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Dr. K. Morgan Edwards

M. E. Peace Lectures at Magnolia First Church, Oct. 4-7

Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, Gerald Kennedy Professor of Preaching at School of Theology, Claremont, California, for the past ten years, will be the speaker for the 1971 series of the M. E. Peace Lectures to be held in the First United Methodist Church at Magnolia, October 4-7.

Dr. Edwards is known throughout the United States as a preacher and lecturer, teacher and author. Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Peace and members of the First United Methodist Church of Magnolia extend an invitation to the public to attend the lectures.

The series will open with the Monday lecture at 7:30 p.m.—the hour for all evening lectures, which will continue through Thursday, with morning lectures to be presented at 10 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday, according to the pastor, the Rev. Howard L. Williams.

Evening lectures will deal with "Questions For the Modern Christian." On Monday evening Dr. Edwards will speak on the subject, "How Could We Help Celebrating?"; Tuesday, "Will God Save America?"; Wednesday, "Are We Rising With You Jesus?"; and Thursday, "Can We Bridge the Generation Gap?"

Morning lectures will focus on the general subject, "Beliefs Of An Evangelical Christian." On Tuesday morning, the lecturer will speak on "Repentance—The Porch of Vital Religion"; Wednesday, "Faith—The Door to Vital Religion", and Thursday, "Holiness—The House of Vital Religion."

Mr. Hal Sweitzer will be at the organ for each of the services, and anthems for the evening services will be sung by the choir of First Church, Magnolia.

A nursery will be provided for children under six years of age in the middle Education Building. Parking will be available on the church parking lot and the parking lots of Central Baptist Church.

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vicinity of Kansas City on that Sunday are invited to attend.



Dr. James Clemons, Dr. Walter Albritton, and Dr. K. Morgan Edwards (from left) are shown with Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, chairman of the Board of Managers of the Arkansas Pastors' School, and the Rev. John B. Hays, dean.

Each group is permitted two delegates. Visitors are expected from within easy driving distance.

Guest speakers will be Mrs. Fred R. Pfisterer of Louisville, Kentucky, who will speak to both gatherings, Bishop Paul V. Galloway of the Arkansas Area, speaking on Tuesday night only, and Dr. Willis B. Alderson, vice-president and administrative assistant of Hendrix College, who will speak on Saturday evening only.

Little Rock Conference Guilds At Tanako, Oct. 3

Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Little Rock Conference will be in session on Sunday, October 3, at Camp Tanako. This is the same date the North Arkansas Conference Guilds meet in Blytheville.

The one-day annual meeting was inaugurated by Little Rock Conference Guilds last year, and was so well attended that the precedent is being followed this year. Camp Tanako was the setting for that meeting also.

Mrs. Gladys Icenhower of Texarkana will preside. Guest speaker will be Miss Gene Maxwell of Evanston, Illinois. She is the regional field worker for the Women's Division of the Board of Missions.

Mrs. Howard Johnson of Clinton, conference WSCS president, and Mrs. Trumann Stephens of Fort Smith, conference Guild chairman, will be presiding over their third annual meetings.

Mrs. Joe Crumpler, conference vice-president, of Fayetteville, has served as chairman of the program committee. Theme of the meetings is "Peace through Christ."

Others having prominent parts on

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OPEN HOUSE TO BE HELD AT SAINT PAUL SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY

An Open House will be held at Saint Paul School of Theology (Methodist) in Kansas City, Mo. on Sunday, Oct. 3 from 3:00 to 7:00 p.m., according to an announcement by Dr. Don W. Holter, President.

The plans for the day include a showing of religious art in the Center for Renewal. An organ recital in Kresge Chapel is also planned. In addition, all of the faculty and their wives will be in their offices to greet guests, and the administrative staff will be in their usual places.

