in the campaign and contributions did not start coming in substantial amounts until March and April. This caused several churches to get a late start and many were unable to catch up throughout the year.

The reports of individual churches indicate that 288 churches have paid in full their first-year goal, 7 have paid their second-year goal, and 13 churches have paid their entire three-year goal in full. Batesville District reported 66 churches that have paid the first-year goal. There were 66 churches that reported no payments to the campaign.

The generous response of the churches of the Conference makes it very likely that the Board of Pensions will be able to fulfill its goal of raising annuity rates from \$56 per service year to \$59 for retired ministers. This

is in accordance with action passed at the last session of the Annual Conference.

The Board of Pensions will meet February 16 at the Gardner United Methodist Church in North Little Rock. At this time the entire program will be reviewed and plans will be made for a vigorous follow-up program designed to encourage the continuing support of all participating churches, and to enlist the support of those congregations that have not responded. Guidance and assistance will also be offered for those churches that have fallen behind on their fair share goals.

The Board of Pensions is very grateful to the ministers and laymen of the Conference through whose sharing and faith a better living will be provided in 1971 for the retired ministers.

• Fund for Reconciliation project

BCD program launched in Fort Smith

(A description of the program from BCD headquarters in Fort Smith)

Under the supervision of the United Methodist Church a new program of service and mission has begun in the Fort Smith area.

In order to advance the church's capacity to be in mission in the ghetto, while at the same time increasing the effectiveness of the role of the Black United Methodist Churches, the Quadrennial Emphasis Black Community Developers Program for the procurement, training and ministry of 75 community developer's was funded from the fund for Reconciliation of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee.

These Community Developers are hired by and serve on the staff of the traditionally black churches in rural and urban minority ghetto situations. The Community Developers are recruited locally by the pastors, the local church, the BCD Policy Committee and in cooperation with the Program's field administering processes. The Developers are typically laymen, and in some instances are younger men and women who might utilize this experience to test the vocational possibilities of professional church leadership careers.

The Developer from this area is Mrs. Euba M. Winton who recently

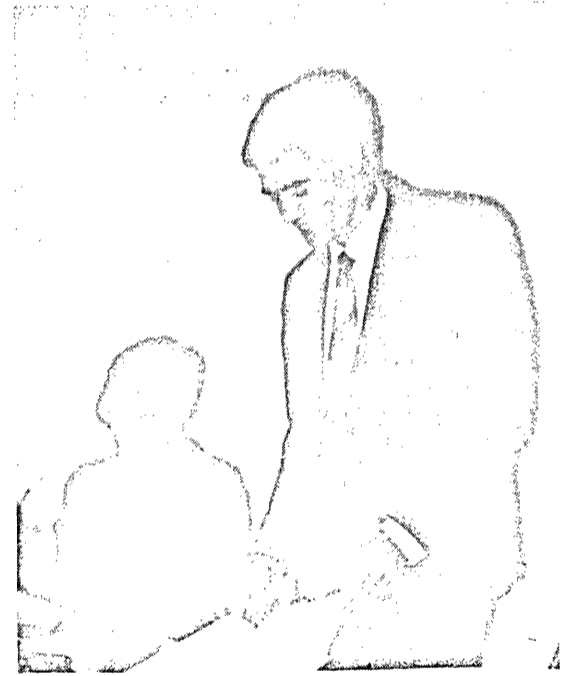
went to a ten-day training session in Chicago, Illinois, housed temporarily in an office in the lower auditorium of the Mallalieu United Methodist Church. Mrs. Winton's position here involves:

1. Developing and supervising a community service program.
2. Becoming knowledgeable about the total community, its problems and potentials.
3. Relating to existing community organizations and development activities, and attempting to strengthen ties between the church and indigenous community leadership.
4. Recruiting and mobilizing lay leadership for involvement in community service programs and movements for social change.
5. Providing linkage between the local church and other religious programs for community development.

Before selecting the churches and the developers, the Bishop, the District Superintendent and appropriate Board officers are consulted to solicit interest, guidance and support.

Mrs. Winton may be reached at her office telephone 782-0612.

Mrs. Euba M. Winton, Community developer in the Fort Smith project and the Rev. R. Clark Preston, pastor of Mallalieu United Methodist Church where the local program is administered.



DISTRICT SUMMARY				
DISTRICT	FAIR SHARE GOAL	SUBSCRIBED OR BUDGETED	PAID TO JAN. 1	% PAID OF 1 YR. GOAL
Batesville	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 137,196.00	\$ 37,775.58	86%
Conway	186,000.00	182,337.35	54,268.26	88%
Fayetteville	180,000.00	190,446.85	61,826.02	103%
Forrest City	186,000.00	198,951.00	49,025.45	79%
Fort Smith	192,000.00	202,363.50	60,381.51	94%
Jonesboro	198,000.00	200,182.80	39,232.86	59%
Paragould	126,000.00	123,720.90	29,463.79	70%
TOTALS	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,235,198.40	\$331,973.47	83%

Editorial

EDUCATION IS THE WAY

The challenge of Race Relations Sunday, 1971 is as great as any which has come before our church in a long time. The predominantly black institutions of higher education of United Methodism have a task before them which we cannot begin to meet without the sacrificial response of our people on the second Sunday in February. With leaders speaking to us on every hand concerning the pressing needs of education for black Americans, our denomination has pledged itself to respond in an unusual fashion. Across the entire church the recommendation of the Council on World Service and Finance to the 1970 General Conference constitutes the mandate to substantially increase what we have been doing on Race Relations Sunday.

After the Committee on Education urged that an extra \$4 million per year be raised for current operations of the 12 predominantly black colleges, the Council approved a report which stated: "We recommend that a full church-wide emphasis be given to an organized special and renewed effort to secure \$4 million annually through the Race Relations offering for the benefit of black colleges related to the United Methodist Board of Education." For a number of years the Race Relations Sunday offering has averaged about \$500,000 per year, with a little over \$600,000 being given last year. Setting this amount over against \$4 million shows us the magnitude of our task.

However, the size of the challenge is not too great when it is seen against the need that is being met by these colleges. We who live in Louisiana and Arkansas are aware of the monumental work that is being done at Dillard University and at Philander Smith College. It should excite us to know that we can have a substantial part in expanding the quality of their work and strengthening their budgets with our gifts on February 14.

Those of you who have visited one or more of these campuses are aware of the unique contribution being made by these colleges to those ends we seek through the education of our black young people. As the pro-

motional materials for Race Relations Day have stated, "Education is the way to develop—to liberate—to equalize—to mold tomorrow." The two colleges with which our readers are most closely related have done outstanding things in providing opportunities for the constituencies they serve." But like all other colleges today they face tremendous problems in their normal operation—problems which only an adequate response on Race Relations Sunday can help them solve. We would point out at this juncture that although most of these institutions are engaged in some kind of capital funds campaign, the life blood of their daily operations look to this special challenge.

One aim of the United Methodist Church is to be an inclusive church in an inclusive society. One of its major commitments is to higher education for members of minority groups, not only to promote and support it but also to provide education of excellent quality.

Toward this end and toward the furtherance of brotherhood the church observes Race Relations Sunday. Many of us will hear special speakers or listen to special music on that day. However, let us not gloss over the fact that a special offering is necessary for meeting the needs of these colleges, many of which are finding it difficult to maintain accreditation. Much more money is needed. These colleges have a great mission in the world today, and if they are to increase or even maintain their influence through Christian education, they must be made more financially sound.

We would like to underscore something that was said in the promotional folder which many

of you have seen: "Education, we believe, is the way to develop talents and skills. It is the way to strengthen life's meaning, to encourage individual and collective productivity, to produce needed healers, teachers, engineers, artists, pastors, and other leaders. It is the way to help mold character and to bring a sense of dignity to individuals and groups, whatever their racial backgrounds.

"Through the ages the importance of a good education has been recognized. Before Jesus lived Cicero asked, 'What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?' Diogenes said, 'The foundation of every state is the education of its youth.' The clergyman Sydney Smith said, 'A life of knowledge is not often a life of injury and crime.' Horace Mann, the great educator, said, 'Education is the great equalizer of the conditions of men . . . the balance wheel of social machinery.

"What of our black colleges today and tomorrow? What are we, the church, doing today for their future? Will we improve them so they will continue to produce competent graduates? Will we provide current needs to the extent that is required? And if, as it has been said, education molds the man, how is he being formed?

"Shaping these answers will be, to a large extent, the size and number of gifts from United Methodists on Race Relations Sunday."

aak

†

the Editor's Corner



A REPORT ON THE CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

This writer spends many sleepless nights just prior to the annual Circulation Campaign counting subscriptions just as some people count sheep. We suppose this is the same kind of experience some pastors have as they anticipate the results of their Every Member Visitation.

We are happy to report to you that the total returns for Report No. 1 are a little ahead of the first report last year. The Louisiana reports are coming in slower than during the first week of 1970, but the Arkansas total is ahead of the same time. Our total report shows 16,654 subscribers against 15,760 for the same period last year. Elsewhere in this issue will be found the detailed report from each area.

With the printing of **The Methodist** as with most every other activity today problems of inflation are with us, and 1971 promises to be a challenging one for your staff. We will be confronting a number of unknown quantities, not the least of which will be the formation of the new postal corporation which has already served notice that postage rates will be advancing. For Second Class mailings like your publication this will mean a substantial advance.

However, we do not want to change what started out as an encouraging report. We did say that our first total is an increase over last year and we do thank all of you who have made that possible. The district superintendents and pastors have responded so well to the challenge of support which has come from our bishops. The Joint Commission for the Arkansas Methodist and the Louisiana Methodist appreciates the work that is still being done by our pastors and the laymen who are helping them in their local churches.

We do hope you will push right ahead and send us a report from every church so that we may bring this matter to a successful completion and move right ahead in getting your new subscribers on our list. We think we are in a position to reach that goal in a shorter period of time this year than ever before.

Thank you so very much!

†

Editor and Business Manager: ALFRED A. KNOX
Managing Editor: DORIS WOOLARD
Woman's Editor: IMOGENE KNOX
Poetry Editor: BARBARA L. MULKEY
Editorial Assistant: PEGGY YARBROUGH
Office Secretary: KATHLEEN STOREY
Contributing Editors: CECIL BLAND, J. WOODROW HEARN,
EVERETT M. VINSON, JOE E. ARNOLD, HAROLD EGGENSPERGER,
EARL CARTER, W. O. SCROGGIN, JR.,
LESLIE J. M. TIMMINS and GARLAND C. DEAN.

Editorial and business offices: 520 Rector Building, Third and Spring Sts., Little Rock, Ark. ADDRESS ALL CORRESPONDENCE to Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. Articles other than editorials do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the editor.

Published every Thursday except weeks of July 4 and December 25 at Room 520, Rector Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. Second class postage paid at Little Rock, Ark. When asking for change of address please include key number, new and old address and pastor's name.

POSTMASTER: MAIL FORM 3579 to Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark., 72203. MEMBER: Associated Church Press, United Methodist Press Association, and news sources including United Methodist Information (UMI), United Methodist Board of Missions, National Council of Churches, and Religious News Service (RNS).

