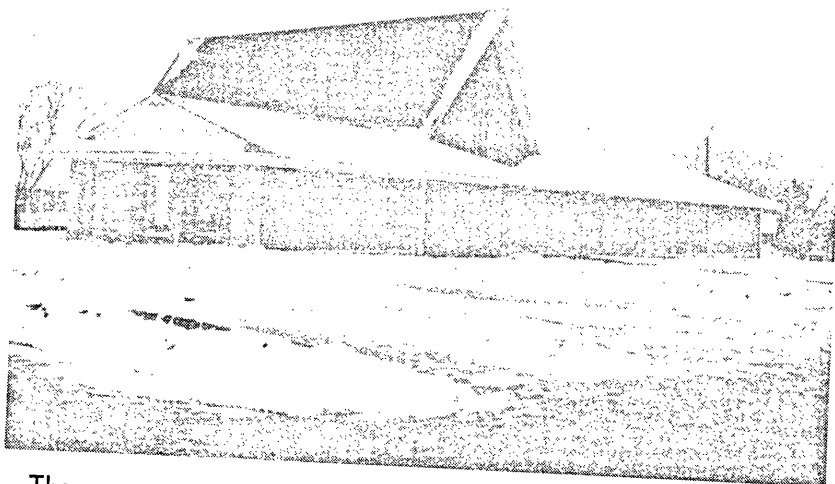


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The congregation of First United Methodist Church in Mountain View filled their new sanctuary (shown above) for the first time on Sunday morning, February 7, even though the Rev. E. J. Hollifield, Batesville District superintendent could not be present due to snow and icy roads. The Rev. Raymond Hawkins, pastor, officially opened the new church for worship and brought the message of the morning. An Open House was held during the afternoon. The building, erected by the R. & W. Construction Company of North Little Rock, contains 6000 square feet.

## Public Relations Workshop at Aldersgate Camp

by Katie Rice

"Aldersgate is . . . action . . . concern . . . commitment . . . understanding . . . fellowship . . . ecumenism . . . service . . . love . . . hope . . . reconciliation . . . involvement . . . outreach . . . good will." This sign on the walls of the Matkin Building at Aldersgate Camp expressed the theme of the public relations workshop which was held at the Camp February 5 and 6.

The purpose of the workshop was to provide educational material and visual aids to delegates from churches over the state who seek to better understand the program of Aldersgate.

A series of slides with an accompanying script was prepared to picture and explain in graphic detail the various activities offered. These slides will be available to groups on request. The public relations committee of the camp urges all groups to use the slides with the accompanying brochure of informative materials as a resource for programs.

How fortunate we are to have this unique mission right here in our state!

As one delegate expressed it: "Aldersgate is the Christian spirit expressed in its true form." It is felt there that camping contributes in a unique way to helping campers grow in their development of a Christian sense of values through simple living and the absence of artificial standards. Likewise the experience leads to self-reliance and dependability, and respect and appreciation for persons across all religious and racial lines.

The summer program of Aldersgate provides day camp and resident camp opportunities to the blind, the deaf, the mentally retarded, the emotionally disturbed and the deprived. There is a year-round program which includes conferences, workshops, retreats, camp-outs, picnics, and banquets.

The resource materials for programs may be secured by writing: Camp Aldersgate, 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72202.

We urge you to use the materials to acquaint Arkansas with the precious gift of sharing which is manifest at Aldersgate.



Mrs. Lela Tisdale, left, of Fayetteville, and Mrs. Linda Reaves of Little Rock were teachers for the Laubach literacy workshop held in Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, February 10, 11 and 12 to train tutors for non-readers. Pulaski County is estimated to have 24,000 functional illiterates.

## Pulaski County Literacy Council forms

A Pulaski County Council on Literacy will be formed as an outgrowth of the literacy training given in Little Rock last week at Asbury United Methodist Church. The purpose of the Council will be that of guiding and financing a literacy program in the county, of searching out students desiring to learn to read and matching each with a volunteer teacher.

Eighty-five persons attending the workshops became accredited as tutors of non-readers, using the Laubach

simplified method of "each one, teach one." Three-hour workshops were held morning and evening, February 10, 11 and 12. Mrs. Lela Tisdale of Fayetteville taught the morning sessions and Mrs. Linda Reaves led the night classes. Approximately 120 persons from a cross section of the city attended one or two sessions, and many of these will be assisting in many phases of the new program other than teaching.

The organization of the council and election of officers was scheduled for Tuesday night, February 16.

Without waiting for the new council to be organized, an ad hoc committee spearheaded by Mrs. Paul V. Gallo-way and Mrs. Sharon Pallone is already promoting spot announcements on radio and television to persuade non-readers to call 666-0234 (the CONTACT phone number) for information about the training.

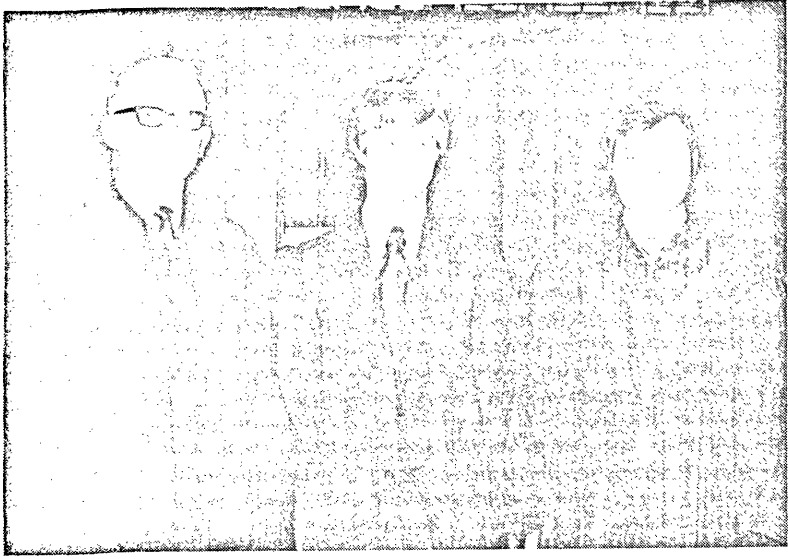
## BENTON PASTOR RECEIVES FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARD

Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Benton, has been named one of the winners of the 1970 Freedoms Foundation awards at Valley Forge, Pa. Hollenbeck received the award for his sermon, "Are We Afraid of Freedom?" which was preached before the Benton congregation on July 5, 1970.

## Internship training session scheduled for Saturday

A training session will be conducted Saturday, February 20, at First Church, Little Rock, for ministers and laymen from Arkansas churches that might be involved in the internship program of Perkins School of Theology.

Dr. Claud H. Rohlf, director of field education at Perkins, will lead the session, presenting details of the program which is scheduled to get underway next Fall. The hope is that some of the churches represented will move toward final plans for participating in the internship program.



Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent (l.), presented a License to Preach to Randy McPherson (center), at the close of a morning worship at Rose City Beacon UM Church in North Little Rock on Feb. 7. The Rev. Calvin Mitchell, pastor is shown at right. Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Odel McPherson and a sophomore in Hendrix College. All are members of the Rose City Beacon church.

## Scoutmaster honored for long service

E. A. Bowen, scoutmaster of Troop 24 which meets at Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, was recognized recently by that church as he entered his 49th year of continuous service as a scoutmaster. This is a national record.

On February 7 the church observed Boy Scout Sunday with the members of this troop, their parents and members of the Troop Committee as special guests.

Flowers were presented by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nutt honoring Mr. Bowen, and in loving memory of their son, Thomas Edward Nutt, assistant scoutmaster of Troop 24, and Paul Y. Griffin, Sr. for their devotion, leadership and contributions to the Boy Scouts of America and Troop 24. The pastor, the Rev. Edward W. Harris, preached on the topic, "Wanted—a Youth."

At a recent recognition dinner for Church School teachers, Mr. Bowen was recognized for 50 years of teaching at Asbury Church. The citation given him on that occasion states: "His leadership of youth has been measured by more than length of years. In inspiration and in dedication to Christian ideals, his labors can be measured only in terms of thousands of young people whose lives have been molded in the Christian pattern by his teachings and his example."

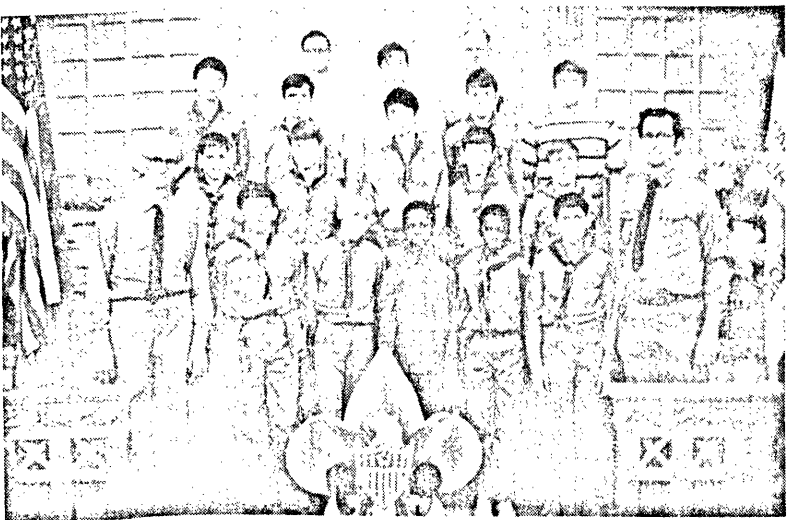
A recent television program on Channel 7, Little Rock, presented a documentary film on the program and activities of Troop 24 and an interview with Mr. Bowen. This film is to

be presented to him and to Asbury's Troop 24 and will be shown to the congregation at an early date.

The assistant scoutmaster of Troop 24 is Jerry V. Conatser. Troop Committee members are: R. W. McGuire, R. J. Wilson, Walter Douglas, J. W. Nutt, Don L. Riffin, Frank Smith, J. G. Wilson, and H. Dean Yancey.



E. A. Bowen was recently honored on Boy Scout Sunday at Asbury Church, Little Rock, as he entered his 49th year of continuous service as a scoutmaster, a record for the nation. Mr. Bowen, front row left, and Jerry V. Conatser, frontright, assistant scoutmaster, are shown with members of Troop 24.



## V.C.S. Coaching Conference staff announced

A select group of Laboratory-Trained leaders will lead in a series of meetings for District Teams at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, March 2-3, 1971.

Leaders are: Nursery, Mrs. N. J. Garrett, Crossett; Kindergarten, Mrs. Kelley Oliver, Arkadelphia; Elementary, I-II, Mrs. W. A. Clark, Little Rock, III-IV, the Rev. Sam Jones, Star City, V-VI, Mrs. Ferris Norton, Crossett.