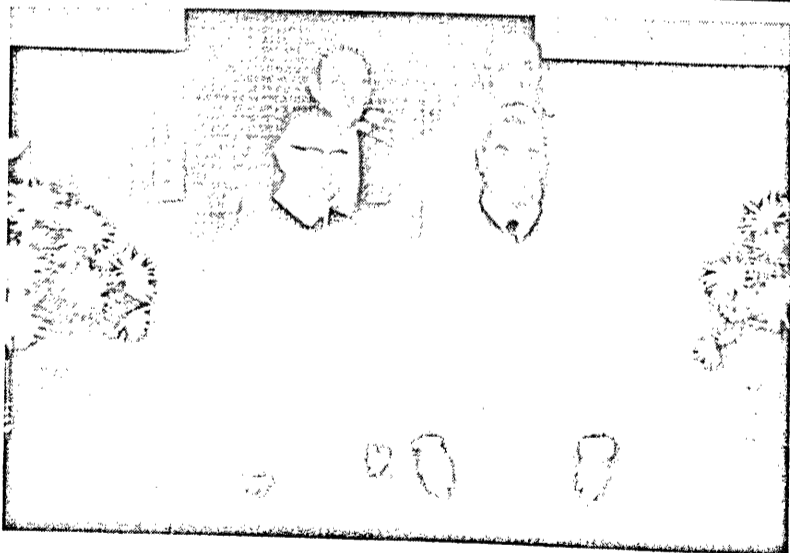
All who find it possible to be in the

North Arkansas Methodist women to hold annual meetings in Blytheville

Methodist women of North Arkansas will hold annual meetings in Blytheville in October in the First United Methodist Church.

Wesleyan Service Guild members (employed women) will have weekend sessions October 2 and 3, and Women's Society of Christian Service delegates will meet on the following Tuesday and Wednesday, October 5 and 6, with the executive committee in session on Monday. The North Arkansas Conference has 120 local units of the Guild, and 248 local societies.

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Participants in Sept. 5 Service of Consecration at new Marvell United Methodist Church. FRONT (from left): Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Forrest City District superintendent, who officiated; the Rev. W. Roy Moyers, pastor; BACK: Robert I. Campbell, chairman of Building Committee and Raymond Russell, chairman of Administrative Board. The new Marvell United Methodist Church was erected by R & W Construction Company of North Little Rock at a cost of \$67,000.

World Clergy Golf Tournament planned for Oct. 19-21

On Oct. 19, 20 and 21 the first annual World Clergy Golf Championships will be held on the course of the Henry Horton State Park near Chapel Hill, Tenn. The sponsoring organization is the International Churchmen's Sports Hall of Fame, Inc.

We are indebted to the Rev. Wayne C. Jarvis of Rector, Ark. for this information. He has entered the tournament and informs us that he has four more entry blanks which he will share with anyone who might be interested. Entry blanks may also be ordered from International Churchmen's Sports Hall of Fame, Inc. Golf Tournament, Box 657, Tullahoma, Tenn. 37388. The deadline for entries is Oct. 5.

Late in August it was reported that requests for entry blanks and information had been received from 42 clergymen of 11 denominations in 16 states, England and Canada.

Denominations represented are Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Presbyterians, United Church of Christ, Disciples of Christ, United Church of Canada, United Methodist Church, Lutheran Church of America, Baptist, Unitarian and Byzantine Rite Catholic.

Officials of the sponsoring organization were quoted as saying recently: "We still haven't reached the peak of ecumenicity we want. We don't have a rabbi yet. It looks as if we may have to send a direct appeal to the National Conference of Christians and Jews."

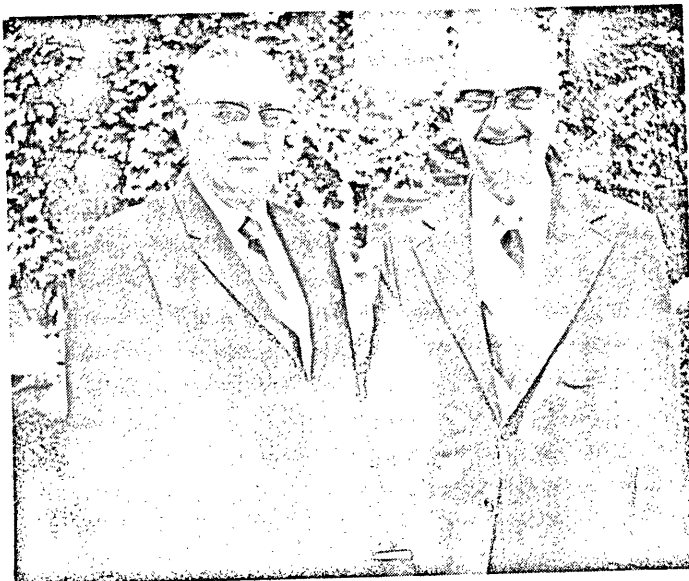


John Norman Robbins, who recently completed a one-year Administrative Residency at Methodist Hospital, has been named to the staff as an Administrative Assistant at the Memphis hospital. Robbins holds a B.S. degree in Pharmacy from the University of Mississippi. In addition to membership in professional organizations, he is an avid sports enthusiast, coaches the School of Nursing basketball team, and is a member of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes. He attends Christ United Methodist Church.