ADVERTISING RATES on request. Represented nationally by Jacob's List, Inc., Clinton, S. C.

news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

It's more blessed to give while alive than to will a gift after death—at least the donor enjoys more tax benefit "blessings" if he gives in that fashion, according to tax lawyer, Conrad Teitell. The New York tax specialist, told a charitable giving seminar sponsored by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) that persons wishing to make sizeable gifts to churches should do so while living to save their heirs from having to pay huge estate taxes.

In a memorandum to students, faculty and administrators Dr. Arthur Flemming, president of Macalester College in St. Paul, Minn. since 1968, announced he plans to resign by the end of the current academic year. Flemming, a well-known United Methodist layman and former president of the National Council of Churches, declined to indicate future plans. Dr. Flemming expressed confidence that Macalester will survive its current financial crisis.

Selwyn Lloyd, a member of one of British Methodism's most distinguished families, has been elected Speaker of the House of Commons. Mr. Lloyd, 66, has held high Cabinet offices in Conservative Party governments. His great-grandfather, John Lloyd, entered the Wesleyan Methodist ministry in 1826. His grandfather, John Wesley Lloyd, a famed dental surgeon was one of the first dentists to use nitrous oxide gas in extracting teeth. His father, also named John and a pioneer in dentistry, was a noted layman in the Methodist Church.

Families should resist society's efforts to weaken their structure by becoming more involved in movements which promote the idea of family unity through prayer and study, Roman Catholic Archbishop Paul Gregoire of Montreal told a service club. "No one will do for your family what you yourself can and should do," Archbishop Gregoire said, "One of the sicknesses of democracy is the passive resignation of those who expect others to do their thinking for them."

A biology textbook which upholds the Biblical story of Creation and defends the theory of evolution has been published by Zondervan Publishing House in Grand Rapids, Mich. "Biology—A Search for Order in Complexity" was prepared by the Creation Research Society of Ann Arbor, Mich. The society, numbering 300 voting members—all with graduate degrees—is "committed to full belief in the Biblical record of creation and early history." The editors said the textbook is "designed to increase academic freedom so there will be an intelligent option to the majority presentation of the materialistic origin of man." One market aimed at by the publishers is said to be the California schools, where the state board of education has decreed that a biblical theory of creation must accompany other views of creation in public schools.

The financial picture for the nation's private, accredited four-year colleges, following a survey under the auspices of the Assn. of American Colleges (AAC), shows almost half operating with deficits. Coupling the release of the survey with a plea for more public funds, the AAC said "private higher education overall is not yet in 'desperate straits' but pointed out that most colleges now 'in the red' are going to remain there in the foreseeable future. The survey was limited to private, four-year schools.

As a result of the growing crime problem, Riverside Church in New York City will spend \$100,000 this year on its security program—more than the entire budget of most smaller churches. The money will pay the salaries and miscellaneous expenses of eight full-time and four part-time security guards, who maintain a 24-hour, daily watch at the interdenominational church. Riverside's "beefed-up" security system was set up last year by the church business manager, Stephen Feke — a priority assignment by the church trustees. "We'd had thefts, purse-snatchings, robberies, night break-ins, attempted rapes—practically everything," said Mr. Feke.

An amendment to the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag was among the recommendations presented to President Nixon from a forum on "Crises in Values" held at the White House Conference on Children. United Methodist Bishop Roy C. Nichols of Pittsburgh, chairman of the forum, reported that the group proposed an "act of personal dedication." Their revised pledge would read: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, and dedicate myself to the task of making it one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

A new form of prayer for the dead has been suggested by a Church of England doctrinal commission in London in another attempt to end a controversy which has existed for centuries. Its authors believe the "compromise" product can be used without doctrinal misgivings. It says: "May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole Church, living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of His Eternal Kingdom."

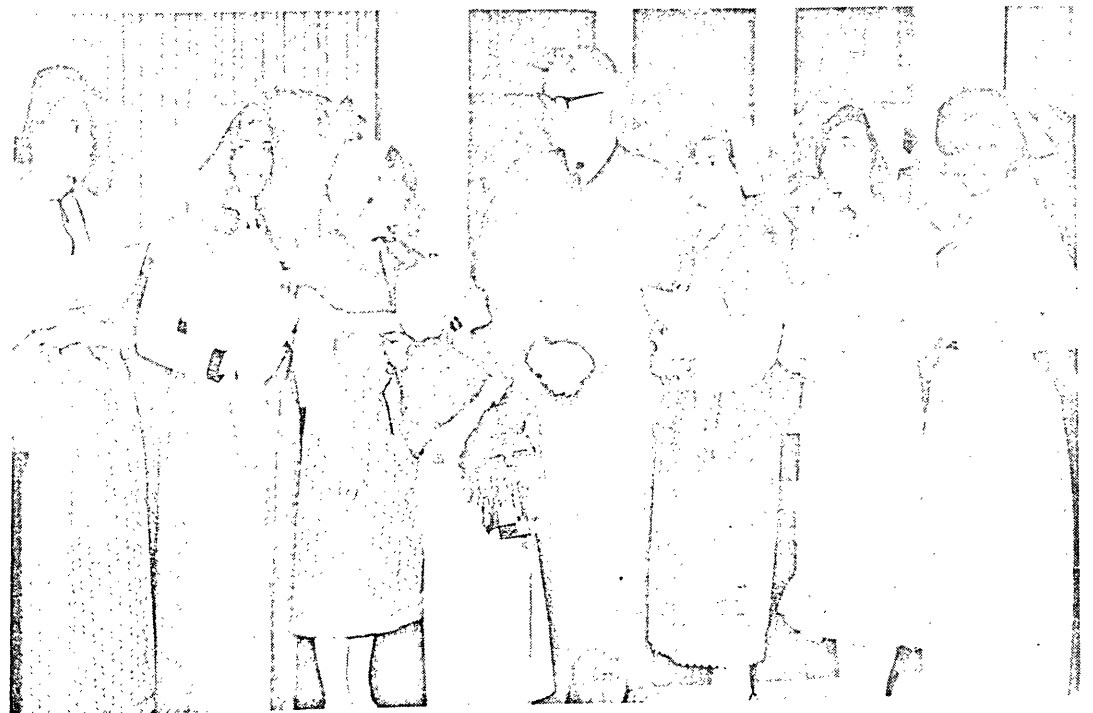
The U.S. Post Office has ceased to enforce a regulation whereby Americans were prevented from ordering pornographic materials from foreign sources, according to William Lawrence, assistant general counsel for the postal service. The government will no longer place an "unlawful order" stamp and "return to the sender" on mail going to foreign companies specializing in pornography, said Lawrence. The action follows a U.S. Supreme Court decision on Jan. 14 which made it illegal for the P.O. to determine whether products from firms that deal in pornography are obscene.

The chairman of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) reportedly fears that ecumenical institutions are "in real danger of being destroyed." Dr. George G. Beazley, Jr., also chief ecumenical officer of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), said ecumenical bodies are under attack from both the "right" and the "left." "Movements do not survive without institutions to carry them and a church without the ecumenical imperative is not the church our Lord brought into being or the Apostle Paul propagated," the ecumenist asserted.

A budget "crisis" was recognized by the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches meeting in Addis Ababa, and a call was issued to member churches to increase their 1972 contributions by 25 percent. The basic problem is said to be in the general budget for which a \$50,000 deficit was anticipated in closing out the year 1970, with a larger figure envisioned for 1971.

The Rev. Edward I. Swanson of Teaneck, N. J., an Episcopal clergyman, has been named editor and director of publications for the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel—the principal Protestant agency for chaplaincy affairs maintained by 36 member denominations. Mr. Swanson succeeds Dr. Lawrence P. Fitzgerald, an American Baptist pastor of Silver Springs, Md., who retires after 14 years' service. Swanson has written two books: *Ministry to the Armed Forces and Servicemen's Devotional*.

The interdenominational agency Faith at Work has announced that it will move its national headquarters on July 1 from New York to Columbia, Md., a new city being developed between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. Open Circle, the agency's publication, said: "The work we do, editing a magazine and servicing the hundreds of you who make up local teams and fellowships across the nation—is a ministry not to New York City, but to the nation, and could be done almost anywhere more efficiently than in a complicated, sprawling metropolis like New York." Faith at Work was originally organized in New York through the efforts of the Rev. Sam Shoemaker, minister at Calvary Episcopal church, and other associates. The Rev. Bruce Larson who joined the organization about 12 years ago as field director is now president of Faith at Work.



NEW YORK — A choral ensemble dressed in 18th Century English and Dutch costumes joins with the Rev. George L. Knight, pastor of the LaFayette Avenue Presbyterian church, in participating in an ecumenical musical festival of faith at the Brooklyn church. Music groups from all over the New York City area represented churches of many denominations in the festival, which launched the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. African, West Indian, Spanish and more traditional church music were featured in the festival, which was sponsored by more than 60 churches in Brooklyn. (RNS Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

DR. ETHAN W. DODGEN preached at the Aubrey United Methodist Church at 9 a.m. Sunday, January 24. A business meeting was conducted following the service pertaining to the condition of the church building. Following this meeting, Dr. Dodgen preached at the Lexa United Methodist Church at 11:10 a.m. The Rev. Charles E. Reed is pastor.

BIBLE EMPHASIS MONTH PLANNED AT WEST MEMPHIS

February was selected for "Bible Emphasis Month" in First United Methodist Church of West Memphis. It will be launched by a guest lecture series on "The Gospel of Mark" to be delivered by the Rev. John B. Hays, pastor of Lakewood United Methodist Church of North Little Rock. He will be speaking February 7, 8 and 9 at 7:30 p.m.

In charge of planning the emphasis is the pastor, Dr. Clint Bursleson, assisted by Jim Partridge, Bill Weaver, Mrs. T. M. Ferguson and Mrs. Jimmie Spotts.

P. K. KORNER

DOBBS FRANKS, son of Monticello District Superintendent Dr. Raymond Franks and Mrs. Franks, is the musical director of the Australian Ballet Company which is currently touring the United States with premier danseur Rudolph Nureyev. Dobbs' parents and his sister and brother-in-law, Ann and the Rev. Sam Teague, attended the Ballet's performances in Chicago and St. Louis. After graduating from Hendrix College, Dobbs received further musical training at Julliard School of Music. He has conducted numerous plays including Camelot, The King and I, and The Merry Widow. Before going to Australia, Dobbs was artistic and music director of the New Zealand Opera Company.



Tamera Lynn Pettit was christened by her father, the Rev. DuBois Pettit, at the Monette United Methodist Church, December 27. Mr. Pettit is pastor of the Monette-Macey Charge.

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH LAY WITNESS MISSION SCHEDULED FEB. 12-14

Dr. Frank G. Duphorne of Palestine, Texas, is the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission to be held in First United Methodist Church, Sixth and Laurel, Texarkana, February 12, 13 and 14. Dr. Herbert Wren III and Dr. Gerald Teasley, Jr. are local co-chairmen of arrangements. Committee chairmen assisting them include Mary Ruth Jarvis, Edna Mae Atkinson, Margaret and Charles Bruce, Betty and Percy Purifoy, Sara and Jack Harrison, Marietta and John Stroud and Louise McClure. Dr. Ralph Hillis is their pastor.