Class for directors of Vacation Church schools will be taught by Mrs. V. B. Story, Little Rock. The dinner meeting will be at 6:00 p.m. in the dining room at First Church. Participating in the program are the Rev. Everett M. Vinson, director of Program Council, Little Rock Conference, Dr. John P. Miles, pastor, Arkadelphia First United Methodist Church, the Rev. Bryan Stephens, chairman, Little Rock Conference Board of Education, and the District Coordinators of Children's Ministry: Mrs. Kelley Oliver, Arkadelphia District, Mrs. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District, Mrs. Grafton Thomas, Little Rock District, Mrs. N. J. Garrett, Monticello District, Mrs. W. N. Hargrove, Pine Bluff District.

Mr. and Mrs. William O. Elmore and Luan will provide the music.

Registration time is 1:00 p.m., March 2, sessions closing at 12:30



Dr. Walter M. Albritton, director of the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the General Board of Evangelism, will be the speaker for the Dutch Treat luncheon to be held Wednesday, February 24, at 12:00 noon at Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. The luncheon, being held during the period of the mid-year meetings of the boards and agencies of the North Arkansas Annual Conference, is sponsored by the Board of Evangelism. Those who have not made reservations are urged to send them to the Program Council, 22nd and Poplar, North Little Rock, Ark. 72114.

p.m., March 3.

—Mrs. John L. Tucker  
Director Children's Work  
Little Rock Conference

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# Editorial

## LENT — "E - Minus Forty"

In these days of space travel we have grown accustomed to thinking in terms of "countdowns" as the anxiety mounts concerning the dramatic moments in these history-making flights. We are also reminded that during World War II we were conditioned to think in terms of the approaching days of great decision. We can recall what "D—minus ten" meant in relation to a dramatic event like the invasion of Europe. Ash Wednesday which comes next week reminds us of one of the most significant "countdowns" as the Lenten Season begins and we look toward Easter. It will be "E—minus forty" as we look ahead to Easter and its great impact on Christian living.

As we move through Mardi Gras into Lent we will be deciding what the season of spiritual preparation will mean to us this year. There are many indications that an increasing number of Protestants are noting the arrival of Lent and making some serious approach to a deepened religious life that will prepare them for a more meaningful observance of Easter.

There are so many resources to help us give meaning to Lent that we should pause now and consider which of them we will enlist for our own "countdown to Easter." There are continuing signs from the world around us—through journalists and playwrights and others—of a hunger for a great multitude of people that we feel can be satisfied by a challenging observance of Lent.

The word "Lent" comes from the Anglo-Saxon word "Lenc-ten," which meant "Spring." For the Christian it came to mean far more than just the lengthening of days and the coming of Spring. We are creatures of an ebb-and-flow in relation to worship and spiritual realities, and we seem to need great emotional moments to refuel us for other days when our religious experience levels off. The center of faith for the Christian is in the Resurrection making real the victories which are possible over sin and death. When we are properly prepared for it, we celebrate Easter with joyful song and praise.

Lent is that season of the year which has been set apart for the special consideration of our Lord's own preparation for his death. It consists of the forty-six days preceding Easter, and is itself introduced by the three Sundays before Ash Wednesday. The

climax of Mardi Gras comes on Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday.

Scripture is filled with the accounts of 40-day periods of dramatic significance. Moses, Elijah and Jesus fasted for such a period at crucial moments in their lives. The period of the forty years of wandering of Israel in the wilderness during the Exodus likewise gives dramatic meaning to the same figure.

In the earlier history of the observance of Lent quite a bit of flexibility was found in the duration and mode of observing the season. A certain uniformity came first when the church started observing five days of fasting a week for eight weeks before Easter.

Ash Wednesday, which comes this year on February 24, gets its name from the custom of burning the ashes of the palms used in the services of the previous Palm Sunday. In many places these ashes are applied to the foreheads of worshippers as a symbol of their penitence. It was in connection with such an act of penance that the idea developed that Lent would be an excellent time to plan special good works and almsgiving. This is why a number of Protestant groups have for a number of years initiated appeals for their members to become involved in special efforts to meet human need.

Pope Gregory wrote of Lent, "From this day (Ash Wednesday) unto the joys of Paschal solemnity there are six weeks coming . . . that we, who through the past year have lived too much for ourselves, should mortify ourselves to our Creator in the tenth of the year through abstinence. Whence, most dear Brethren, as ye are bid by the law to offer the tenth of your substance, so contend to offer to him also the tenth of your days."

While the length of the period is only traditional and the modes

of observing it are variable, the idea which lies at the heart of Lent is permanent and of binding authority. The soul of man needs seasons of quiet for its growth in wisdom and stature. Life demands that there should be times of special endeavor.

Lent can never be the exclusive property of any religious group, nor can any of us be free from the obligation to give some special consideration to its challenges. One group may observe it in ways which do not commend themselves to others, but this does not justify the rejection by any.

Prompted by the Reformation, some Protestants reacted drastically against Lent with its legalism and emphasis on good works. Christ fasted, said Calvin, but not as an example for his followers. This Reformer felt that a better stance would be moderation in all things. John Wesley agreed, saying that fasting during Lent was "more of a hindrance than a help."

The important question is still, "What will Lent mean to me?" At the center of the Protestant approach is the conviction that every man is his own priest. This means that no religious discipline will be individually helpful unless it speaks to a need that is felt personally. This says that if you have felt for a long time that you should do more devotional reading, Lent is the time for you to begin. If you feel an honest hunger for more knowledge about the Bible of Christian theology then you should start now on that quest. If your attendance at church and church school have been irregular, do something about it during Lent.

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## the Editor's Corner



### EPISCOPAL AND JEWISH CONGREGATIONS SHARE WASHINGTON BUILDING

For more than five years a church building in a relatively obscure section of Washington, D.C. has been "living a double life" in providing a home for a Jewish congregation as well as for its own St. Augustine's Episcopal Church.

Come Friday night ever since 1966 the Episcopal church has been converted into a synagogue for Temple Micah, a small congregation of Reform Jews.

Temple Micah has been a tenant of the mission church of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington for five years, primarily to provide a place for its religious schools on Saturdays. Until recently things were on a rather informal basis. Now a three-year agreement has been entered into by the two groups and if, at the end of that time, things are looking as rosy as they do now, the Jewish congregation and the Episcopalians might make their little arrangement a permanent fixture.

Located in the Southwest Quadrant of Washington, a section that has seen massive urban renewal and shifting of populations, the arrangement seemed to be indicated for both congregations. St. Augustine's has only about 175 members and Temple Micah isn't much larger.

When Temple Micah gets ready for its services on Saturday about all that is necessary for the transition is to pull a covering down over the cross of St. Andrew which is on the altar. Gay banners proclaiming "Rejoice" and "Live" can stay on the walls so far as Sidney Booth, president of the Jewish congregation is concerned.

Inside the church, an office is being prepared for use by the rabbi, adjacent to the vicar's office. Both congregations will use the same office for their respective secretaries. Other maintenance expenses will be shared, pro-rata.

Rabbi Mehlman has expressed an attitude which indicates the atmosphere of the arrangement: "I am firmly opposed to Bill's (the rector) dampening his Christian spirit, just as I should not become a watered down Jew."

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

World Council of Churches' rehabilitation plans for flood-ravaged East Pakistan include the building of three new villages housing 1,800 families. The Rev. Alan Brash, head of the WCC's Division of Interchurch-Aid, Refugee and World Service, said the villages will cost about \$750,000. Some 240 Protestant and Orthodox Churches holding Council membership are asked to provide the funds. Former bamboo huts will be replaced by simple two-room concrete houses with reinforced roofs, said Mr. Brash, and villages will be protected by sea embankments and forest belts. Each village replaced will be provided with fishing and agricultural equipment and livestock.

**Dr. Robert V. Moss, one of three Protestant leaders of denominations which accredit chaplains, said following the trio's recent visit in South Vietnam with 250 of the 390 chaplains serving the area that chaplains there are doing an impressive job working with morale problems, drug addiction and racism among the U.S. troops. Dr. Moss reported being "much impressed" by the attitude of villagers in the McKong Delta toward the four-man military assistance teams there. "My impression is that the Community Defense and Development Program is doing more to win Vietcong and other dissident South Vietnamese over to the present government . . . than is military superiority."**

Religious News Service reports that "a small, timid step toward new directions in American ecumenism was taken by the policy-making General Bd. of the Nat'l. Council of Churches" meeting in Louisville recently. Hours of talk involved an "Ecui-Modal" plan to convert the Council into a less centralized and more broadly-based organization. The restructured agency envisions participation by non-NCC member Protestant bodies—such as the Southern Baptists—and possibly Roman Catholics. The proposal would "replace the centrally-governed and tightly-coordinated NCC with decentralized, virtually autonomous ecumenical instrumentalities."

**"Pious" people having devotional orientations show less prejudice than other members of their social class, according to a sociological survey released by Dr. Thomas C. Campbell of the Chicago Theological Seminary and Dr. Yoshio Fukuyama of Penn. State University. The survey among 8,000 members of the United Church of Christ revealed that the most involved laymen in the United Church were found to be persons who were former Presbyterians and Methodists. A devotional style of participation in the church, said the sociologists, "presents an important prescription for the life of the churches in our time."**

"We must turn from a 'how' oriented society to a 'why' oriented people," declared Kansas United Methodist Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe during the opening session of the annual Bd. of Education meeting in Nashville. The Sunday school and the church related college, two major concerns of the Board, are faced with possible death, the bishop said—"Until the answer is clear of why I should send my child to Sunday school or why I should support a church-related college we're going to have trouble." Stowe said the church must be at the center of society creating a value system which speaks to issues such as peace, human life values, racism, hunger, poverty and ecology. He urged Christian educators to give to their day a theology of hope rooted both in the past and future.

More and more Episcopal Church clergy may have to support themselves while serving churches in the Diocese of Minnesota, Bishop Philip F. McNairy told delegates in the diocese's annual convention. He revealed that the diocese now has nearly 50 clergymen who make their living in secular fields or in specialized ministries. The bishop said he would encourage men in seminary to equip themselves with dual skills and for self-support. He urged that lay people be trained to assume many of the roles in which clergy function.

**The General Bd. of the Church of the Nazarene approved a record 1971 budget and appointed 18 new missionaries at its annual meeting in Kansas City, Mo. It was also announced that the board will open Nazarene work in Singapore, Indonesia, Ecuador and the Bahamas in '71. Other actions included approval of 10 per cent increases in missionary salaries, and establishment of a pension plan for pastors. First checks will be issued in April to about 500 retired clergymen.**

The American Broadcasting Co. has produced a special 10-week series of television programs on "Religion in America Today." The half-hour programs are scheduled for broadcast Feb. 28 through May 16, except for April 4 and 11 when the series will be interrupted for special Easter and Passover programs. "This series is the most ambitious, sustained TV study of the contemporary religious spirit at the grassroots ever presented," according to a spokesman. ABC has produced the special series for its continuing "Directions" program in cooperation with visual and audio agencies of the Nat'l. Council of Churches, the Catholic Church, the Jewish Theological Seminary of America, and the Southern Baptist denomination.