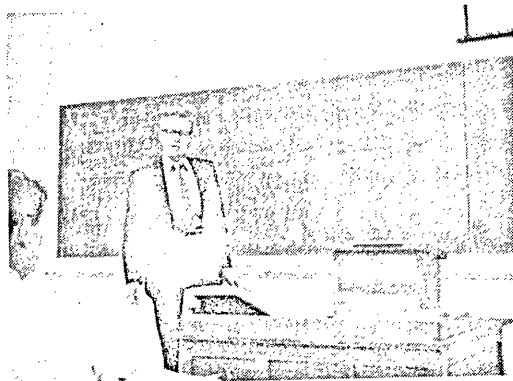
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Arkansas Pastors' School

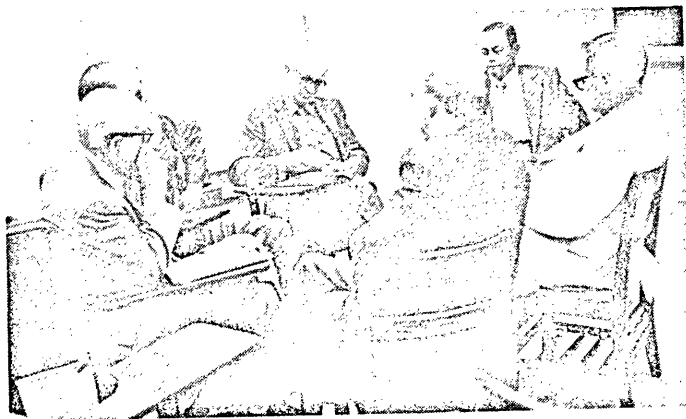
at Hendrix College



Bishop Paul V. Galloway, left, with Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of Houston, Tex., who delivered the Beeson Lectures during the Arkansas Pastors' School last week.



Dr. James Clemons of Wesley School of Theology, Washington, was the leader of the Pastors' School class on "Christian Ethics."



One of the small groups which was a part of the class sessions at Pastors' School.

Managers of Perkins Course of Study School to meet

The Board of Managers of the Conference Courses of Study School at Perkins School of Theology will hold its annual meeting on the Southern Methodist University campus Sept. 28.

The board, which is the policy-making body for the annual program, consists of the chairman of the Board of Ministry and one other representative from each of the ten annual conferences in Arkansas, Louisiana, New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Texas. Perkins Professor Claus Rohlf serves as director of the month-long summer program.

The Courses of Study School provides training for lay ministers who

are not in a position to attend seminary as full-time students. The basic program consists of five summers of study. An additional four summers of advanced study are offered to meet the full requirements for full conference membership.

A total of 169 persons participated in the 1971 Courses of Study School at SMU, and 26 of them received certificates for completion of the basic program or advanced study.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT PASTOR IN EVANGELISM SCHOOL

The Rev. Billy W. A. McLean, pastor of Pleasant Grove and St. Charles Methodist churches, is attending the School of Evangelism in Arlington, Tex., Sept. 20-24. This school is being held in connection with the Greater Southwest Billy Graham Cru-



Miss Janice Fulton

Arkansan begins special-term mission service

NEW YORK (UMI) — Miss Janice L. Fulton of 3409 Cornwallis, North Little Rock, Ark., is among 43 young women who this fall begin two years of special-term home mission service under the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions in the United States and the Virgin Islands.

Miss Fulton will serve at the Spoford Home (United Methodist), Kansas City, Mo.

The U.S.-2s, as the young missionaries are called because of their two-year term, are the largest group in the program since it began in 1951. This year's group numbers eight more than the 35 in 1970. They will serve in a variety of settings—from urban ministries to hospitals, from rural churches to educational institutions—and will employ many skills. The U.S.-2s spent seven weeks this summer at St. Paul School of Theology, a United Methodist seminary in Kansas City, Mo., and at field assignments in training for their mission service.

Born in Hope, Ark., Miss Fulton received a bachelor of arts degree in June, 1971, from Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., with a major in religious education. Active in church work, she is a member of Gardner United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. She was secretary of the North Arkansas Youth Council and in the summer of 1970 served as youth director of the First Methodist Church in Fordyce, Ark., working on an enrichment program for children.

sade being held in the new Texas Stadium located between Dallas and Fort Worth.