Governor Dale Bumpers directed the choir at the United Methodist Church of Charleston on the Sunday following his January inauguration. Mr. Bumpers has been choir director in Charleston, his home church, for many years. The Rev. Harvey Hazelwood is his pastor.

HELENA PASTOR HEADS NEW MINISTERS' FELLOWSHIP

The Rev. Jim Beal, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Helena, has been elected president of a new Phillips County Ministers' Fellowship which was recently organized to provide a greater emphasis on the minister as a professional person.

The group has been organized with the following purpose declared in its Constitution: "It shall be the purpose of the Phillips County Ministers' Fellowship to promote fellowship among the ministers of the area, and to provide an agenda for study, sharing, enrichment and growth of the ministers in the area, and to render service to the area."

Mr. Beal reports that "our membership includes Roman Catholics, the Jewish rabbi, missionary Baptists, Pentecostals, 'standard brands,' the chairman of the Board of the Church of Christ, Scientist, and the president of the local branch of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (Mormon)."

Other officers are: the Rev. Jarrold Lake, West Helena Nazarene Church, vice-president; and the Rev. Billy Hammonds, pastor of First Baptist Church, Helena, secretary-treasurer.

GEORGE D. MILLAR, SR.

George D. Millar, Sr., 68, of Searcy died on January 28. He was a former chairman of the Official Board of First United Methodist Church in that city and was active in several civic organizations.

He was the son of the late Dr. A. C. Millar, a former president of Hendrix College and a former editor of the Arkansas Methodist.

He graduated from Little Rock High School in 1918 and from Hendrix College in 1922. At Hendrix he was editor of the student newspaper and president of the literary society.

Mr. Millar taught school in El Dorado and Little Rock and worked for a while for the Arkansas Forestry Commission. He served as personal secretary and bookkeeper for Governor George W. Donaghey.

In 1925 he married Miss Minta Bond and in 1927 they moved to

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.

Feb. 7—Sunday	John 1:29-34
Feb. 8	John 3:14-17
Feb. 9	John 4:1-14
Feb. 10	John 6:27-37
Feb. 11	John 6:63-66
Feb. 12	Mark 10:17-27
Feb. 13	Mark 13:9-13
Feb. 14—Sunday	Luke 10:25-28

42 YEARS SERVICE AS ORGANIST REWARDED

Mrs. Thomas-H. McLean was honored Sunday morning, January 24, by members of First United Methodist Church, Malvern, when a special worship service was presented in her honor. Mrs. McLean retired at the end of December 1970 as organist of this church in which capacity she had served for 42 years. The pastor, the Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft, brought a special message on "The Task We Share" and presented Mrs. McLean with a diamond wrist watch as a gift from the church.



In addition to her duties as organist, Mrs. McLean has directed the adult choir of the church, has served as superintendent of Junior, Senior, Young People, and Adult Departments of the Sunday School. She also served on two different occasions as president of the Women's Society of Christian Service and as chairman of day-time circles six times.

As a member of the music committee she was instrumental in setting a high standard for the type music provided in church services. By virtue of her chairmanship of the Commission on Education, she was a member of the Board of Stewards (now known as Administrative Board.)

Despite her busy life as a member of the Church she also found time to take an active role in the life of the community, especially in those areas of cultural achievements.

Recognition for her very vital role in the changing life of the Church came as a deserved "Thank you" from those whose lives she has touched either through music or personal involvement. The program was planned by the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee of the church and was broadcast by Radio Station KBOK.

Searcy. He was in the Chevrolet business there and served as secretary-treasurer for the Federal Land Bank Association and for a production credit association. He was a federal land bank appraiser at the time of his retirement in 1962.

He is survived by his wife; by a son, George D. Millar, Jr. of Little Rock; a brother, Paul H. Millar of Little Rock; a sister, Miss Ethel Millar of Little Rock, and two grandchildren.

CORRECTION

We regret that in the story of the annual meeting of the Christian Civic Foundation printed last week the name of the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin of Paragould was omitted from the members of the Executive Committee. Please add his name to your list.

DISTINGUISHED GUEST AT LEXA CHURCH

Dr. William E. Reed of Anderson, Indiana, preached at the mid-week service at the Lexa United Methodist Church, January 20. He is a brother of the pastor of the Aubrey, LaGrange, Lexa Charge, the Rev. Charles E. Reed.

Dr. Reed has served as secretary-treasurer of the Board of Church Extension and Home Missions of the Church of God since 1953. He will assume the responsibility of Director of the Executive Council, one of the highest administrative posts in the Church of God, on July 1, 1971. In 1959 he was recognized by Anderson College to receive the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree.

Dr. Reed was reared in Paragould and has lived in Anderson since 1945. He is a friend of Dr. Alfred Knox, Arkansas Methodist editor who is also from Paragould.

SMALL CHURCH DOES BIG THINGS

Salem United Methodist Church, Conway, has only 77 members, but it is doing some big things under the pastorate of Dr. Ira A. Brumley.

Exceeding its quota for the Arkansas Methodist for the past three years, its subscription list this year equals one for every three members.

The church is among the top ten in the Conway District in per capita giving and paid its three year quota for the North Arkansas Pension Endowment Program in full by Annual Conference in 1970.

There have been property improvements of not less than a total of \$15,000 during the past three years.

The church showed an increase in average attendance at Sunday school during the last year, and an increase in average attendance at morning worship. The membership received 50 course cards in training schools during 1970, and already have received nine cards this year in the Faulkner County Area Training School.

REPORT NO. 1

1971 Circulation Campaign

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Batesville-Asbury:LeGrand	10	36		46**
Central:Casteel	4	16		20
First:Brannon	19	47	3	69
Antioch Ct.:Jones	5	12		17
Beebe-Ward-StoneyPt.: Cook	3	17		20
Bradford-Pl. Plains:Masters		1		1
Cabot:Savage	6	31	3	40
Van Buren Parish:				
Clinton :Rentfroe	1	46	2	49
Quitman: Strayhorn	5	12	1	18
Concord Ct.:Woodall	3	14		17
Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	6	14	2	22
Griffithville Ct.:Cook	17	36		53**
Judsonia:Hunter	12	12		24
Holiday Hills:Cowan	5	23		28***
Kensett-McRae:Daniel		27		27
Moorefield Ct. :Mason	2	11		13
Melbourne Parish: Kelly	5	22		27
Mountain View:Hawkins	5	18		23
Newark:Wilson		22		22
Marshall -Leslie:English	3	20	3	26
Searcy First:Mann	55	62		117
Grace:Barton		4		4
Horseshoe Bend:Ford	7	10		17
Moorefield B-Bear Creek: Thomas	5	32		37
Total	178	545	14	737

CONWAY DISTRICT

Atkins-Pottsville-Bells: Pollard	10	30		40
Conway First:Jordan	16	65	2	83
Wesley-Vilonia:Cordell	4	25		29
Mayflower:Armstrong		4		4
Greenbrier:Wingo	6	25	1	32
Salem:Brumley	9	17	1	27***
Danville-Waltreak:Atkins	5	36	2	43
Dardanelle First:Crozier	17	43	5	65
Jacksonville First:Edwards	27	35		62
McArthur-Bethel:Bridenthal	6	7	2	15***
Morrilton First:Spence	16	112	3	131**
Morrilton Ct.:Mooney	9	25		34**
North Little Rock-Amboy: Kennedy	18	62		80**
First:Conyers		135		135
Rose City-Beacon:Mitchell	9	13		22
Lakewood:Hays	22	43		65
Levy:Hammett	21	44		65
Sylvan Hills:Keith	4	13		17
Washington Ave:Poyner	2	31	1	34
Indian Hills:Teague	5	10		15
Ola-Plainview:Crossno	2	28		30
Perry County Parish				
Perryville :Madison	7	10	7	24
Oppello:Jackson	6	16		22
Plummerville Ct.:Lee	2	21		23
Russellville First:Ramsey	13	45		58
Wesley:McKay	3	8	1	12
Dover Ct.:Harmon	5	18		23
Total	244	921	25	1190

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bentonville Ct.:Lanier	13	48	1	62
Berryville:Stokes	5	15		20
Elkins Com:Qualls	1	3		4
Fayetteville Central: Cooper	19	74	2	95
Gentry Parish:McClurkin	7	17		24
Goshen:Hathcock	3			3
Green Forest-Alpena:Moyer	8	35		43
Harrison First:Connell		1		1
Lincoln-Morrow:Woods	5	28	3	36
Madison County Ct.: Hooker, Knapp	6	25		31
Jasper-Valley Springs: Rolland	8	16		24
Omaha-Bergman:Brown	1	1		2
Rogers Central:McDonald	21	62	3	86
Siloam Spgs:McCormick	7	33	3	43
Springdale-Wesley- Mt. Hebron:Fiser	21	32		53
Total	125	390	12	527

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Aubrey-Lexa:Reed	2	19		21
Cherry Valley:Price	7	46	1	54*
Colt Ct:Davis	6	14		20
Cotton Plant-Hunter- Whitehall:Logan	4	28		32
Forrest City First: McSpadden	11	323		334****
Forrest Hills:Robison	7	4		11
Holly Grove:Lancaster		21		21
Marianna-Haynes:Parsons	2	44		46
Marion:Douglas	4	110		114****
McCrary-Fakes-Patterson: Brewer	4	46		50
West Memphis First: Rosewood:Linam	40	118		158**
Wheatley-Moro:Nichols	4	36		40**
Wynne:		1		1
Earle:Wilson	4	28		32
Total	96	838	1	935

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Altus:Wright	1	18	1	20
Ft. Smith First:Bayliss		1270		1270****
Goddard:Richards	61	180		241**
Wyatt:Weir	12	36	2	50
Massard:Skelton	1	15		16
Wesley:Green	10	19		29
New Hope-Kibler:Good		6		6
Lavaca:Chaffin	2	14		16
Mansfield-Huntington: Holland	4	17		21
Mt. View:Byrd	3	14	1	18
Mulberry-Dyer:Millard	3	22		25
Van Buren First:Chapman		2		2
St. John's:Cleary	12	21		33
Total	109	1634	4	1747

JONESBORO DISTRICT

Bay-Lunsford:Waters	4	5		9
Caraway-Black Oak:West	2	27		29
Blytheville First:Keeley	44	427	29	500****
Lake St. :Johnson	17	24		41
Bono Parish:Spurlock	11	25		36
Harrisburg-Pl. Valley: Orr	15	72	1	88**
Hickory Ridge-Tilton: Dorman	6	24		30
Jonesboro First:Gibson	24	497		521****
Fisher:Holfield	7	16	1	24
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel: Byram	5	7	3	15
Lake City-Lake View: Kirkland		15		15
Leachville:Weatherford	2	16		18
Luxora-Keiser:Lawson		1		1
Marked Tree:Wilder	8	52	1	61
Monette-Macy:Pettit		1		1
Wilson:Linam	5	17		22
Weiner-Fisher : Lee	1	15		16
Promised Land:Kirkland	3	6		9
Pl. Valley:Anderson	3	2		5
Yarbro:Hall	4	10		14
Total	161	1259	35	1455