**Evangelist John Haggai, Southern Baptist clergyman, will officiate at the opening of his new international headquarters in Singapore—a foreign mission base which it is hoped will generate 487-million "Asian contacts" by 1976. He explained that "a growing nationalism in non-Eastern, non-white nations combines with an increasing resentment against American paternalism (whether imaginary or real) to close doors to American ideology." Haggai said, "Evangelism International is seeking to deal with the growing crisis in foreign missions . . . the missionary effort is not dying, but it is changing—radically." The ministry of EI is to train national Christians through a series of seminars to become missionaries in their own lands.**

A set of guidelines for writers of church literature has been adopted by the Sunday School Bd. of the Southern Baptist Convention. The guidelines acknowledge "the possibility of more than one interpretation of certain Scripture passages, theological doctrines, and current issues." However, they add, "utmost care and discretion shall be used by writers and editors when presenting interpretations and opinions not generally held by Southern Baptists, whether these be in the area of the Bible, theology, ethics, science or current social questions." The 21-page statement was prepared by Howard P. Colson, editorial secretary of the Sunday School Bd.

The Rev. Paul E. McCoy, Wilmington, Del., president of a recently organized group of 14 inner city Methodist churches, said most of them "can't go it alone" and need the support and help of fellow churchmen in the suburbs. He appealed to suburban churches to establish "yoked" relationships with inner city congregations which urgently need assistance.

**People are still starving on the Ganges Delta of East Pakistan, struck by the Nov. 14 cyclone and tidal wave, according to a Minneapolis man who went as a volunteer to investigate the situation. "It is impossible to give these millions enough food, shelter, medicine and clothing," reported William G. Fisher, consultant for Lutheran Brotherhood (fraternal insurance society), on his return from an eight-day boat trip into the disaster area. Mr. Fisher urged that residents of the Delta be relocated in an area away from this zone visited by disastrous cyclones on the average of every five years. The land is losing its fertility and engineers told him it would be impossible to build dikes that could withstand the tidal waves.**

Terence Cardinal Cooke's recent appeal for a "substantial" state aid program for non-public schools has been sharply challenged by the Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty (PEARL). PEARL has called on the N.Y. State Legislature to reject "all bills aimed at giving public funds to non-public schools." William Haddad, co-chairman of the 29-member organization, said "We see an all-out campaign to distribute untold millions of dollars of public funds to parochial schools, as if the strict prohibition against such aid were not there at all." "Private and parochial schools have a place in American education and in a free society. But they have no call on the public purse for support," Haddad said.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, issues an appeal to religious leaders throughout the world to intercede on behalf of American prisoners of war in Southeast Asia. With Dr. Preus (center), as he issues his call at a Washington, D.C., press conference, are, left to right; Mrs. Bobby Vinson, whose husband is missing in action; Air Force Col. Norris M. Overly, one of the first POWs released by North Vietnam; Dr. Preus; Army Major James N. Rowe, who escaped from the Vietcong after almost six years of captivity; and Mrs. Kevin J. McManus, whose husband is a prisoner of war in North Vietnam. (RNS Photo)



# 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. 21—Sunday	John 11:1-26
Feb. 22	Luke 15:1-10
Feb. 23	Luke 19:1-10
Feb. 24	John 12:32-36
Feb. 25	John 12:46-50
Feb. 26	John 14:1-6
Feb. 27	John 15:12-17
Feb. 28—Sunday	John 20:21-31

## CHOIR APPRECIATION DINNER AT FORREST CITY

A musical decorative theme was carried out on Wednesday night, January 27, when members of the Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church in Forrest City were honored at an Appreciation Dinner. Wesleyan Service Guild members were hosts to the event, as they have been for several consecutive years.

Seated at the head table were James E. Justiss, choir director, and Mrs. Justiss, Mrs. Herman Young, church organist, and Mr. Young, and Mrs. Rodney Wylds, Guild president.

Fifty-two guilders and choir members attended the buffet. After dinner the weekly choir rehearsal and monthly Guild meeting were held in separate sessions.

## WIDOW KNITS FOR CHILDREN'S HOME

A brighter Christmas for children of the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock was made possible by the efforts of Mrs. Grace E. Teter of Murray. Mrs. Teter knit 30 sweaters for the smaller children in a variety of styles and colors. Some were short-sleeved, some pull-overs and some cardigans. Many were two and three-toned in stripes and patterns. The Jasper Women's Society of Christian Service raised \$2.25 per sweater to pay for the yarn. Mrs. Teter is a widow who occupies many hours knitting for friends and family.

## 53 OFFICIALS HONORED AT WESLEY CHURCH, TULSA

Fifty-three officials of Wesley United Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, were presented certificates of appreciation at Sunday services, January 31. The service was led by the Rev. C. G. Tillmon, pastor. The program included expressions of thanks from the Rev. E. L. Stewart, former district superintendent, Curley Higgens, representing youth, and Mrs. Viola Hertz, representing adults. The Rev. I. A. Pointer, former pastor, was a guest, with the 75 members, at the meal which followed. Phineas Thompson climaxed the evening with an original poem "Give It the Best You've Got."

THE REV. STEVE AVERITT has joined the staff of Oak Forest United Methodist Church, Little Rock, as youth worker. A student at UALR, Steve is the son of Mrs. L. W. Averitt and the late Rev. L. W. Averitt. He was recently licensed to preach. The Oak Forest pastor is the Rev. W. A. Stewart, Jr.

THE REV. AND MRS. JAMES G. SMITH of Route 1, Fort Smith, were recent patients in the Methodist Hospital in Memphis, where he had two major operations and she received treatment.

ONE HUNDRED CATHOLIC and Methodist Young people from the Little Rock metropolitan area participated in a recent ecumenical youth service at Fort Roots Veterans Administration Hospital chapel. Young people from Markham Church, Little Rock, joined the folk group from the Air Base and Catholic youth organizations of St. Mary's and St. Ann's Catholic churches in singing religious music in a liturgical setting. The Rev. John Workman is the Markham pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, SPRINGDALE, is preparing for a Lay Witness Mission on February 26-28. Mr. and Mrs. Rex Pettijohn from Stigler, Okla., will serve as co-ordinators, and Dr. and Mrs. Oscar Kimbrough are serving as local chairmen. The Rev. Clint M. Atchley is the pastor.

THOMAS A. FOWLER, a businessman from Dallas, Tex. was the co-ordinator for the Lay Witness Mission held at First Church, Hamburg, January 29-31. Gordon Hennington was the local chairman. The Rev. Virgil Bell is the pastor.

DR. WILLIAM O. SCROGGIN, director of public relations for Philander Smith College, was the guest preacher at Holiday Hills United Methodist Church, January 31. The Rev. Tom J. Cowan is the pastor.

THE SMACKOVER CHURCH surprised the pastor and family, the Rev. and Mrs. Albert Elder and son, Terry, at the recent family pot-luck supper. Following the meal, each Elder was presented a gift from the church membership in appreciation of their service to the church and community. Benny Taylor gave the invocation. Upon returning home, the Elder family found an old-fashioned pounding from the members.

## CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to announce the birth of a son, Jerrod Ray, to Mr. and Mrs. George Hozendorf of Memphis, Tenn. on Sunday, February 14. Proud grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. C. Ray Hozendorf of Little Rock and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Crum of Stuttgart.

GARDNER MEMORIAL United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, has employed Jay Holsted as youth director and assistant to the pastor. Mr. Holsted is a senior ministerial student at Hendrix College and is married to the former Martha Brown. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Holsted of North Little Rock. Mr. Holsted will begin at Gardner on March 14, working part-time with the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor. After graduation, he will work full time.

THE REV. WORTH GIBSON, pastor of First U. M. Church Jonesboro, will be the preacher for revival services at First Church, Jacksonville, the week of February 21. The Rev. Bob Edwards is the pastor.

THE HARTFORD, HACKETT and Midland Youth Fellowships had a joint meeting on Sunday, January 31, at Hartford to view a film on "The Pros and Cons of Marijuana." A group discussion was held the following Sunday. The Rev. Roger E. Glover is pastor of the Hartford Charge.

DR. WALTER R. HAZZARD, president of Philander Smith College, will be the guest preacher at First Church, Jonesboro, on February 21. The choir from the college will furnish special music for the second service. The service marks the beginning of Brotherhood Week. The pastor is the Rev. Worth Gibson.

GUESTS WHO COMPOSED the panel which led the first session of the study "How the Word Gets Around" at Winfield United Methodist Church, Little Rock, February 7, were: Bob Hicks, Channel 11 TV personality; Bob McCord, editor of the editorial page of The Arkansas Democrat; and Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist. The Rev. J. Edward Dunlap is the pastor.

# NEWS and NOTES

THE MARVELL CHARGE, Helena District, will have a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of February 19-21. Dudley Rinehart of Benton is the coordinator. Eldon Douglas is general chairman of local arrangements. The Rev. Lowell Eaton is the pastor.

A YOUTH WITNESS MISSION has been scheduled for the weekend of February 19 in the First United Methodist Church of Morrilton. Rich Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma is to be the coordinator. The Rev. Harold H. Spence is the pastor.

THE DELUCE-PRAIRIE UNION United Methodist Church is holding a revival this week, February 14 through 19. The Rev. Robert Irvin, pastor at St. Charles and Pleasant Grove, is the revival speaker each night at 7:15. The Rev. Loyd A. Perry is pastor.

BILL BURNETT, Arkansas Razorback star who is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the speaker for the Father-Son Banquet of the Methodist Men of First Church, Springdale, February 9. The Rev. Clint M. Atchley is the pastor.

E. H. "TANK" HARRISON, Memphis police officer, was the speaker for the February 9 meeting of the Batesville Area Methodist Men, meeting in First Church, Batesville.