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Beech Grove-Gainsville: Holland	10	27		37
Boydsville Ct.:Penney	3	25	1	29
Corning:Clark	21	28		49
Hardy:Hall	20	6	1	27
Hoxie:Gilliam	1	14		15
Marmaduke Ct.:Reed	4	36		40
Paragould First: Bridwell		1		1
Griffin Mem.:Gatlin		1		1
Paragould Parish No.3	9	8		17
Pocahontas-Biggers:Chandler	15	39	2	56
Ravenden Spgs:Weatherford	1	5	1	7
Pleasant Grove:McLester	12	7	1	20***
Sedgwick:Bruner	4	20		24
St. Francis	12	24		36***
Swifton-Alicia:Luter	7	36		43**
Walnut Ridge:Meadors	4	39		43
Old Walnut Ridge:Hance		5	1	6**
Total	122	321	7	450

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Amity:Hemund	4	23		27**
Arkadelphia First:Miles	7	56	9	72
Bismarck Ct.:Dunaway	1	9		10
Dalark Ct.:Rogers	6	37		43**
Delight Ct.: Hunter	1	21	1	23**
Glenwood-Aldersgate:Smith	3	41		44**
Hot Springs First:Ivy		1		1
Grand Ave:Hale	15	34		49
Gardner-New Salem:Barron	3	8		11
Tigert-Morning Star		7	1	8
Okolona Ct:Hankins	9	28		37
Piney Grove:Fogle	3	3		6
Mt. Pine-Gum Spgs:Botteron	1	6		7*
Malvern First:Ashcraft	23	86	2	111
Murfreesboro-Japan:Brent	7	42	1	50**
Total	83	402	14	499

CAMDEN DISTRICT

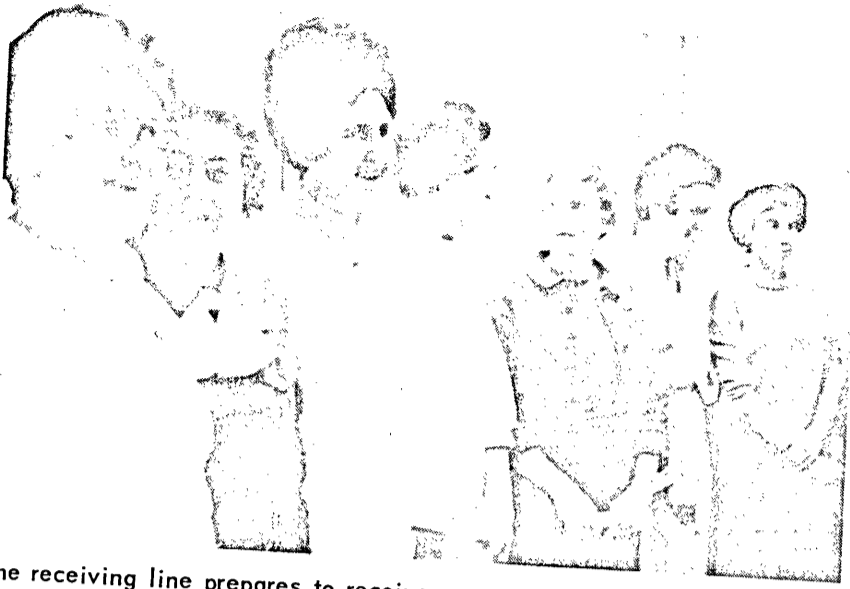
Bearden-Thornton: Richardson		1		1
Bradley:Jester	3	15		18
Camden-First:Dodson	32	87		119
Westside:Miller	17	1		18
Chidester:Bailey	4	22		26
Columbia:McLean		1		1
El Dorado St.Paul:Connell	11	30	1	42
Vantrease:Hale	21	80	1	102**
Harmony Grove-Lakeside: Eckberg	9	20		29
Holly Spgs. Warren	3	5		8
Huttig-Bolding:Jackson	1	8		9
Magnolia Asbury:Swift		43		43
Greer's Chapel-McNeil: Taylor & Bonsall	3	10	1	14
Parker's Chapel-Bethel: Swaim	2	4		6
Pleasant Grove:Mathis	1	22		23
Smackover:Alston		1		1
Liberty-Louann:Crain	5	5	1	11
Stephens:Hunter	3	30		33
Strong:Hays	2	5		7
Village:Roden	5	13		18
Waldo-Willisville:Ross	5	23		28
Total	127	426	4	557

HOPE DISTRICT

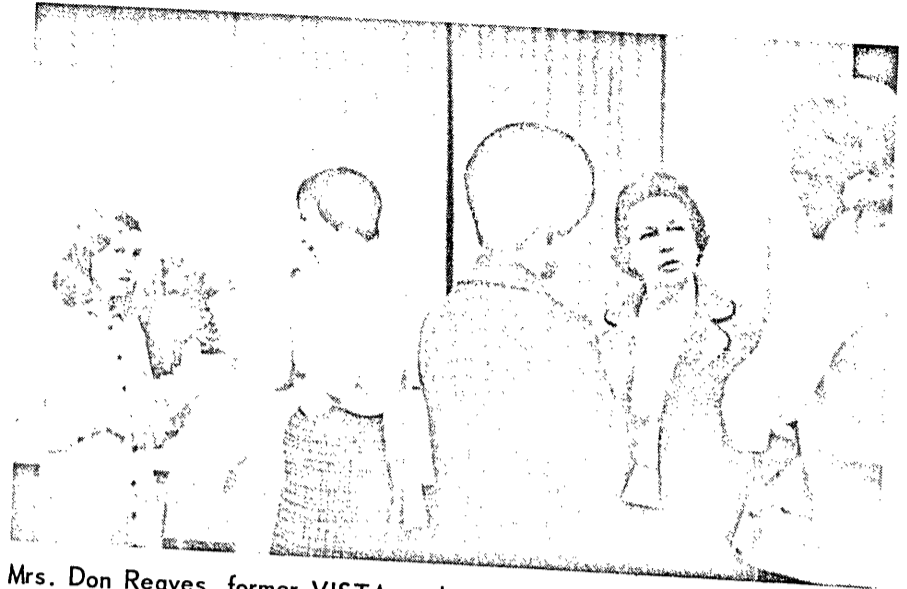
Blevins:Rushing	4	25		29**
DeQueen:Wilson	20	36		56
Dierks:Mashburn	19	45		64**
Emmett-New Salem:Miller	5	33		38
Foreman:Goode	1	25		26
Hatfield Ct:Lawrence & Harbeson	7	35	1	43
Horatio:Prothro	5	25		30
Lockesburg:Callicott	10	35		45**
Mena:White		1		1
Mineral Spgs. Ct.:George		1		1
Prescott First:Fincher		1		1
Prescott Ct.:Downing	2	6		8
Rondo Ct.:Caldwell	4	2		6
Springhill Ct.:Robbins	4	45	3	52**
Texarkana First:Hallis	18	180	2	200**
Fairview-Ogden:Hudnall	1	32		33
Few Mem:Barron	3	9	1	13
Total	103	536	7	646

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Benton-Parkview:Grogan		42		42
New Hope-Mt. Carmel: Diffie		11		11
Carlisle:Martin	12	42		54
DesArc-New Bethel:Ruth	7	27	1	35
Hamilton:Martin	4	11		15
Little Rock Western Hills: Robertson	16	28		44
Geyer Spgs. Diffie	12	35		47
St. James:Phillips	35	52		87****
Asbury:Harris	13	37		50
First:Bearden		1147		1147****
St. Paul:Scott	4	61	3	68
Highland:Stephens		1		1
Galloway:McCulloch	2	3		5



The receiving line prepares to receive guests at the Little Rock District Guild tea held in the parlor of Asbury Church, Little Rock, on Sunday afternoon, January 24. The occasion marked "Wesleyan Service Guild Recognition Month." Ministers' wives and WSCS presidents were guests. From left are: Mrs. Louise Pate, district WSG chairman; Mrs. Christia Hendrix, Asbury WSG; Mrs. John Stephens, WSCS district president; Mrs. Ethel Carroll, conference WSG recording secretary; Miss Jean French, Asbury WSG; Mrs. Norma Ramsey, Des Arc, district WSG nominating committee chairman; and Miss Hilda Shivley, district WSG recording secretary.



Mrs. Don Reaves, former VISTA worker who used the Laubach method to teach non-readers in Indiana and who has trained teachers in that system, is shown at left following one of the two demonstration-workshops held in Little Rock January 20. Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, facing the camera, sponsored the classes held in Asbury U. M. Church. Participants were from various denominations and from Hot Springs, Malvern and Arkadelphia. Interest aroused at those sessions has created a demand for training courses. The ten hours of necessary training will be given on three days, February 10, 11 and 12. (see article on page one, this issue)

GREENWOOD LADIES EQUIP CHILDREN WITH PAJAMAS

The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Greenwood United Methodist Church decided to do something special for the children in the Methodist Children's Home this year. Their project was to purchase 111 pairs of pajamas for the children.

Under the direction of Mrs. Edward Thomas, Mrs. Jasper Meeker, Mrs. Ann Williams, Miss Reba Dawson and Mrs. H. G. Tollenson these ladies accomplished their goal and the 111 pairs of pajamas were delivered to the Children's Home in time for Christ-

mas. Ladies from the Milltown Church, which is on the charge with Greenwood, also contributed to this project. The Rev. J. M. Rogers is pastor.

News in Brief

"THE PROBLEMS OF HUNGER" was the subject of Mrs. Pat Raines of the State Health Department when she spoke at the Pulaski Heights WSCS January meeting.

THE NEWLY ORGANIZED Helen Wilson Guild of First Church, Hot Springs, has doubled its membership since it was formed last fall.

ARKANSANS ARE LEADERS IN TAIWAN CHURCH

Mary Jo Mann was recently elected president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Taipei International Methodist Church in Taipei, Taiwan. Mary Jo and her husband,

JOE SEWELL presented the program concerning his recent trip to Denmark at the January 14 meeting of the Women's Society of Central Church, Rogers. Mrs. Cecil Miller had the devotional. The WSCS executive board served the luncheon, to which Guild members were invited.

Dr. R. Jerry Mann, are co-chairmen of the Membership and Evangelism Committee, and both are members of the choir.

They will be in Taiwan for two years while Jerry is stationed at the Naval Hospital there. They have three children—Ralph, Paul and Beth.

Mary Jo is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Stone of Arkadelphia and Jerry is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Mann of El Dorado.

from page one

Laubach

for planning the February training. The Laubach Method was devised in the 1930's by Frank Laubach, missionary to the Philippines who felt that the greatest need of the tribe to whom he ministered was a written language. Putting that language into writing and teaching it to the natives had to be done in a simple manner, and he relied upon phonics and pictures. He soon found that the system could be adapted to other languages, and before he died last summer at the age of 86, his method had been used to train thousands of people in 300 languages around the world.