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# REPORT NO. 3

## 1971 Circulation Campaign

### ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

	New	Renewal	Not Due	Total
Amity:Hemund	4	23		27**
Arkadelphia - First:Miles	7	56	9	72
St. Andrews-Hollywood:Adkinson				
Bismarck Ct.:Dunaway	1	10		11
Dalark Ct.:Rogers	6	37		43**
Delight Ct.:Hunter	1	21	1	23**
Glenwood-Aldersgate:Smith	3	41		44**
Gurdon:Fair	7	38		45
Hot Springs - First:Ivy	19	40	3	62
Grand Ave.:Hale	15	34		49
Oaklawn:Arnold	7	26		33
Pullman Hts:Hoover	1	10		11
Okolona Ct.:Hankins	9	30		39
Piney Grove:Fogle	3	3		6
Hot Springs - Gardner-New Salem:				
Barron	5	9	2	16
Sparkman-Mascedonia:Elder				
Mt. Pine-GumSpgs. Botteron	1	6		7*
Hot Springs-Tigert-Morning Star:				
Star:		7	1	8
Fountain Lake:Hoover				
Shorewood Hills Ct.:Langley	4	17		21
Malvern-Keith-Butterfield:Akin	36	19		55**
St. Paul:Nation	3	14	2	19
First:Ashcraft	25	86	2	113
Mt. Ida-Oden Ct.:Bailey				
Murfreesboro-Japan:Brent	7	42	1	50**
Totals	164	569	21	754

### CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden-Thornton:Richardson	1	94		95***
Bradley:Jester	3	17		20
Buckner Ct.:Walshall	1	2		3
Camden-First: Dodson	32	88		120
Fairview:Abney	10	236		246***
Timothy-Buena Vista:Graham	3	23		26
St. Mark:Smith				
Westside: Miller	17	1		18
Chidester Ct.:Bailey	4	23		27
Columbia Ct.:McLean		1		1
El Dorado-Centennial-Rhodes:				
Haire		7		7
First:Murray	33	109	2	144
St. Paul:Connell	11	32	1	44
Vantrese:Hale	25	80	1	106**
Harmony Grove-Lakeside:				
Eckberg	9	22		31 *
Dumas-Lisbon:Green	1	14		15
Holly Springs:Warren	5	17	4	26
Huttig-Bolding:Jackson	1	8		9
Junction City:Wagner	1	30	1	32**
Lewisville Ct.:Walshall	6	45		51**
Magnolia First:Williams	23	93	6	122
Asbury:Swift	12	50		62
Greer's-McNeil:Taylor	6	10	1	17**
Magnolia Ct.:Burleson		14	1	15
Marrysville Ct.:Haustein	2	42		44**
Emerson Ct.:Clegg	4	7		11
Norphlet-Calion-Ebenezer:Robken	1	35	1	37*
Parker's Chapel-Bethel:Swaim	2	4		6
Pleasant Grove:Mathis	2	25		27*
Smackover:Alston	12	32	1	45
Liberty-Louann:Crain	5	5	1	11
Stamps:Johnson	3	49		52
Stephens:Hunter	3	30		33
Strong:Hays	2	5		7
Taylor-New Era:Diffie	5	27		32
Village Ct.:Roden	5	13		18
Waldo-Willisville:Ross	5	24		29
Welcome:Yates	8	6		14
Totals	263	1320	20	1603

### HOPE DISTRICT

Ashdown:Racop	3	34		37
Bingen Ct.:Bean				
Blevins Ct.: Rushing	4	25		29**
Brownstown Ct.				
DeQueen:Wilson	20	36		56
Dierks Parish:Mashburn	19	45		64**
Emmett Ct.:Miller	6	35	1	42
Foreman:Goode	1	26		27
Doddridge Ct.:Gantz		1		1
Garland:Beard		2		2
Hatfield Ct.:Lawrence & Harbeson	8	38	1	47
Hope:Steele	9	93		102
Horatio Ct.:Prothro	5	22	2	29
Lockesburg Ct.:Callicott	10	35		45**
Mena:White	8	31		39
Mt. View Ct.:Sirmon				
Mineral Springs Ct.:George	5	42		47

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Nashville Ct.:Trieschmann	13	58		71
Prescott First:Fincher	15	60	1	76**
Prescott Ct.:Downing	2	12	1	15
Rondo Ct.:Caldwell	4	7		11
Springhill Ct.:Robbins	4	45	3	52**
Texarkana - College Hill:Beard	9	33		42
First:Hallis	18	180	2	200**
Fairview:Hudnall	19	63		82**
Few Mem:Barron	3	16	1	20
Washington Ct.:Jones				
Totals	184	939	12	1135

### LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Austin:Poss	10	30	1	41
Benton First:Hollenbeck	14	40	1	55
Parkview:Grogan	20	30		50*
New Hope-Mt. Carmel:Diffie	1	18		19
Bryant:VanHook				
Carlisle:Martin	12	42		54
DesArc-New Bethel:Ruth	7	30	1	38
Hamilton:Martin	4	11		15
Little Rock - Western Hills:				
Robertson	18	32	1	51
Geyer Springs:Diffie	12	35		47
St. James:Phillips	35	52		87****
Asbury:Harris	15	45		60
Capitol View:Hamm	3	22		25
First:Bearden		1147		1142****
St. Paul : Scott	4	61	3	68
Henderson:Bone	5	18	1	24
Highland:Stephens	13	62		75
Hunter:Kerr		41		41
Galloway Mem:McCulloch	2	3		5
Oak Forest:Stewart	93	60		153
Pulaski Heights:Argue		1		1
St. Luke:DeBlack	13	46		59
Trinity:Taylor	7	17	2	26
St. Andrew:Nolley	4	10		14
Winfield:Dunlap		104		104
Markham St.:Workman	7	23		30
Hazen-DeValls Bluff:Holland	13	47	1	61
Hickory Plains Ct.:Efird				
Lonoke:Clayton	7	44		51
Mabelvale:Hines	8	17		25
Mt. Pleasant:Bolin				
Mt. View-Martindale:Sewell	3	13		16*
Primrose:Kilgore	13	24		37
Pride Valley:Hart	8	2	2	12**
Salem-Congo:Williams	1	35	2	38
Sardis-Bethel:Monroe	7	18		25
Traskwood-Ebenezer:Lightfoot	8	14	1	23*
Woodlawn Ct.:Eagle	4	14		18
Totals	370	2208	16	2594

### MONTICELLO DISTRICT

College Hts. -Green Hill-Waller's:				
Ogden		4		4
Crossett - First:Norton	21	52		73
Dermott - First:Cross	3	19	3	25
Dumas:Simpson	5	174		179***
Eudora:Johnson	10	30		40**
Fordyce:Matthews	10	48		58
Fordyce Parish:Matthews	1	16	1	18**
Gould:Jones	2	5		7
Hamburg:Bell	13	25		38
Hampton:Harrell:Ford	1	37		38
Hermitage Ct.:Claiborne	6	23		29
Ashley-Drew Ct.:Ward				
Warren - Trinity Ct.:Scott		2		2
Lake Village-Montrose:Tanner	6	92		98***
McGehee-Ark. City:Garner	7	193		200***
Wesley:Cross				
Monticello - First:Elliot	12	50	1	63
Kingsland Ct.:Turner	8	40		48**
Portland:Bonds				
Star City Ct.:Jones	3	23		26
Tiller Ct.:Poss	7	49		56**
Warren - First-Good Hope:Meyer	8	59		67
Watson:Arnold	6	21		27
Wilmar Ct.:Barker	2	9		11
Parkdale-Miller Chapel:Williams		22		22**
Wilmot:Bonds				
Totals	131	994	5	1130

### PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Almyra-DeLuce-Prairie Union:				
Perry		26	2	28**
Alzheimer-Wabbaseka:Shaddox	8	55	2	65**
Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner:				
Pearce	10	74		84***

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Carthage Ct.:Scott	3	24		27
DeWitt-Prairie View:Masters	32	60	2	94*
England-Keo:Sadler	10	74		84**
Gillett-Camp Shed:Richardson	6	41		47
Pine Bluff - Good Faith-Sulphur Springs:Riggin	3	33		36
Grady-Trinity:Hansford	4	23		27
Humphrey-Humnoke:Workman	8	10		18
Leola:Edwards	4	30		34
Pine Bluff - Carr Mem:Matthew	6	30		36
First:Lindsay	40	160		200
Hawley Mem:Walker	10	45	2	57**
Lakeside:Thomason	6	42		48
St. Luke-Center Grove:Wilson	6	24		30
Whitehall-Redfield:Lea	4	34		38
Wesley:Regnier	5	27		32
Rison-Mt. Carmel:Averitt				
Roe Ct.:Richert	2	34		36**
Rowell Ct.:Lowry	3	17		20
Sheridan:Wilson	4	55	1	60
Sherrill-Tomberlin-Tucker:				
Patton		23		23
St. Charles-Pl. Grove:Irvin		28		28**
Stuttgart - First:Beck	11	111		122**
Grand Ave.:Mulkey	39	84		123**
Totals	224	1164	9	1397

### BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Batesville - Asbury:LeGrand	10	36		46**
Central:Casteel	4	16		20
First:Brannon	19	47	3	69
Antioch Ct.:Jones	5	12		17
Bald Knob-Hopewell-Russell:				
Watson	4	17		21
Beebe:Cook	6	33		39
Bradford Ct.:Masters	1	22		23
Cabot:Savage	6	39	3	48
Calico Rock:Davis		14		14
Calico Rock Ct.:Long				
Cave City Ct.:Martin				
Clinton:Rentfroe	1	46	2	49
Quitman:Strayhorn	6	13	1	20
Concord Ct.:Woodall	3	14		17
Dennard-Shirley:Shell		6		6
Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	7	15	2	24
Desha Ct.:Watts	5	22	1	28
Griffithville Ct.:Cook	17	39		56**
Heber Springs:Hughes				
Judsonia:Hunter	12	12		24
Holiday Hills:Cowan	6	23		29***
Kensett-McRae:Daniel	1	36		37**
Moorefield-Southside:Ernest		33		33**
Moorefield Ct.:Mason	2	11		13
Moorefield B:Thomas	33	4		37
Melbourne Parish:Kelly	5	22		27
Mt. Home Parish:Womack	14	31	3	48
Mt. View:Hawkins	5	18		23
Newark:Wilson	1	25		26**
Marshall-Leslie:English	3	20	3	26
Pangburn Ct.:Hook	7	19		26*
Salem-Viola:Bounds	10	39	1	50
Searcy - First:Mann	55	62		117
Grace:Barton	3	36	1	40*
Horseshoe Bend:Ford	7	10		17
Totals	258	792	20	1070

### CONWAY DISTRICT

Atkins-Pottsville:Pollard	13	29		42
Belleville-Havana:Savage		1		1
Conway - First:Jordan	14	64	9	87
Wesley-Vilonia:Cordell	4	27		31
Greenbrier Chg.:Wingo	6	25	1	32
Salem:Brumley	10	17	1	28***
Danville-Waltreak:Atkins	5	51	3	59**
Dardanelle-First:Crozier	20	46	5	71
Jacksonville:Edwards	27	35		62
McArthur Drive-Bethel:				
Bridenthal	6	7	2	15***
Mayflower Chg.Armstrong		4		4
Morrilton - First:Spence	16	112	3	131**
Morrilton Ct.:Mooney	9	25		34**
North Little Rock-Amboy:				
Kennedy	18	62		80**
First:Conyers	36	109	5	150
Gardner:Villines	54	145	2	201**
Rose City-Beacon:Mitchell	9	13		22
Lakewood:Hays	22	43		65
Levy:Hammett	25	47		72
Sylvan Hills:Keith	4	13		17
Washington Ave.:Poyner	4	42		46
Indian Hills:Teague	5	10		15

# 'News in Brief'

THE REV. ED MATTHEWS, Fordyce First United Methodist Church minister, was guest preacher for the Feb. 7-11 "Winter Week of Preaching" at Scott Memorial Church, Eudora. The Rev. Merle A. Johnson, Jr. is minister at the Eudora church. The evening series was built around broad concepts of the Epiphany Season—a time for commemorating the revealing of Jesus as the Christ to the Gentiles in the persons of the Magi at Bethlehem. Sermons emphasized the need for individuals to sense a fresh awareness of God's continuing mighty acts and to experience personal growth in this understanding.