RECAPITULATION REPORT NO. 1

1971 ARKANSAS METHODIST CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Per Cent
Jonesboro	161	1259	35	1455	1824	80
Fort Smith	109	1634	4	1747	2468	71
Pine Bluff	177	984	4	1165	1700	69
Monticello	63	692		755	1124	67
Little Rock	172	1828	8	2008	3604	59
Forrest City	96	838	1	935	1775	53
Conway	244	921	25	1190	2296	52
Hope	103	536	7	646	1517	42
Batesville	178	545	14	737	1849	40
Arkadelphia	83	403	14	499	1440	35
Paragould	122	321	7	450	1487	30
Fayetteville	125	390	12	527	1960	27
Camden	127	426	4	557	2193	26
Total	1760	10776	135	12671		

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
St. Luke:DeBlack	13	43		56
Trinity:Taylor	7	16	2	25
St. Andrew:Nolley		1		1
Winfield:Dunlap		104		104
Hazen-DeValls Bluff:				
Holland	8	41		49
Lonoke:Clayton	7	42		49
Mabelvale:Hines		1		1
Mt. View-Martindale:				
Sewell	3	13		16*
Primrose:Kilgore	13	24		37
Pride Valley:Hart	8	2	2	12**
Salem-Congo:Williams	1	25		26
Sardis-Bethel:Monroe	7	18		25
Woodlawn Ct.:Eagle		1		1
Total	172	1828	8	2008

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Altheimer-Wabbaseka:				
Shaddox	4	57		61**
Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner:				
Pearce	10	74		84***
Carthage Ct.:Scott	3	24		27
DeWitt-Prairie View:				
Master	31	57	2	90
England-Keo:Sadler	10	74		84**
Gillett-Camp Shed:				
Richardson	6	41		47
Pine Bluff Good Faith-				
Sulphur Spgs:Riggin	3	33		36
Grady-Trinity:Hansford	3	23		26
Humphrey-Humnoke:				
Workman	8	10		18
Leola:Edwards	4	30		34
Pine Bluff Carr Mem:				
Matthew		34		34
First:Lindsay	28	91		119
Hawley:Walker	3	37	2	42
Lakeside:Thomason	6	42		48
St. Luke:Wilson		17		17
Whitehall-Redfield:Lea	4	34		38
Wesley	3	23		26
Roe Ct.:Richert	1	34		35**
Rowell Ct.:Lowry	3	10		13
Sherrill-Tomberlin-				
Tucker:Patton		23		23
St. Charles-Pl. Grove:Irvin		28		28**
Stuttgart First:Beck	11	111		122**
Grand Ave.:Mulkey	36	77		113**
Total	177	984	4	1165

KEY:

- * reached quota
- ** exceeded quota
- *** doubled quota
- **** tripled quota

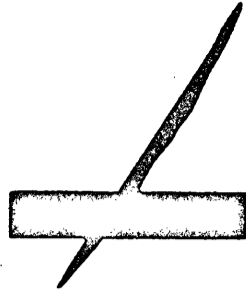
MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Arkansas City:Garner	1			1
College Hts.-Green Hill-				
Waller's:Ogden	4			4
Crossett First:Norton	20	41		61
Dumas:Simpson	5	174		179***
Eudora:Johnson	10	29		39**
Fordyce:Matthews		36		36
Gould:Jones	2	5		7
Hampton-Harrell:Ford	1	36		37
Hermitage Ct.:Claiborne	6	23		29
Warren-Trinity Ct.:Scott		2		2
Lake Village-Montrose:				
Tanner	6	92		98***
McGehee:Garner	7	193		200***
Star City Ct.:Jones	3	23		26
Watson:Arnold	3	11		14
Parkdale-Miller Chapel:				
Williams		22		22**
Total	63	692		755

FEBRUARY 4, 1971

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 14: Humility Before God

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 14:7-11; 18:9-14

MEMORY SELECTION: Every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted. (Luke 14:11)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To understand that pride is one of the primary barriers between man and God; to find a true meaning of humility and suggestions as to how to cultivate it as mature Christians.

Pride is at the center of a great majority of sins, because it is synonymous with conceit and places self at the center of our judgments. If we are going to learn how to pray or to mature as individuals we must learn to get self out of the center of our living. This is not easy to do, and it never has been as Jesus suggested in the parables which we will be studying today. To approach God as we ought we must get ourselves in proper perspective. Someone has reported that Theodore Roosevelt had a habit of standing outdoors admiring the stars just before retiring each evening. After a period of this kind of meditation, he would say, "I guess I am small enough now to go to bed."

The two parables which call to our attention the necessity for keeping self in proper perspective are the ones concerning the chief seats found in Luke 14:7-11, and the story of the Pharisee and the publican which we read in Luke 18:9-14.

There is a verse in Proverbs (16:5) which suggests that "the proud in heart" are the trouble-makers of the earth. One of the commentators in discussing this affirmation said that such persons in their unbridled ambition of self-fulfillment trample underfoot the laws of God and the rights of men. It should not seem strange to us then that Jesus spoke so strongly in repudiation of pride and was so insistent in his commendation of the humble spirit.

However, all through this lesson we must remain alert to discover the happy medium between self-exaltation and self-abasement. Many stories have been told, half in jest and half in seriousness, about religious men who have tried to outdo each other in their humility. This does not, of course, represent the ideal approach to getting the self out of the center of life. It is neither good for man to have an exalted opinion of himself nor for him to underestimate his value in the sight of God. Life requires that we develop a true perspective of God and of self, and, when we do, we discover the meaning of humility. Our identity and maturity as children of God are determined by our healthy approach to humility.

THE QUEST FOR THE CHIEF SEATS

The first of our stories has more of the nature of a guide to Christian etiquette, so that some writers suggest that it is hard to make it fit into our characteristic mold of a parable. However, if we see how Jesus was using the gentle irony of the elbowings and schemings of social ambition to make another strong point concerning the way Christians ought not to act, we can see that it does merit the title of parable.

Before we sketch the outline of this story we would remind you of what has gone just before it. Jesus was invited to the home of a Pharisee for a meal. We are not told whether the host was honestly concerned to learn more about Jesus, or whether this was an occasion planned to trap him in some statement that could be used against him. Just be-

fore entering the house, he was confronted by a man afflicted with dropsy. This was the Sabbath and dropsy was not regarded as a critical condition, but Jesus paused to heal him. We read in verse 13 of a question he asked just before the healing, "And Jesus spoke to the lawyers and Pharisees, saying, 'Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath or not?' But they were silent."

As we know questions concerning the Sabbath furnished the core of the controversy between Jesus and the legalists of his day. They were afraid he would break down their legal system; while he pleaded for an understanding that the Sabbath was the day on which God had rested from the work of his creation and saw that the work was good.

After Jesus had healed the man he gave a word of advice to the other guests assembled in the home of the Pharisee. He must have been moved to tell this story as he noticed how they competed for the chief places at the table. This reminded him of others who exalted themselves so much that it was impossible for them to even think of the virtue of humility.

A DARING PARABLE TO TELL HERE

This was a daring story to tell under the circumstances. Of course, he spoke indirectly and cast his story against the backdrop of a wedding feast. However, most of those listening must have known he was talking about them. Dr. George Buttrick says, "If the story's setting served to coat the pill, the patient was not spared the dose." This was a neat job puncturing inflated egos, and that was just what Jesus intended to do.

Jesus must have been amused by the show of childishness by these grown men. This group of people who spent so much of their time trying to trap him into making statements they could use against him had themselves been trapped by their own conduct—their own conceit. The climax of this experience in the house of the Pharisee is reached in our memory selection for today: "For every one who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted" (14:11). The world did not believe that in Jesus' time and it does not believe it now. Can we imagine what could be accomplished for good in our day if nations and individuals who have been determined to occupy the chief places would forget their own rights and be concerned about the good of others?

Humility has its roots in a feeling of indebtedness, and we should not forget that. What have we that we have not received? Wherever you find a man that is sure he is "self-made," you find one who is hard to love and who knows very little about how to approach God in prayer.

THE PHARISEE AND THE PUBLICAN

As a further illustration of the major point he wished to communicate Jesus drew a striking portrait of two men standing in the temple praying. The Pharisee was the pillar in the church, and respected in his community as a citizen of the highest character. The publican, on the other hand, was the "untouchable" of the Jewish community. We have pointed out previously that Jesus liked to make his points in the parables by incarnating in the less desirable people the virtues which he wished to stand out in bold relief. The Pharisee, standing in the chief place to pray, and the publican, standing afar off, are in truth as extreme a study in contrasts as we find in Jesus' teaching. The former thanked God that he was such a good man—"I thank thee that I am not as other men are." The latter beat upon his breast and prayed, "God be merciful to me a sinner."

One does not have to be very religious to discern the weakness in the Pharisee. He concentrated on telling God how good he was, and he did not even take time to realize that he was no better than the publican whom he despised. What we are talking about here does not just speak to us concerning an approach to God in prayer. It also talks to us about ways in which we might do something about severe alienation which divides men in our day.

One thing we ought to recognize in this story is that each man told the truth about himself. The Pharisee was righteous by all common tests of his day, while the tax collector was a grafter and a crook. The important thing is that his confession was sincere, and it is this state of mind that prepares one to approach God, rather than the assurance given him by the system that he deserved the bounty of God. Dr. Buttrick says in *Interpreters Bible*: "The Pharisee had everything in his favor except the thing; the publican nothing in his favor but the thing. The Pharisee's center of the world was himself, the publican's was God." The thing was, of course, humility. This self-centered, grasping world with its cult of success would do well to look to the pattern of the publican.

WHAT HUMILITY IS

The day of Jesus did not believe that "every one that exalteth himself shall be humbled," and still less that "he who humbleth himself shall be exalted." They thought, as we do, that every man had an obligation to thrust himself forward and thus gain the public ear and eye.

Humility is not cowardice. It usually takes a brave man to take the position of the publican. The parables which we are considering today are companion pieces to the Beatitudes. These were forthright denials of accepted valuations, and yet Jesus indicated that they were the routes to blessedness—to happiness. Only when men saw the traits of the Beatitudes incarnate in the man of Galilee did they become characteristics which men would seriously consider seeking after.

Humility also is rooted in reverence and a sense of need. The scientist or the artist who begins to think that he has all the answers within himself has come close to drying up the source of continuing creativity. So it is with prayer. The man who lists an inventory of his virtues each time he talks to God is not likely to hear much from God when he pauses to listen.

Some one has said that when we see a man inflated with pride and worshipping at the altar of himself, we see an outrageous freak, a cardboard figure on stilts, who will soon be blown away by the winds of reality.

In another place we are reminded that the Pharisee and the publican revealed by their attitudes what they thought about God. The former indicating that he thought of God as a great corporation in which he was a major stockholder because of his goodness, while the latter caught something of the holiness of God and believed that even a tax collector could be pardoned.

DO WE COME CLOSE TO GOD IN OUR PRAYERS?

Someone has suggested that the prayer of the Pharisee was really a monologue. He did not really expect to carry on a conversation with God, and would have been quite shocked if God spoke back to him. Prayer without a sense of the presence of God is not real prayer. There are many things that can keep us from coming to God in our prayers. We have mentioned that an obstacle is built by our self-centeredness. At other times we are too involved with the world about us to get very close to him.

Prayer is fellowship with God and many words are not needed. We must see that the nearer we are to God, the more conscious we become of our separation from him. It takes a life that is devoted to prayer, and to the confession of sin, to produce a person who does not boast about his moral attainments. The more we acknowledge our unworthiness, the more we find ourselves prepared to serve Jesus Christ.

The parables in our lesson, dealing with social standing and standing before God, show how pointless and self-defeating pride is. "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." (Matt. 5:5)

Record giving reported for World Service

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodists across the U.S. gave a record \$45,597,287 in 1970 to support the world-wide benevolent and administrative programs of their denomination.

The total is 6.24 per cent above the giving for 1969, according to R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, who released the report for 1970 here January 21. Not included in this report are many millions of dollars given on the local and annual conference level for benevolences, pastors salaries and church administration.

New in the report this year is giving toward an annual goal of \$8,000,000 for ministerial education. A sum of \$3,574,253 was received at the general church level in 1970. Since 25

per cent of support for this fund is retained at the annual conference level, the total giving to this cause is higher than the figure in Dr. Brawner's report.

"When you consider the general economic picture during 1970, and the tensions in the nation and in the church, the 6 per cent increase in total giving represents a remarkable devotion on the part of United Methodists," said Dr. Brawner.

The report for benevolences and their comparison with 1969 shows: World Service—\$22,412,126, up .65 per cent; World Missions Advance Specials—\$6,475,309, down 9.86 per cent; National Missions Advance Specials—\$1,587,425, down 3.32 per cent; Overseas Relief Advance Specials—\$1,384,318, up 24.21 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing—\$752,080, down 5.54 per cent; Fellowship of Suffering and Service—\$875,337, up 1.61 per cent; World Service Specials—\$194,213, down 7.74 per cent; Temporary General Aid—\$787,935, down 5.50 per cent; Fund for Reconciliation—\$1,811,106, down 28.77 per cent; Ministerial Education—\$3,574,253, new on report this year; Race Relations—\$625,541, up 35.01 per cent; Methodist Student Day—\$218,444, up 1.22 per cent.

The administrative funds and their comparison are: Episcopal Fund—\$2,907,484, up 6.04 per cent; General Administration—\$1,400,222, down .31 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation—\$591,487, down 7.38 per cent.

Included in the 1970 report for the first time is the Youth Service Fund with \$225,780. This fund was handled through other channels in previous years and the amount received in 1970 is not included in the comparison of total giving for 1970 with 1969.

Our beliefs in a rich future life are of little importance unless we coin them into a rich present life.—Thomas Dreier

Bishop Sparks to administer Portland Area

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif. (UMI)—Bishop W. Maynard Sparks of Seattle, Wash., has been named to administer the Portland (Ore.) Area of the United Methodist Church for the remainder of the 1968-72 quadrennium after the death of Bishop Everett W. Palmer January 5.

Bishop Charles F. Golden of San Francisco, president of the Western Jurisdiction College of Bishops, said the college was recommending that the Council of Bishops confirm the selection, effective at once. Bishop Sparks will continue to administer the Seattle Area which he has headed since formation of the United Methodist Church in 1968. For ten years prior to that time, he was resident bishop of the Western Area of the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

Recommendations To White House Released

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UMI) — United Methodist Bishop Roy C. Nichols of Pittsburgh, chairman of the forum on "Crisis in Values" at the recent White House Conference on Children in Washington, D.C., has released the text of his section's recommendations to the President.

A major part of the "deep trouble of children and families," the report declared, stems from the "existing contradictions between the stated values of our institutions and the values implied by their actual behavior." One of the goals for the '70s, the report held, should be for political, economic, educational and religious institutions "to correct their behavior if it differs from their stated values of respect for the individual, concern for the environment, and justice, equality and opportunity for all."

The report placed special stress on a revision of the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag, to "provide Americans of all ages, races and cultures with a realistic, affirmative pledge to deepen our commitment to a truly free, truly responsible, and truly united society." The proposed new text reads: "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, and dedicate myself to the task of making it one nation, under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all."

UNITED METHODIST TOURS for 1971

Sponsored by
Board of Missions and Board of Christian Social Concerns

MEDITERRANEAN and NORTH AFRICA.....	May 10-June 1
AFRICA.....	May 31-June 29
ENGLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, GERMANY.....	May 31-June 21
GERMANY, POLAND, RUSSIA.....	July 8-30
ALASKA and HAWAII.....	Sept. 23-Oct. 9
RIO GRANDE CONFERENCE.....	Oct. 5-16
NEW MEXICO and ARIZONA INDIANS.....	Oct. 4-13
MIDDLE EAST.....	Autumn

For further information write:
UNITED METHODIST TOURS, Room 1355
475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027

UMCOR reports all-time high income

OMAHA, Nebr. (UMI)—Disasters combined to produce an all-time high income last year for the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief. In its annual meeting, the committee was told that 1970 receipts totaled \$2,364,503, while total disbursements were \$2,158,364.

Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary, said that gifts in response to the Peru earthquake and the East Pakistan cyclone made the difference.

Allocations approved at the meeting totaled \$495,067, more than 90 per cent of which will be spent through interdenominational channels and the bulk of it for refugee programs. Included are rehabilitation work in Peru, rural development in Kenya and Haiti, family planning on Taiwan, economic and community development in Greece and Bolivia, and medical, emergency, and family services in the Palestine area.

Dr. Haines said that UMCOR efforts during 1970 reached some 5.5 million persons in 57 countries.

Georgia Senator was Methodist layman

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Senator Richard B. Russell, 73, a United Methodist layman considered to be one of the most influential senators of this century, died here Jan 21.

He was dean of the Senate, having come to it in 1933 as its then youngest member. He already had served a term as governor of Georgia, its youngest in history. As a lawmaker, his greatest impact was after he became chairman of the Senate's powerful Armed Services Committee in 1951.

Military rites were conducted in Washington, with graveside services Jan. 24 at Winder, Ga. Participants in the service included the pastor of his church, the Rev. C. Hoke Sewell of First United Methodist Church of Winder; as well as a brother, the Rev. H. E. Russell, a Presbyterian pastor in Memphis, Tenn.; Senate Chaplain Edward L. R. Elson and several senators.

Announcing...

All Saints' EPISCOPAL SCHOOL ESTABLISHED 1908 GOES COEDUCATIONAL

ALL SAINTS' is a four year coeducational boarding high school with a college preparatory curriculum. It is accredited by The Southern Association of Colleges and Schools and by The Independent School Association of the Southwest.

ALL SAINTS' curriculum includes: advanced placement, honors courses and independent study projects. Innovations such as modular scheduling, team teaching, programmed instruction and learning teams are used.

ADMISSION BY INTERVIEW
AND TESTING

For Further Information Write
The Reverend Alex D. Dickson, Jr.
All Saints' Episcopal School
Vicksburg, Miss. 39180
Phone 601-636-5266



A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

10. The Ministry of Presbyters and Deacons

We continue our look at the chapter dealing with the ministry by underlining what it has to say about "presbyters" and "deacons." "Presbyters" is a new term to United Methodists, and we will have to understand that it is identical with our present classification of "elder."

In dealing with the order of "deacon," the Plan indicates that "the form of the diaconate is to be kept as flexible as possible and that details may not be determined until the Transitional Assembly which will bring the new church into existence."

Four principles are stated concerning the care of ordained ministers in the new church. First, the whole church will bear a responsibility toward each minister from his first approach to ordination until the time of his death. Second, the church will provide services to assist each minister in the measurement of his achievement and needs. Third, preparation for the ministry is a continuing task, and the church will provide opportunities for continuing education. Fourth, the church will provide open opportunity and equal treatment for all its ministers, irrespective of racial or ethnic background.

Presbyters: The united church will welcome the diversity of interpretations of the presbyterate. All those who are recognized as ordained ministers in any of the uniting churches at the time of unification will be recognized as ordained ministers by the new church. However, the Plan states that each ordained minister may choose whether he will be a presbyter or become a deacon or a layman.

Presbyters will have the functions and responsibilities which include the following: preachers of the Word, celebrants of the Sacraments, teachers of the Gospel, leaders in mission, prophets of God, pastoral overseers and administrators, ecumenical leaders, and participants in discipline.

Opportunities will be given presbyters for special assignments and for these the church will indicate special training and qualifications. Some presbyters for special assignments and for these the church will indicate special training and qualifications. Some presbyters will not earn their entire livelihood through employment by the church. We find this interesting sentence in the Plan: "Others, receiving their entire income from employment outside the church, will in principle have no limitation on the exercise of their ministry."

A section refers to "special cases" in the following language: "The united church may also discern those gifts needed for ministry in some persons who lack the extensive specialized education normally required of presbyters. The church may authorize such persons to be ordained as presbyters, but they will exercise their presbyteral functions in specified areas of ministry in the local parish and community."

Deacons: Without diminishing the wide range of service provided by the unordained and their essential mission as the church-in-the-world, the ordination of deacons implies a limited but genuine participation in the ministry of Word and Sacraments. The office has emphasized the exercise of the church's ministry of service to the world; the care of the poor, the sick, and others in need.

The functions of deacons are listed as: provision of service in mission, participation in the ministry of the Word and the Sacraments, and church administration.

As previously indicated, the Plan provides that "the Transitional Assembly will determine specific requirements for the professional education and training of deacons and for probationary stages in preparation for ordination."

METHODIST AGENCY WILL RECEIVE \$1,266,753 IN WAR CLAIMS

NEW YORK (RNS) — The United Methodist Board of Missions will receive \$1,266,753 in war claims under a law passed by the 91st Congress.

The Board's world division is one of 29 non-profit organizations benefiting from \$9.2 million in new funds allocated through the government's War Claims Office.

In 1967, the Board received \$2,066,834 in claims resulting from the loss of overseas properties and facilities during World War II. The total claim was \$3,333,587.

Initially, non-profit claimants received 62 per cent of their claims. The recent government action gives them 100 per cent coverage.

Use of the new funds will be decided by the world division. The sum must be used, according to Congress, for promoting "social welfare, religious, charitable or education purposes."

The award to the Methodist mission agency represents the claims of both the former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches, which merged in 1968.

†
God, give me hills to climb, and strength for climbing!—Arthur Guiterman

AMU president announces resignation

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (RNS) — Dr. Frederick P. McGinnis, president of Alaska Methodist University since 1960, has announced his resignation. In the 10 years of his tenure, the school has grown from 177 students to 1,800.

AMU now occupies a five-building, \$20-million campus, and maintains a liberal arts college, a college of business administration and economics, and Alaska's first college of nursing.

The school has been arranging cooperative programs with the seven branches of the state-operated University of Alaska and in 1968 launched an exchange program with Nagoya Gakuin University, Nagoya, Japan.

Affiliated with the Board of World Missions of the United Methodist Church, the AMU received \$200,000 for the Church in 1970, plus financial assistance from the denomination's advance support funds.

A \$3 million nationwide campaign is being conducted under the leadership of news commentator Lowell Thomas, Sr. The Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church has a 20-man task force working in a \$1 million campaign for the school.

Alaska Methodist University is also cooperating with the state university in the construction of an \$8 million library on grounds between AMU and Anchorage Community College.

†
Zions Herald, founded in 1823 as a Methodist journal for New England, has been replaced and continued by **The Methodist Churchman**, a monthly serving clergy and members throughout New England. The name change, according to editor John L. Bryan, reflects the fact that many persons missed the significance of the name **Zions Herald**.

Quadrennial Bible Study, Part II available

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Part two of the United Methodist Church's Quadrennial Emphasis Bible Study will be available for the March-April May quarter.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of Charlotte, N.C., chairman of the Bible Study Committee, and Dr. Raoul C. Calkins of Dayton, executive secretary of the Quadrennial Emphasis, are urging that the denomination's churches make wide use of the special resource materials which center on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus."