FIRST CHURCH, BENTON, has recently heard two outstanding speakers as part of their mission emphasis. On Jan. 24 they heard Dr. Henry A. Lacy, executive secretary for India and Nepal of the United Methodist Board of Missions. On Jan. 31 the speakers were Dr. and Mrs. James E. McClendon, medical missionaries to India who have been supported in part by the Benton Church for a number of years. Dr. Ed Hollenbeck is the pastor.

BILL LEAVITT, advertising agency executive and former director of Methodist Information, was the leader for the February 14 session of the study of "How the Word Gets Around" at First U.M. Church, Fordyce.

THE REV. STACY OLLAR, JR., son of Mr. and Mrs. Stacy Ollar, Sr. of Bryant, Ark., and pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Wamego, Kansas, will accompany Bishop and Mrs. McFerrin Stowe of the Kansas Area and 28 other Kansas ministers on a 10 day tour of the Holy Land and Greece from March 3-12. The church has underwritten all the expenses for Mr. Ollar on this tour.

ASSOCIATE JUSTICE John A. Fogleman of the Arkansas State Supreme Court, was the speaker for the February 9 meeting of the Methodist Men of Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. The Rev. Roy E. Poyner is the pastor.

THE FEBRUARY session of the study "How the Word Gets Around" at First Church, Forrest City, was led by Dave Cupp who led in the consideration of television communication. Billy Cline is chairman for the study. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is the pastor.

GUEST LEADERS for the youth groups of Ashdown United Methodist Church on January 31 were the Rev. George Tanner, pastor of Lakeside United Methodist Church, Lake Village, who met with the Junior Highs, and the Rev. Palmer Garner, pastor of First Church, McGehee, who met with the Senior Highs. The Ashdown pastor is the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr.

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Ola-Plainview:Crossno	2	32		35
Perryville:Madison	11	23	1	34**
Oppelo:Jackson	6	16		22
Plumerville Ct.:Lee	2	21		23
Russellville-First:Ramsey	20	50		70
Wesley:McKay	3	8	1	12
Dover Ct.:Harmon	9	20		29*
Tri-County Parish		2		2
Totals	360	1099	33	1492

## FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bentonville Ct.:Lanier	13	48	1	62
Berryville:Stokes	5	15		20
Brightwater Parish:Welsh				
Elkins:Qualls	1	4		5
Decatur-Centerton:Burrow	1	25	1	27
Elm Springs - Harmon:King				
Eureka Springs:Whitfield	4	16		20
Farmington-Sequoyah:Canada				
Fayetteville-Central:Cooper	21	79	2	102
Trinity:Dark				
Wiggins:Hiiliard	9	21		30
Gentry:McClurkin	7	17		24
Goshen:Hathcock	3	1		4
Gravette-Sulphur Springs:Bruner	9	18	1	28
Green Forest-Alpena:Moyer	14	49		63**
Harrison-First:Connell	8	77		85
St. Paul's Ct.:McCammon	5	25		30
Lincoln-Morrow:Woods	6	33	3	42
Madison Co. Ct.:Hooker, Knapp	6	25		31
Jasper-Valley Springs:Rolland	8	16		24
Omaha-Bergman:Brown	1	1		2
Pea Ridge:Rentfro		10		10
Prairie Grove-Viney Grove: Paysinger				
Rogers-Central:McDonald	21	62	3	86
Siloam Springs:McCormick	8	37	3	48
Springdale-First:Atchley	5	106	5	116
Wesley-Mt. Hebron:Fiser	21	32		53
Harrison-St. Joe-Everton:Beck				
Winslow:Biazo				
Yellville Parish:Hays	2	19	1	22
Totals	179	736	20	935

## FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Aubrey-Lexa:Reed	2	19		21
Augusta:Wilson	8	34	2	44
Brinkley-Brasfield:Stallcup	6	43		49
Clarendon-Shiloh:Bruner	3	44		47
Cherry Valley:Price	7	46	1	54*
Colt Ct.:Davis	6	14		20
Cotton Plant-Hunter:Logan	6	39	1	46
Crawfordsville:Smith				
Earle:Wilson	4	28		32
Elaine Ct.:Breazeale	1	9		10
Forrest City-First:McSpadden	11	323		334****
Forrest Hills:Robison	7	5		12*
Helena - First:Beal	12	45		67
Holly Grove:Lancaster		21		21
Hughes:Sanford	1	15		16
Devew!Lee				
Marianna-Haynes:Parsons	3	57		60
Marion:Douglas	4	110		114****
Marvell:Eaton	2	12		14
McCrary-Fakes-Patterson:Brewer	5	55		60
Parkin:Anderson				
Vandale Ct.:Nance	4	37		41*
West Helena:Halton	5	28	1	34
West Memphis-First:Burleson	44	120		164**
Rosewood:Linam		1		1
Wheatley-Salem:Nichols	4	36		40**

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Widener-Round Pond:Hutto		20		20
Wynne:Golden	21	76	1	98
Totals	166	1237	6	1409

## FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Altus Parish:Wright	1	18	1	20
Alma-Bethel:Rogers	3	21		24
Booneville-First:Carter	8	61	2	71
Charleston-Branch:Hazelwood	5	33		38
Clarksville-First:Wilcox				
Ft. Smith-First:Bayliss		1270		1270****
Goddard:Richards	62	186		248**
Wyatt:Weir	12	36	2	50
Hendrix Hills:Hollis	1	8		9
Massard:Skelton	1	15		16
Midland Hts:Cruce	3	42		45
Wesley:Green	10	19		29
St. Paul:McKelvey	13	55		68
Cavanaugh-Bonanza:Powell				
Greenwood-Milltown	9	16	1	26
Hartford Ct.:Glover	4	12	2	18
Hartman Ct.:Matthews		25		25
New Hope-Kibler:Good		8		8
Lamar-Mt. Olive:Wilson				
Lavaco:Chaffin	10	16		26
Magazine:Nicholson				
Mansfield-Huntington:Holland	4	18		22
Mt. View:Byrd	3	14	1	18
Mulberry-First:Millard	3	22		25
Ozark-Cecil:Anderson	5	21		26
Paris-Coles Chapel:Hightower				
Prairie View Ct.:Sutherland	1	12	1	14
Van Buren-First:Chapman	12	34		46
City Hts. -Newberry:Lloyd				
St. John's:Cleary	12	21		33
Waldron-First:Clemmons	5	45		50**
Scott County Parish:Kleeb	2	25		27
Totals	189	2029	10	2228

## JONESBORO DISTRICT

Bay-Lunsford:Waters	5	29	1	35
Caraway-Black Oak:West	2	27		29
Blytheville-First:Keeley	45	427	29	501****
Lake Street:Johnson	17	24		41
Dell-Christ Church:Wilkinson	3	5		8
Bono Parish:Spurlock	11	25		36
Harrisburg-Pl. Valley:Orr	17	72	1	90**
Hickory Ridge-Tilton:Dorman	6	24		30
Joiner-Turrell-Gilmore:Feagan	4	40	1	45
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	24	497		521****
Huntington Ave.:Byers		1		1
Fisher:Holifield	7	41	1	49**
Nettleton-Brookland:Lawrence	6	23		29
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel:Byram	5	7	3	15
Lake City-Lake View:Kirkland		15		15
Leachville:Weatherford	2	17		19
Lepanto-Garden Point-Dyess: Van Cleve	4	25		29
Luxora-Keiser:Lawson	7	22	1	30
Manila:Dorman	9	33		42
Marked Tree:Wilder	16	65	1	82**
Monette-Macy:Pettit	8	17	2	27
Osceola:Sorrells	12	51	1	64
Trumann:Thompson				
Tyrone-Centerview:Yarbrough	4	32		36
Wilson:Linam	5	17		22
Weiner-Fisher:Lee	1	15		16
Promised Land:Kirkland	3	6		9

KEY  
\* reached quota  
\*\* exceeded quota  
\*\*\* doubled quota  
\*\*\*\* tripled quota

## RECAPITULATION

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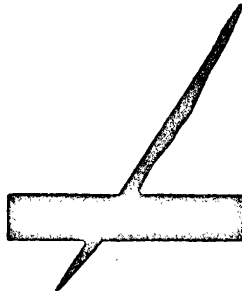
#### 1971 ARKANSAS METHODIST CAMPAIGN

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Per Cent
Jonesboro	230	1569	41	1840	1824	101
Monticello	131	994	5	1130	1124	101
Fort Smith	189	2029	10	2228	2468	90
Pine Bluff	224	1164	9	1397	1700	82
Forrest City	166	1237	6	1409	1775	79
Hope	184	939	12	1135	1517	75
Camden	263	1320	20	1603	2193	74
Little Rock	370	2208	16	2594	3604	72
Conway	360	1099	33	1492	2296	65
Batesville	258	792	20	1070	1849	58
Paragould	183	629	13	825	1487	55
Arkadelphia	164	569	21	754	1440	52
Fayetteville	179	736	20	935	1960	48
TOTAL	2901	15285	226	18412		

FEBRUARY 18, 1971

# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 28: Rich Toward God

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Matthew 6:19-34; Luke 12:13-21

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be yours as well. (Matthew 6:33)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To discover what Jesus taught about material possessions and their relationship to spiritual values; to find some guidelines for stewardship in our own lives.

On the troop transport on which I traveled to the South Pacific in 1943 there was an Australian civilian whom all of us came to know quite well during the 30-day journey from San Francisco to Brisbane. In our visits with him it became obvious that his native land had not made nearly so much material progress as the United States. However, he did not seem to be disturbed by that fact. When some of us would ask if he did not wish that Australia had as many symbols of material prosperity as our country, he answered, "No, you've paid too great a price for your material prosperity." Then he would cite the statistics for high blood pressure, heart failure, and some of the other by-products of our hectic search for things.