Dr. Edward W. Bauman, senior minister of Foundry United Methodist Church, Washington, D.C., has written the 112-page student book. Dr. Bauman is widely known as an educator and lecturer who pioneered in conducting the first fully-accredited college course in religion to be made available over commercial TV.


In addition to Dr. Bauman's basic book on "The Life and Teaching of Jesus," resource materials include a leader's guide and an easel-back flip chart illustrating the series and suitable also for use as posters. All of these are available from Cokesbury stores and service centers.

The general chairman of the Quadrennial Emphasis is Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass.

Adopted at the 1968 General Conference in Dallas, Texas, the four-year program includes the church-wide Bible study, raising \$20 million in a Fund for Reconciliation, and a voluntary youth service program for specific work of reconciliation and rehabilitation.

†
Headquarters office of the Quadrennial Emphasis is at 601 West Riverview Avenue, Dayton, Ohio.

†
The Rev. Pierce Harris, 75, widely-known former pastor of First Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., lecturer and author, died January 14 at McDonough, Ga., after suffering a heart attack.



More than a New Dress or a Lily...

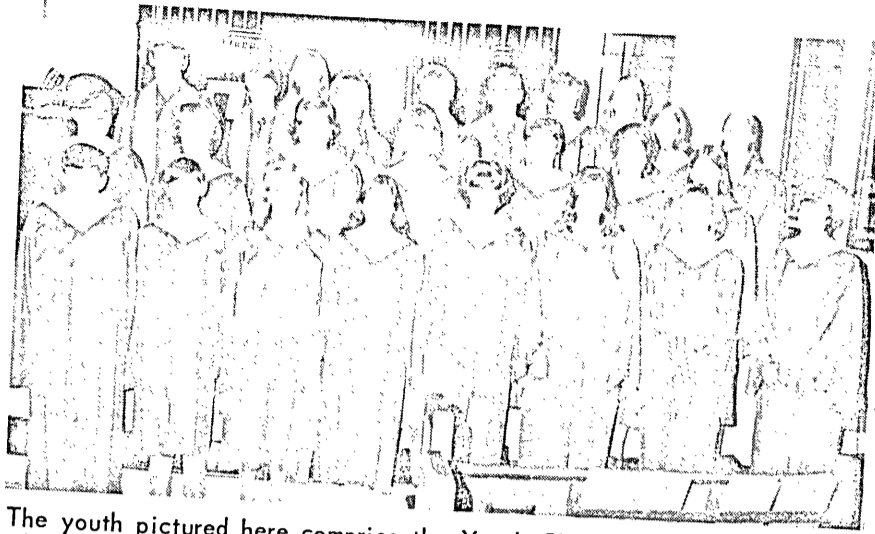
The Easter story is the story of the resurrection, the living Christ! Make it live in your heart and in the hearts of your loved ones.

Daily devotions will help. Those of The Upper Room for March-April, written for the Easter season, emphasize the true meaning of Easter and the resurrection. You can find no better time to start daily devotions in your home.

We invite you to send your order today, either an individual subscription or a bulk order, to start with the March-April issue of The Upper Room. Subscriptions, three years for \$3.00, one year \$1.50. Bulk orders, ten or more copies of one issue to one address, 15¢ per copy. Order from The Upper Room, 1908 Grand Avenue, Nashville, Tenn. 37203

ARKANSAS METHODIST CHILDRENS' HOME

(List of memorial gifts continued from last week)



The youth pictured here comprise the Youth Choir at First United Methodist Church in Hope. The Rev. Norris Steele is minister.

RAYMOND HELD
by Mr. & Mrs. W. G. Farr
by W. E. Crenshaw & Family
MRS. HOLLIE HANKINS
by Dr. & Mrs. L. R. Morton
JOHNNY HOLLIS
by Thelma & Lamar Jones
CARLTON HOPE
by Mr. & Mrs. Lute L. Jones
MRS. MILDRED THOMPSON HOUSTON
by Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Seabrook
HOMER HALL
by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Miller
by Mr. Otto Hardke
by The Fred Hardke Family
WILLIAM CLEO HALES
by Mr. & Mrs. Clarence D. Page
A. R. HAYDEN
by Mr. & Mrs. H. C. Adams
MRS. NORA HOLMES
by Mr. R. A. Patton
by Whitehall Methodist Church
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Holmes
O. H. JONES
by Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Vittitow
MRS. MARION E. JOHNSON
by Nan Brown
PARKER JOHNSON
by Mrs. Gean Houston
by Mrs. J. H. Smith
MRS. S. R. JOHNSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles R. Stuck
MR. & MRS. DAVID JOHNSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Walter Land
MRS. LILLIE JELKS
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
MRS. LOU JOHNSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
FED JAMES
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
MRS. J. O. JOHNSON
by Mr. & Mrs. E. A. Hegar
HARRY A. KENDALL
by Mr. T. E. Ware
MRS. MAGGIE KINDNESS
by Mr. & Mrs. Morschheimer
LOUIS KONING
by Mr. & Mrs. J. L. Pruitt
MRS. VAN KIMBER
by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Horton
MRS. LOUISE LEACH
by Katherine & Bill Block
by Ruby Semple
MRS. P. W. LUTTERLOH
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Stuck
C. I. LEEK
by Mr. & Mrs. H. G. Leek, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. J. P. Herrington
IRA E. LEA
by Mrs. Ira E. Lea
J. CLYDE LEWIS
by Elizabeth Poole
by Mr. & Mrs. A. F. Monrotus
WM. P. LUEBKE
by Mr. & Mrs. Henry Dudrick
THE COOPER LAND FAMILY
by The Felix Bunch Family
J. H. LYONS
by Mrs. J. H. Lyons
CLYDE LYONS
by Mrs. Guy Rowland, Sr.
MURRAY LANCASTER
by Eugene & Marion Horton
L. O. MERRIMAN
by Miss Janie Winkles
by Mr. Jack Rush
by Mr. W. G. Davenport
CLARENCE MOBLEY
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Gibson, Jr.
JOHN H. MOSELEY
by Mariwayne Page
MORRIS MORGAN
by Officers & Employees of the
Prairie County Bank
KENNY MEEKS
by Les, Thelma and Carolyn Cooksey
DANA MORRISON
by Mr. & Mrs. A. C. Erwin
DR. FAY MILLWEE, JR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
ANN TENNYSON MATTHEWS
by Mrs. J. W. Wallace
WILLIS BENTON MOORE
by Mr. & Mrs. James H. Young
LUTHER MITCHELL
by Mr. & Mrs. W. A. McClendon
REV. JOHN J. McKNIGHT
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Newsom

MARY ALICE McCLENDON
by Mr. & Mrs. Doyle Adkins
MRS. F. W. McELHANNON
by Lucy Patterson
by R. H. Pattersons
by C. Baumgardners
by E. Baumgardners
BROOKS NORWOOD
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
MRS. MARVIN NEWBERRY
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
H. A. NICHOLSON
by Mrs. H. A. Nicholson
H. A. NORTH CUTT
by Mrs. H. A. Northcutt
E. G. POWLEDGE
by Mrs. R. R. Brown
by Mr. & Mrs. Darwin Mancil
LON V. PRICE
by The Stires Family
E. B. PALMER, SR.
by Nan Joe Hoy
by Mrs. Ann Nutter
by Mrs. Carlton Adams
by Mrs. L. H. Nutter
by Mr. Hugh Nutter
MRS. M. E. PHILLIPS
by Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Connell
MRS. EMMA PASCHAL
by Mr. & Mrs. John W. Treadwell
J. R. PRATT
by Mrs. Vinnie Hogood
MRS. HOYT PURVIS
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles A. Stuck
MRS. ERIN H. POWELL
by Mary Simpson
by Vivian Denton
by Mrs. Presley Field
by Mrs. Lynelle Purcell & Family
DR. C. M. REVES
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Thompson
by George Thompson Family
T. ANDERSON REUTZ
by Mr. & Mrs. E. Kearney Dietz
LUTHER ROGERS
by Mrs. Russell L. McLean
ELSIE FAY REEVES
by Mrs. Orma Reeves
GALE ROWLAND, JR.
by Mr. Ernest Bishop, Jr.
JOHN T. RODGERS
by Rev. & Mrs. W. W. Barron
MRS. WALTER RYLAND
by Mr. & Mrs. Felix S. Bunch
by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Ayres
W. G. RYE
by Portland Gin Company
DR. JOE W. REID
by Mrs. E. W. McClain
by Jackie Gilmer
by Mr. & Mrs. Duncan C. Flanagan, Jr.
MORGAN SMITH
by Miss Polly Mayhew
by Mrs. J. C. Gray
FELIX SIMMONS
by Mrs. Felix Simmons
MR. & MRS. JOHN R. SHIVELEY, SR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles S. Shiveley
JOHN SHAW
by Mr. & Mrs. W. S. Dickson
by Mrs. Don Hall
by Anna, Bob and Barbara Riggins
by John and Sunshine Shewmake
by Mrs. Gladys Ripkin
RUELLEN SPECK
by Mrs. R. W. Coker
by Mrs. Lynn Warden
LUTHER SMITH
by Mr. & Mrs. J. D. Bowling
PETER KENT SMITH
by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Berg
by Dr. & Mrs. Perry Dalton
JOE SUDDUTH
by Major & Mrs. David Sain & Family
by Mrs. Richard Cliff
by Mr. & Mrs. R. G. Edwards
by Mrs. C. H. Whistle
by Carthage Presbyterian Church
by Mr. & Mrs. John Guion
by Mr. & Mrs. Jeff Mobley
by Mr. & Mrs. Turner Bradford
EDGAR SLAYDEN
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
DOLPH STEPHENS
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack W. Newton
by Emma Lide
by Nora Morgan
TOMMIE LYNN SALMON
by Mr. & Mrs. Jerry David
PAT STILES
by Mr. & Mrs. Wayman A. Ballard
SARAH F. SMITH
by Mrs. C. H. McClinton & Family
MRS. MARY SMITH
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Newsom
FRANK SHANKS
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Newsom
MRS. VERA SWAIM
by Susannah Wesley Bible Class,
Capitol View, Little Rock
LONNIE TAYLOR
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Taylor
MRS. EDNA TOBIN
by Milton, Kay, Lee, & Beth Tackett
D. H. TOWNSEND
by Mrs. Leanna Chrisp
by Lolly Morris
by Sarah & Dick Chrisp
MRS. ROSE TURLEY
by Mr. & Mrs. Gerald Ives
by Mrs. Blanche Rose
by Mrs. Elmer Turley
MRS. MARY TAYLOR
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Stewart Erwin
WILLIAM URSERY
by Betty A. Green
by Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Seabrook
by Jake Commer & Family
by Helen Boyce
by Mr. & Mrs. W. E. Ayres
MRS. FRED M. URSERY
by Jake B. Commer Family
by Circle #3 Hawley United Methodist,
Pine Bluff
MRS. J. W. VANDIVER
by Faithful Workers Class, Forrest
City First United Methodist Church
MRS. JAMES WATKINS
by Mr. & Mrs. Dale Rogers
COL. FRED J. WESSON
by Rev. & Mrs. R. E. Connell
MRS. E. F. WILKENING
by Mr. & Mrs. T. R. Moberg
WILLIAM R. WEEDMAN
by Elizabeth Weedman
MAUD & HENRY WILKERSON
by Mr. & Mrs. F. R. Wilkerson
MRS. DAN WYATT
by Mrs. Grace Grundman
MRS. BERTIE T. WYLIE
by Mrs. Virgil C. Harrell
by Ann Harrell
by W.S.C.S. Hermitage United
Methodist Church
MISS KATE WILLIAMS
by Mr. & Mrs. J. W. Newsam
JOHNNIE WELLS
by Mr. & Mrs. S. H. Barringer
GEORGE L. WEBB
by Mrs. George L. Webb
MAYNARD WHERRY
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis E. Taylor
MRS. R. B. WISE
by Mr. & Mrs. Clyde Andrews, Jr.

you'll provide
beautiful
MUSIC
for your church.