Our land is the wealthiest on earth, and yet we have discovered many things that our money cannot buy. We may have more television sets, and bathtubs, and automobiles than anybody else in the world, but we know that this does not keep us from also having the lead in other statistics which indicate that we have found neither happiness nor abundant living with our money.

In the midst of a situation in which some of his followers expressed unhappiness because he would not intervene in a family quarrel about money, Jesus told a story about a rich farmer who was so successful that he could think of nothing else but the construction of more and bigger barns to hold his accumulated wealth. This story of "the rich fool" is found in Luke 12: 13-21. As we consider this parable we will be thinking about the importance of keeping one's own ideas concerning things in proper perspective. Jesus talked a lot about money, because he knew how central it is in our thinking and in our way of life. He knew that the struggle for money and wealth is what consumes the lives of men and concerns the welfare of nations. He saw it as a major indicator of where a person's love and allegiance really are.

Concerning the story of the "rich fool," Dr. John Knox says in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "No incident in the Gospels brings into such vivid relief what is really the most characteristic feature of Jesus' ethical teaching—viz., its intense preoccupation with the absolute will of God, with an implied indifference to more immediate questions of casuistry." This reference is to Jesus' answer to the man who wanted him to intervene in a family dispute concerning an inheritance. He replied, "Who made me a judge or divider over you?" (Luke 12:14) The story which he told immediately thereafter shows that he was not nearly so indifferent to the question that was raised.

### THE SIN OF COVETOUSNESS

The backdrop against which the parable of the rich farmer was told is painted with the colors of covetousness. This is the poison which infiltrates so many men's thinking about possessions. It affects the rich and poor alike and destroys the souls of the "haves" and the "have nots" equally.

Luke tells us that a man stepped out of the

multitude and asked Jesus to settle a family feud concerning property. In this case, as in many others in the Gospels, Jesus sought to look beyond the immediate situation for an underlying cause of the problem. He knew that he was not a judge and he did not want to be one. He brushed aside the immediate occasion and looked into the basic background of covetousness. He saw that the man was not so concerned about justice as he was about getting something that he wanted very badly.

Have you ever noticed how often Jesus listened to a complaint and then turned and addressed his rebuke or correction to the complainant himself? Dr. John Knox says: "We may complain about one another to one another, if we want to, and with more or less justification; but there is no possibility of getting through to God with our complaints against others. Before God we are confessors, not complainants. Before God we are not judges, we are being judged."

As we re-examine what Jesus said about wealth we come to see that he never said that it was wrong to want to escape from poverty. He did not say that the desire for wealth is evil in itself. It is when we become covetous that trouble begins. Dr. Charles Laymon has characterized covetousness in these words: "We want what we want when we want it regardless of how our wanting affects others. Then desire becomes sheer selfishness and negative egotism."

### THE WEALTHY MAN AND HIS BARN

After refusing to intervene in the man's dispute with his brother concerning property, Jesus said, "Take heed, and beware of all covetousness, for a man's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." And then he told them a parable.

He tells of a successful farmer who was destroyed by his success. He appears to have come by his wealth honestly and by hard work. His fields simply yielded an increasing abundance. We are not told that he took land that was not his own or that he defrauded or cheated any man. Nor are we told that he was miserly or anti-social. He was just like many farmers we have known—everything he touched seemed to turn to money. He became very busy in the endless round of building one barn after another to store his crops. He was absorbed by what he owned. As Dr. George Buttrick says in *The Parables of Jesus*, "The essential 'within' of his nature was swallowed by the world 'without'."

It is clear that in this story Jesus is challenging an accepted standard of values. It is one that he has challenged in every generation, and he continues to do so today. He is denying that it is possible to achieve security by amassing property. As one of the commentators puts it, furnishing us with our title for today's lesson, "One becomes secure only by being rich toward God."

At the heart of Jesus' challenge concerning riches is the affirmation that man cannot serve possessions and God at the same time. "Man cannot serve God and mammon." He saw no possibility for compromise in this matter. He believed that a man must keep things at their distance. He must be in the material world and make his witness there, but he must not let it dominate him.

A man is reported to have once said to his neighbor: "Neighbor, you are so tightfisted God himself couldn't pry your hand open to put a blessing in it." This was the kind of man Jesus was talking about.

### KEEPING THINGS AT A DISTANCE

We are being told repeatedly these days that we make a mistake when we divide the world into secu-

lar and sacred compartments. What this means is that we cannot compartmentalize the areas in which God is at work, because he has made the material resources just as he has made the surroundings for worship and spiritual nurture.

However, Jesus was telling his listeners that a man must keep things at their distance. He must say to his possessions: "You are not my life. You can never be my life. There is a gulf set between you and me." The rich man in our story thought so persistently and with such concentration about his goods that the line of distinction between him and his was erased.

Unless we keep things and persons at a distance we will be destroyed as was the rich farmer. The kind of world in which we live makes this difficult. Jesus made God and human personality the supreme objects of devotion. His interests were primarily in worth and not in use. If we are dominated by things we cannot be as appreciative of persons as we should be. Dr. George Harkness has said, "The thing-centered nature of our environment crops out everywhere in the tendency to judge the desirability of a vocation or position by probable income, to judge successful living by the acquisition of material comforts, to judge the attractiveness of recreation by the things advertised on every billboard."

### WHERE YOUR TREASURE IS?

At the heart of any philosophy of stewardship is the question of priorities. More important than the proportion of our means we bring to the support of God's kingdom is the concept of ownership which we have concerning all our possessions. "Where your treasure is, there will your heart be also," said Jesus, recognizing a fundamental trait of human nature.

John Wesley had a three-fold formula which he shared with his followers concerning wealth. He told them to get all they could believing that each individual had a responsibility to himself and God which meant he should use his abilities to their full capacity. Then he told them to save all they could—he was a great believer in thrift. Finally he said, "Now, if, whilst you get all you can and save all you can, you do not give all you can, then you are tenfold more the child of hell than you were before." The trouble with the rich fool in the parable was that he could not keep his perspective as he amassed more wealth.

Materialism will always destroy the finer things within us. This has become a greater menace as the years have passed and it has become possible for us to reach out after more and more things. Dr. William H. Kilpatrick spoke of a moral and spiritual lag among those who are caught up in the amassing of treasure on earth. He said, "Increasing material powers are not safe except with proportionately improving character."

The choice is simple. Every man must decide where his treasure will be. On the basis of that decision will depend the outcome of this life and the next. You cannot say your treasure is in heaven, and then give your life to the things of earth.

### TESTED BY OUR POSSESSIONS

Are we tested by our possessions as some one has said? The New Testament tells us in many places that some Christians are entrusted with much wealth and reveal their nature in the manner in which they handle it. Lon A. Speer says in *Adult Leader*: "The Christian treats his possessions as a trust from God . . . His conscientious stewardship involves not only sharing with his fellow man but preserving his God-given heritage for subsequent generations. Alert to the necessity of protecting earth's riches, he guards against waste, abuse, or pollution. Whatever he holds or oversees as his own he uses as an expression of love for God and man in the fulfillment of God's purpose."

Is the certain "rich man" our acquisitive generation? Can we hear the gentle Jesus becoming divinely indignant and saying, "Thou fool?"

By clear statement and in story form Jesus has given us the outline of a proper attitude toward God and wealth. True wealth consists in the final analysis of a faith in Jesus Christ that will stand through the tests of this life, and insure eternal life with God.



# Three quadrennial study groups move closer to reports

by Robert Lear and John Lovelace

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Three quadrennial study commissions of the United Methodist Church expect to have their reports to the 1972 General Conference ready early that year, the groups agreed in a joint meeting here January 27-29.

The bodies reviewing the structure of the general boards and agencies, the statement of social principles of the denomination, and the theology, doctrine and doctrinal standards also will continue to check their progress with each other, as well as the church at large.

Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the Social Principles Commission who presided at the joint meeting, said that he didn't know of a time in the church's history when "so many study groups are seeking the opinion of the people of the church."

Progress reports on the work of the three groups was made in a joint session, and in separate work periods.

It was announced that the report of the Theological Commission in 1972 probably will be in several parts. The Rev. Albert C. Outler of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, is chairman of the group.

One would be a statement of the place of doctrinal formulation in the history of the United Methodist Church, and another would be a short statement on the theological norms and central emphases of United Methodism.

The commission probably will recommend also that such a commission be continued through the 1972-76 quadrennium and, among other things, prepare "short, illustrative statements on . . . the contemporary situation in the light of United Methodist concern for faithfulness to Scripture, tradition, experience and reason, and of pressing current personal and social issues."

Other reports at the joint session revealed that the Social Principles Commission has agreed on a draftsman for the document they will submit in 1972, and that the Structure Commission is considering grouping functions of the church performed at the general level into five clusters with a number of work units in each.

The writer, who had his second meeting with the Social Principles Commission's executive committee here, is the Rev. Alan Geyer, editor of *The Christian Century* and a member of the Northern New Jersey Annual Conference.

Dr. Geyer is a former professor of political science and, before joining the *Century* in 1968, was director of international relations for the United Church of Christ's Council for Christian Social Action. Earlier in the quadrennium, he served as a consultant to the Structure Study Commission.

Bishop Thomas emphasized that Dr. Geyer has been retained only as the author of a first draft.

"Whatever document we submit to the 1972 General Conference will be from this entire commission," he said.

A timetable adopted by the group here allows for at least two sessions by the executive committee, one by the entire 32-member commission, and others by additional church leaders to review drafts prepared by Dr. Geyer. The first review of a completed first draft is scheduled for April 21.

The writer presented the first two sections in a proposed seven-section statement under the working title "The Church for the World." The first section, in prose poem couplet form, received essentially favorable response from the commissioners and was read aloud as a benediction to the session.

It also was announced that some 200 responses from individual and local churches to study papers and other published work of the commission to date had been received. These ranged from one-paragraph statements to one seminary's term paper, and several were multi-page documents, including one unanimously adopted by a local church's administrative board.

"The more I look at these reports," said Bishop Thomas, the more impressed I am with the process of the local church."

"We have kept good faith with the authors of these reports by carefully and responsibly reviewing each of the papers."

Bishop Thomas said the final document will seek to be "the highest expression of freedom" and that it could be supplemented by specific resolutions by the 1972 General Conference or any subsequent General Conference.

Most of the work time of the Structure Study Commission headed by the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick of Evanston, Ill., was spent in drafting a tentative cluster structure for the grouping of

functions performed at the general church level.

As developed here and released to the church for discussion and reaction during the next two months, the clusters are in five areas—Disciple Formation, Outreach, Parish and Conference Services, Communications, and Support Services.

Specific functions were not definitely assigned to the clusters, but task forces will be at work between now and the commission's meeting in late March to define the work to be done within each cluster and propose work units required to accomplish the functions.

The task forces will be made up of study commissioners and staff and board members of the present general agencies of the church.

As discussed here, the clusters would encompass inter-related functions and define fields of programmatic activity which would be performed at the work unit level.

Each work unit would be directed by a policy and guidance committee of nine to 25 members chosen in such a way as to provide a balance of viewpoint and special skills. Each cluster would have a commission of 15 to 25 members, including at least one member from each work unit policy and guidance committee.

Work unit staffs would be headed by a director. Each cluster would have a president as the chief executive officer and an administrator, but except for clerical assistance there would be no other staff at the cluster level.

After extended discussion, the structure commissioners decided to tentatively rename what they had been calling the proposed General Council. The term Council on Ministries and

Administration (CMA) is deemed to be more descriptive of its functions.

Its responsibilities and membership were retained much the same as before, but it was agreed that cluster administrators would be chosen for one-year terms to serve as CMA secretary.

Dr. Kirkpatrick stressed that all decisions made here were tentative and will be subject to review at the group's next session March 30-31 in New Orleans, La., in light of task force findings and other discussions.

The three study commissions were established by the 1968 Uniting Conference for the United Methodist Church and were asked to report to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

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## News in Brief

A new directory of United Methodist-related health and welfare agencies has been published by the church's Health and Welfare Certification Council. It gives detailed information on 334 agencies that in 1970 served more than 3,000,000 persons and gave almost \$37,863,663 in free services.

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The United Church of Christ in Japan continues to be the largest Protestant denomination in that country, according to 1971 statistics, with 205,051 members. The church represents a merger of Protestant denominations and is related to several churches in North America, including the United Methodist Church. Total Christian population in Japan is put at 1,069,576.

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## A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

### 12. Organizing for Mission a. The Parish

As we take a look at the parish organization proposed in the Plan of Union we need to keep two things in mind: we have had parishes made up of "one or more congregations" all through our Methodist history, and the district which would have authority to set the boundaries and composition of the parishes corresponds to our annual conference which has had a similar function.

A unique feature of the Plan is the inclusion of "task forces," groups organized for limited times for action on specific ministries and projects.

We should emphasize that a parish map consist of a single congregation when the district so determines. However, it appears from the language of Chapter VIII of the Plan that the intention is for strong and weak congregations to be linked together in parishes in order that there may be a sharing of resources. It also seems that the parishes will not necessarily be made up of congregations that are contiguous to each other.

The business affairs of the parish shall be conducted by a parish council which shall be elected annually at a meeting of the members of the parish. This does not sound like too great a departure from the Charge Conference of the United Methodist Church. The Minister of the Parish shall function as the chief executive officer, but the presiding officer of the council shall be a moderator elected annually. Employees of the parish will not be eligible for election as moderator.

All members of the church—lay persons, presbyters, bishops, and deacons—shall be members of a parish. (This is a change for United Methodists since our ministers hold membership in the annual conference rather than the parish, and the bishops hold membership in the Council of Bishops.)

The parish council shall consist of the ordained ministers who are members of the staff of the parish, and not fewer than three other members elected by the members of the parish. There must be at least two lay members for each ordained minister, each congregation is to be represented, and care is to be taken that racial and ethnic minorities, women, and youth are represented.

A three-fold responsibility of the parish shall be to: (a) participate in the mission effort of the whole church, (b) provide for the nurture of its members and for their effectiveness in mission through worship, education, pastoral care, supporting fellowship, and witness and service in the world, and (c) conduct a ministry of loving service and reconciliation in the community.

The program at the local level may be conducted by a single parish, or by two or more parishes jointly, or ecumenically. It shall include such traditional elements as worship, Christian education, and evangelism, as well as new elements which may be developed for witness and service.

The parish council shall conduct the business affairs of the parish and shall hold the property in the name of the parish corporation or trustees. However, the property shall be held for the benefit of the whole church. Should a parish be dissolved, all of its property shall be and become the property of the district. (May we again remind our readers that "district" in the proposed church corresponds to the present annual conference.)

A great deal of flexibility would be granted the parish so far as structures are concerned. The Plan states: "Each parish shall continuously review the functional relationship between its structures and its mission. It shall establish, change, or eliminate structures as needs arise or conditions of life require. It shall also make recommendations to the district regarding similar changes needed in the recommendations of the church beyond the parish."

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### "CONTACT" BECOMES PRIVATE CORPORATION

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — CONTACT, a national, ecumenical crisis telephone counseling service related administratively to the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, has become a private corporation.

According to the Rev. Ross W. Whetstone, CONTACT executive director and a Board of Evangelism staff member, the new foundation to be known as CONTACT Teleministry Incorporated will operate partially with funds provided by the Lilly Foundation for the first three years. Other grants are expected from foundations and denominational agencies. By 1973 he said the corporation hopes to be self-sustaining with an office and full-time director.

The pattern for the telephone counseling ministry was established in 1963 in Sydney, Australia by Methodist minister Alan Walker using the name "Life Line."

The first center opened under the

### DR. PIERCE NAMED CHAIRMAN OF NEW PUBLISHING FIRM

NASHVILLE (RNS) — Dr. Lovick Pierce, retired head of the Methodist Publishing House, has been elected chairman of the board of a new publishing firm here.

The company is Aurora Publishers, Inc., formed by a group of local investors interested in expanding the city's publishing industry.

Dr. Pierce retired last Fall after serving 12 years as president and publisher of the Methodist firm, with which he worked a total of 49 years.

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guidance of the Council at High Point, N.C. in early 1969. Others quickly followed. In November CONTACT programs started in Huntington, W.V. and Harrisburg, Pa. bringing the total accredited centers to 14.

Centers are expected to open in at least eight other cities during 1971 and a goal of 50 centers has been set by January 1, 1973.

### NEW WORLD SERVICE FILM IS PREMIERED

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — "Do You Know My Name?" a color motion picture dealing with benevolent activities of the United Methodist Church, had its premiere February 3 in Grace United Methodist Church in Hartford City, Ind.

The film was shot on location at the University of Evansville (Ind.), St. Mark's United Methodist Church in Los Angeles' Watts District, a drug education center in Tucson, Ariz., and in Sarawak among the Iban people.

"We are trying to show some of the unusual and innovative programs of the United Methodist agencies supported by World Service, the church's basic benevolence fund, and all of them being carried out by persons under 30," said the Rev. Earl Kenneth Wood, executive producer of the film for the denomination's Division of Interpretation here.

"In this way we hope we can help develop a new image of a missionary and also show that not all young adults are opposed to activities of an institutional church," he added.

Hartford City was chosen for the premiere because it is the home of Mrs. Joe Pearsons, who with her husband, is featured in the Sarawak portion of the motion picture. After its premiere, the film will be available in both Super-8 and 16mm for use in local churches and other groups by March 1.

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### Health/Welfare Agency Trustees Meet

NEW ORLEANS, La (UMI) — Trustees of church-related health and welfare agencies must serve in the name of Christ, be creative, and be sure their institutions are always in transition, a United Methodist-sponsored workshop was told here this winter by the dean of Emory University's Candler School of Theology.

Dr. James T. Laney was one of the speakers at the session for trustees sponsored by the denomination's General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. In another address, Eugene T. Hackler, an Olathe, Kans., attorney, reminded the 60 trustees present from across the nation that willingness to care for its poor is a hallmark of a civilized society, but that public welfare has broken down.

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### Methodist educator dies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Dr. John O. Gross, 76, a retired Methodist educational leader who served more than 48 years as a minister, college president and church board administrator, died here Thursday, Feb. 4, following a lengthy illness.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Feb. 6 at West End Methodist Church in Nashville. Assisting in the services were Dr. Roy C. Clark, pastor, West End Church; Bishop James W. Henley, Lakeland, Fla., chairman of the Board of Education's Division of Higher Education; Bishop James S. Thomas, Des Moines, Ia., former Division staff member; and Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division.

He received his A.B. and D.D. degrees from Asbury College and his S.T.B. degree from Boston University. He also attended Lane Seminary, Cincinnati, Ohio and did graduate study at the University of Cincinnati and the University of Kentucky. He received honorary doctorates from 27 colleges and universities.

Dr. Gross entered the Methodist ministry in 1916 and served as pastor and district superintendent in Kentucky before becoming president of Union College, Barbourville, Ky., in 1929. In 1938 he became president of Simpson College, Indianola, Ia. where he served until 1941 when he came to Nashville as secretary of the Methodist Board of Education's Department of Educational Institutions. In 1948 he became head of the department which became known as the Division of Higher Education in 1960.

Following his retirement in 1965 he served as acting president of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C. and later as vice president of Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

Time magazine in 1961 referred to Dr. Gross as Methodism's "Mr. College" and credited him with spearheading a "renaissance" in Methodist higher education which, among other things resulted in \$80 million being raised for Methodist-related colleges and universities in four years.

Memorial funds for the John O. and Harriet B. Gross Scholarship Fund are being received by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education.

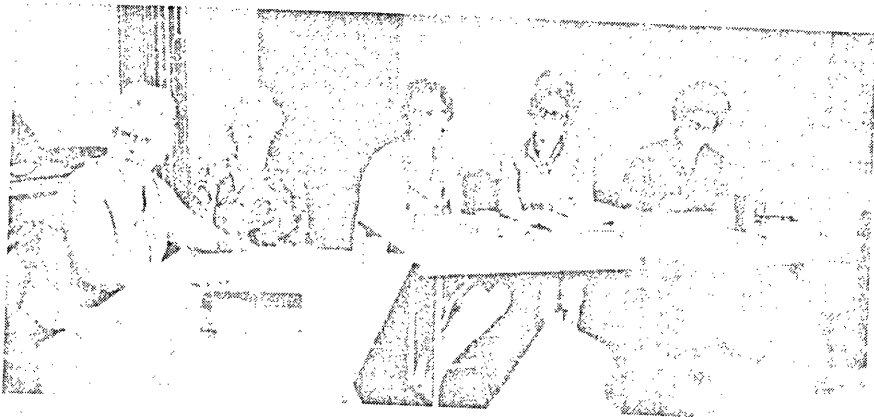
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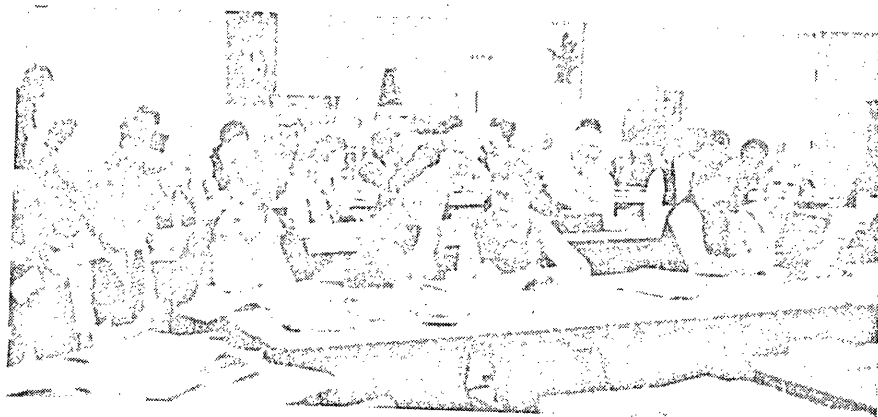
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Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, second from right, presided when the executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild held the mid-year meeting, February 6. Others shown at the Aldersgate Camp meeting are, from left: Mrs. Hazel Dabney, former conference and jurisdiction Guild chairman and currently president of the Arkansas Council of Church Women United; Mrs. Norene Bettis, former conference chairman; Mrs. Ethel Carroll, conference recording secretary; and, at extreme right, Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson, immediate past conference chairman.