... when you avail yourself of Houck's complete Church Music services. Satisfy your musical needs in an atmosphere of friendly know-how with complete church-oriented facilities. You and your music committee have only to call—or come by!

ORGANS
Allen
Lowrey

PIANOS
Everett
Cable-Nelson
Steinway
Sohmer

MUSIC

• Sacred
• Choral
Senior Choir
Youth Choir
Junior Choir

• Organ
• Piano
• Vocals
Solos & Duets

Extensive Choral
Reference Library
Serving Music Since 1897

Houck MUSIC CO.
6TH & LOUISIANA
LITTLE ROCK • FR 2-2259

There's not much practical Christianity in the man who lives on better terms with angels and seraphs, than with his children, servants and neighbors.—Henry Ward Beecher

FOR SALE

Fire and water damaged pews, useable when refinished. White pews ends with dark seats and backs, approximately 1,000 linear feet. Most of the pews are 17 feet long. Also available are pulpit and lectern, communion rail, and baptismal font. As is in Fayetteville, Arkansas for immediate removal. \$750 for the lot. Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Dr. Joel A. Cooper, pastor.

LIKE SWEET ONIONS?

NEW BLUE RIBBON ASSORTMENT—600 SWEET ONION PLANTS WITH FREE PLANTING GUIDE—\$4.20 POSTPAID. TEXAS ONION PLANT CO., Dept. J "Home of the Sweet Onion" Farmersville, Texas 75031

FOR SALE CHEAP

21 blue simulated leather cushioned folding choir seats, 20 short chairs. Make an offer. Bob Van Hook, Box 126, Bryant, Ark. 847-3881.

For
GOLDS
take **666**

New director of Admissions at Hendrix College

W. R. Patterson will become the director of Admissions succeeding Gene Wilbourn, who resigned to accept a position with a Little Rock investment firm, according to an announcement by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix College president.

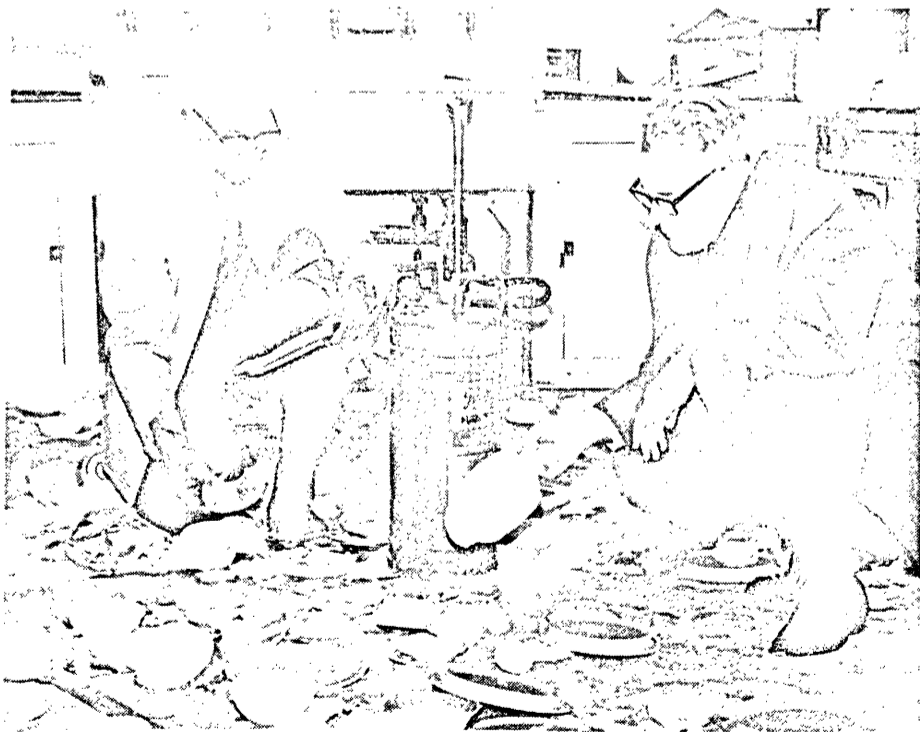
Patterson, a 1966 Hendrix graduate, has been assistant director of Admissions at Hendrix since July. He was formerly the director of College Relations at Spartanburg Junior College, a Methodist related college in Spartanburg, S.C. He was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company prior to going to Spartanburg.

HENDRIX ALUMNI IN NEW BIOGRAPHICAL DICTIONARY

Three Hendrix College alumni have biographical sketches in the Seventh Edition (1971) of the Dictionary of International Biography compiled and edited by an editorial board in England. They are Carl T. Bahner and H. W. Jinske of the Class of 1927, and W. D. McClurkin, Class of 1929.

McClurkin and Bahner are teaching in colleges in Tennessee, while Dr. Jinske, now making his home in Hot Springs after serving as a pastor of Methodist churches in Arkansas for 16 years, formerly taught at Arkansas College in Batesville. He has written more than 400 letters to the Arkansas Gazette on religious and political topics.

The Rev. Clyde Parsons and Voges Baffield inspect damage inflicted by vandals in the kitchen area at the Methodist Youth Camp at Marianna in the Forrest City District on a recent weekend. In addition to other destruction in the main building, medical supplies were broken on the floor, light fixtures were destroyed and the water was left running, flooding the building before the vandalism was discovered.



PAGE TWELVE

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

It has been said that the sweetest songs on earth have been sung in deepest sorrow.

A SONG OF HOPE (Psalm 37)

Let not sorrow ever hush,
In your heart, hope's echoing song;
Nor life's clash of battle crush
Your brave will to conquer wrong.

Since God's universal law
Gives to each his honest due;
Fret not o'er evil doers,
His grace will see you through!

So take heart, and do not tire . . .
(Our crucified Lord rose again.)
Your gold, though tried by fire,
Will shine brightly, through your pain.

-by Una Alice Taylor

BEYOND SORROW

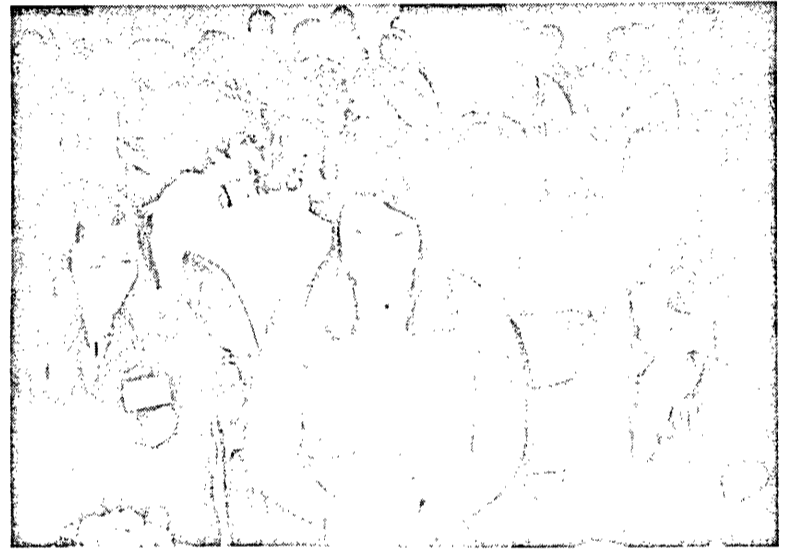
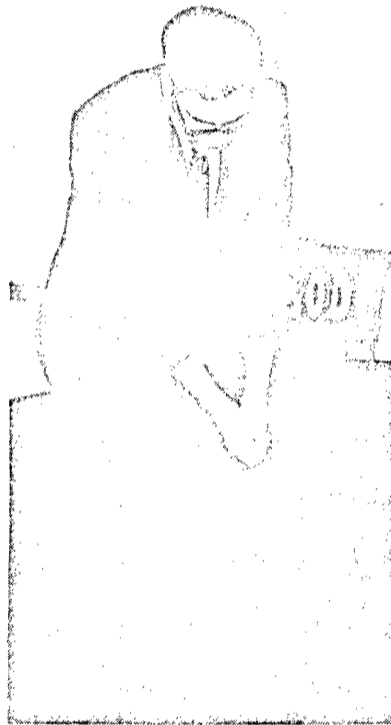
If we could see beyond our present sorrow,
Beyond our present grief as God can see,
We would be braver, knowing some tomorrow
Will still hold happiness for you and for me.

If our blurred eyes could see beyond their weeping,
The sunlit hills that some day we shall climb,
We would be stronger and we would be keeping
A tryst with hope through every darkened time.

If we could see beyond some fresh disaster,
The road smoothed out again before our eyes
We would be calmer and we would learn faster,
The lessons life unfolds to make us wise.

We are so blinded by a moment's sorrow,
So hurt by any trouble, any pain,
That we forget the joys beyond believing,
The peace that will be ours some day again.

-by Cleo Sorrels



AT LEFT: The Rev. Fred Hausteine demonstrates a method of communication at Camden District Youth Rally held recently at St. Paul United Methodist Church in El Dorado. ABOVE: Some of the 98 persons who attended the Youth Rally—the second in a series of three district rallies, for which the theme has been "Ways to Worship." The Rev. Gladwin Connell and Mr. Hausteine were resource leaders for the Jan. 23 Rally; the Rev. Allen B. Bonsall is District Youth coordinator.

News in Brief

MRS. GRACE DWYER, deaconess serving the Hot Springs area, told about her work at the January meeting of the Women's Society of First Church, Benton. Part of the Call to Prayer offering, taken at the meeting, is designated for the Deaconess Pension Fund.

DR. GEORGE WAYNE MARTIN, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, was the speaker at the annual joint meeting of Women's Society and Guild in Grand Avenue Church of Hot Springs, January 5.

MISS NORENE ROBKEN, retired missionary to the Congo, led the Call to Prayer and Self Denial program in First Church, Texarkana, on January 4.

THE PLAYLET "Mission to Nepal: Challenges in Change" was presented at the January meeting of the Women's Society in First Church, Hot Springs. Those participating included: Mrs. Gene Harwood, Mrs. Wallace Towle, Mrs. Earl Chapman, Mrs. Maurice Dunn, Mrs. Charles Hassler and Mrs. Bill Pate.

A revised, updated MINISTER'S INCOME TAX GUIDE is available from the Program Council, 920 Rector 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.

FEBRUARY 4, 1971