Literacy workshop volunteers practice-teach each other to learn the "each one, teach one" method of teaching illiterates. Shown are some of the more than 100 who took the training at Asbury Church, Little Rock, February 10, 11 and 12.

● Winfield Church to host state meeting, Feb. 24.

## Church Women United Workshop and Forum

The Spring Workshop and Forum for officers and denominational presidents and representatives of Church Women United of Arkansas will be held in Winfield United Methodist Church, 16th and Scott Streets, Little Rock, on Wednesday, February 24, from 9:30 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Pine Bluff, state president, has announced that the morning will be devoted to workshops for presidents, area chairmen, chairmen of special celebrations, legislation, WICS, and finance. Mrs. E. T. Davenport of Little Rock will lead the section for council presidents. Mrs. Maynard Miller of Hot Springs will lead denominational presidents. The afternoon program will be the Forum on "Think Through Tomorrow," theme of the 1971 Ecumenical Assembly which meets April 22-25 in Wichita, Kansas.



Mrs. Tabbie Mae Moore, left, and Mrs. E. L. Fireoved were presented Special Membership pins by the Wesleyan Service Guild of First Church, Magnolia.

## MAGNOLIA SOCIETY AND GUILD HAVE JOINT MEETING

The Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild of the First United Methodist Church of Magnolia observed Guild Month with a joint meeting January 25. The women of the Society prepared and served a potluck dinner. The Guild presented the program.

Mrs. Fred Harter, president of the Women's Society, presided and introduced Mrs. Bobbye Ruth Webb, president of the Guild. Mrs. Webb presented special membership pins to Mrs. E. L. Fireoved, coordinator of the Society/Guild, and to Mrs. Tabbie Mae Moore, a guild member who is District Chairman of the Camden District Guild. Mrs. Fireoved is a former district WSCS treasurer and secretary.

The program used the topic "How Can We Change by Christmas 1971? Risk and Reality." Members of the panel put forth ideas for the individual, the Guild/Society, the Church, and the Community. The risks involved in implementing these ideas were summarized in the closing talk. The Spiritual Growth Chairman interspersed the talks with appropriate scripture, songs and meditations.

Mrs. Bill Shaw of Marked Tree, Ark.; one son, Hubert G. Sneed of Houma, La.; four grandchildren, Barbara and Donald Sneed of Houma, Mrs. Howard McCann of Austin, Tex., Dr. Sneed Shaw of Wynne, Ark., and one great grandchild.

Funeral services were held at Nesom Chapel in Berryville with the Rev. Denzel Stokes officiating. Interment was in the Berryville Memorial Park.

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Participants attending the Aldersgate Camp public relations workshop, Feb. 5 and 6, are shown on a walking tour of camp facilities. At this stop they observe the lake area, the beach, shelter, boating dock, swimming and diving areas, dressing rooms, and the cross on the other side of the lake.

## ARKANSAS METHODIST CHILDRENS' HOME

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THE REV. DAVID P. CONYERS, pastor of First Church, Newport, will be the preacher for the Spring Revival at First Church, Pocahontas, March 28-April 1. The Rev. James R. Chandler is the pastor.

DR. FRED R. HARRISON, retired member of the Little Rock Conference making his home in Malvern, is the leader for the church-wide study of Psalms which began at First Church, Malvern, February 14. The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft is the pastor.

## MRS. GRACE SNEED FAULKNER

Mrs. Grace Sneed Faulkner of Berryville, Ark., descendant of a pioneer family, died January 6 at Ozark Manor in Harrison, Ark. at age 84. She was a lifelong resident of Carroll County and was a retired school teacher and former county official.

Mrs. Faulkner was a member of the Berryville United Methodist Church, a charter member of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Twentieth Century Club and of the Berryville Chapter of P.E.O.

After the death of her former husband, W. L. Sneed, she was united in marriage to the Rev. Everett W. Faulkner, who served for 40 years as a minister in Arkansas, and who also preceded her in death.

Survivors include one daughter,



## Mission Hospital dedicated in New Mexico

NEW YORK (UMI)—A \$2.2 million addition to Espanola Hospital in northern New Mexico was dedicated Jan. 31. The hospital is a major project of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

The addition enlarges the hospital's capacity to 100 beds, allowing it to provide better services to its pluralistic community of Hispanic-Americans, Indians and whites in a large geographic area.

The hospital now includes a new two-story wing, a new mechanical plant and renovation of much of the old structure. Financing for the project was obtained from a local fund drive and gifts from foundations and friends resulting in \$320,000 in cash and pledges, and a \$1,633,600 grant from the Economic Development Administration. The balance of the \$2.2 million was borrowed and will be paid off from operating income and gifts.

Espanola Hospital provides comprehensive modern services such as diagnostic laboratories, a radio-isotope, laboratory, physical therapy department, inhalation therapy, coronary care unit, maternity and pediatric services and an emergency unit.

The hospital is affiliated with the University of New Mexico medical school for intern training and also provides clinical experience for the School of Practical Nursing of McCurdy Schools, a National Division educational facility. It was founded in 1948 by the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. Dr. Samuel Ziegler, first physician to work there, is still on the staff.

### CHURCH TO PROVIDE NEW SERVICES

NEW YORK (UMI) — Major renovations will soon be underway at the First Spanish United Methodist Church here, scene of two occupations in the past year by the Young Lords, to provide a day care center, space for tutoring neighborhood children and quarters for drug addiction treatment—demands made by the militant group of Puerto Ricans.

The move, according to New York Annual Conference officials, marks the culmination of many months of negotiations with the day care division of the Social Services Department of the City of New York, and consulting architects and a construction firm. The negotiations were concurrent with efforts to recover the property from the Young Lords who, for two periods of several weeks, locked the congregation out and used the building for their own purposes before vacating December 9 after a court injunction.

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



Mark Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. "Bing" Miller of Augusta, was the first recruit to sign with the Arkansas Razorbacks in 1971. Mark, who has been an outstanding quarterback for the Augusta team for the past three years, is also a dedicated member of the First UM Church in Augusta, and an active member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, according to his pastor, the Rev. Harold Wilson, pictured with him. Present for the "signing" at a breakfast meeting in the Miller home on Feb. 9 were: Razor-back Coach, Frank Broyles; Harold Horton; Augusta Coach, Curtis King; R. E. Dickson, editor of the Augusta Advocate, and Pastor Wilson.

### Key Roles Played in WCC

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia (UMI) —Methodist members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches played major roles in the deliberations of the policy-making session here January 10-21.

An Argentinian Methodist, the Rev. Jose Miguez-Bonino, president of Union Theological Seminary in Buenos Aires, was named chairman of the committee to seek a successor to WCC general secretary, the Rev. Eugene Carson Blake. Dr. Blake has indicated his wish to retire as soon after his 65th birthday (in November of this year) as a successor can be found.

One of the key decisions taken by the Central Committee was the adoption of a restructuring plan for the Geneva secretariat of the WCC. The plan, a 60-page document, was prepared by a 16-member committee under the chairmanship of Bishop James K. Mathews of the Boston (Mass.) Area.

### Reconciliation Fund Project To Be Featured on TV

NEW YORK (UMI) — A United Methodist Fund Reconciliation project outside San Antonio, Texas, will be among activities featured on an NBC television news special from 4 to 5 p.m. (EST) February 28.

Entitled "Horizons of Hope," the program presents action projects undertaken by the church to resolve human needs and problems. The United Methodist "Villa Coronado" work involves correcting what was in effect an open sewer running through the community. It is one of some 38 national and 800 annual conference projects funded by the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation.

The February 28 special is one of several such programs being produced by NBC in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches.

### NEW OPPORTUNITY FOR CHURCH IN CHILE SEEN

NEW YORK (UMI)—The leader of the autonomous Methodist Church of Chile says the election of President Salvador Allende and the changed situation it has brought to Chile "is opening a new opportunity for the social witness of the church."

Asserting Chile had "an absolutely free and honest election," Bishop Raimundo A. Valenzuela declared that "if the U.S. is for freedom anywhere then it must respect the Chilean democratic process. Hostility on the part of the U.S. toward what has taken place in Chile would be the greatest disservice to democracy and freedom." The bishop said he wanted to "make it very clear that I'm not an apologist or an agent of the government," and even though Marxist principles "are very strong in its social and economic program," President Allende has stressed that the government "has a very deep respect for Chile's tradition of freedom, including religious freedom."

Whenever God gives us a cross to bear, it is a prophecy that He will also give us strength.—Anonymous

## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

*Attributed to Epicharmus is this word to the wise . . . "The wise man must be wise before, not after, the event."*

### SOME WORDS TO THE WISE

Hold back the bitter, hurtful words, my friend,  
That often bribe the tongue for vile release,  
Or you will suffer heartaches without end  
And seldom know the joy of Eden's peace.  
Each spiteful word that carries on a breeze  
Befouls the very air and dims the sun;  
They often bring remorseful memories  
Or scar too soon a life that's just begun.  
Speak gently, then to all who come along  
Though there be those who try your patience sore;  
Give each a reason to renew his song,  
And know the joy of friendship evermore.  
Those cutting words that make the teardrops start  
Cut deeper still into the speaker's heart.

— by Deener W. Wardlow

### NATURAL IMPULSE

The natural impulse is to answer  
When cruel words have been hurled,  
But the person worth while  
Is the one who can smile  
In spite of the wound.

The natural impulse is to strike back  
When someone strikes first,  
But the person who wins  
Is the person who grins  
And takes it.

The natural impulse is to give up  
When the road gets rocky and steep,  
But the person with grit  
Who never says quit  
Is the one who reaches the goal.

— by Etta Caldwell Harris