Lecturers for the school include Dr. Graham and many of the members of his Crusade staff. Others include Dr. Charles L. Allen of Houston, Dr. John R. Bisagno of Houston, and Dr. Wayne Dehoney of Louisville, Ky.

The school is being hosted by two churches: the First Baptist Church and the First United Methodist Church of Arlington, Tex.

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ACCENT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Of the many special days which fill the church calendar at this time of the year none is more strategic than Christian Education Sunday, Sept. 26. Every one of us should be gravely concerned about the future of the educational ministry of the church. If we are at all observing we have noticed that great changes have occurred in this part of the church's life in recent years. We have been watching the statistics on Church School attendance as reported by the church bulletins and news letters received in our office, and, with only a few exceptions, these reflect a tremendous decline in attendance. The great majority of these reports show that the average attendance at the Sunday morning session of the Church School is less than the attendance at the morning worship service. We hasten to admit that this is not a realm in which success is to be judged by attendance figures, and yet we do believe that these reports reflect a situation that cannot be ignored.

In an excellent article in the July-August issue of *The Interpreter*, Dr. J. Irvin McDonough of the Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, calls attention to the renewed emphasis on quality in our educational enterprise. He quotes Dr. Lyle E. Schaller who said in his recent book, *What Will 1971 Bring?*: "The emergence of the concept of an annual 'social report' on the state of the American society will begin to lead churchmen to replace the traditional emphasis on numbers with a new emphasis on quality and performance. For example, in addition to inquiring about the average attendance in the Sunday school, more people will begin to ask what happened to those in attendance."

Dr. McDonough points out that children who have spent many hours before a television screen viewing *Sesame Street* with its variety of new teaching techniques and methods will find the conventional methods of teaching in the church school less appealing. He tells of a teacher

of senior highs who said, "We must do a more respectable job teaching if we expect to meet the needs of youth and enlist their sincere and honest involvement in the church's ministry."

This same article quotes at length from an address by Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe at the 1971 annual meeting of the Board of Education. We want to share with you some of this material because it speaks to us so directly concerning the reordering of priorities: quality over quantity, effectiveness over economy, and performance over activities.

Here are some of the things Bishop Stowe said to the Board of Education:

"Let us recognize that probably never before in history has the need for Christian education been so acute. Let me tell you why I think so. First, for too long we have been asking the wrong questions. An article concerning Detroit recently said that the trouble in Detroit is that they have been asking the wrong questions. They have been asking how to make a better automobile rather than how to provide better transportation.

"We, too, may have been asking the wrong question. We are a society that has a fixation and has answered amazingly well a question that is no longer primary, and that question is 'how.' The revolt of youth asking 'why' should have given us a clue. We should turn from a 'how' oriented to a 'why' oriented people. The youth are asking 'why' concerning the university; 'why' concern-

ing the war in Vietnam; 'why' concerning racism; 'why' concerning materialism. And this ought to give us evidence of the turning of the tide.

"The second essential need in our society relates to the issues of the day. Any of them is a time bomb ticking off the whole enterprise of life, which may be coming to an end. And each one of the major issues of our day is primarily a moral or an ethical issue.

"If a church does not educate the value system, its creative and socially oriented life styles, who will? And this will come, not by proclamation, even though we preachers think it should, but it will come by education."

Dr. McDonough then goes on from what Bishop Stowe has said to affirm that the Christian education emphasis just ahead of us can provide an atmosphere for soul-searching on the part of the local church members concerning the real meaning of Christian education and the place of the church school in the ministry of the congregation.

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A DAY IN NASHVILLE

It has been our privilege to attend many meetings in Nashville — "the Vatican City of Methodism" — during our years in the ministry. None of these was any more exciting than the discussion which took place at the Methodist Publishing House last Thursday.

Sixteen persons from across the nation were invited in for a one-day discussion concerning the general church periodicals. We met with the General Church Periodicals Committee of the Board of Publication and eight or ten staff people related to the publications to express our opinions concerning the mission of *Together* and *The Christian Advocate*.

Included in the group were four publishers of secular newspapers and magazines, the dean of the School of Journalism at the University of Missouri, one bishop, one district superintendent, three pastors, one youth, one woman, and four of us who have area responsibilities for Methodist information and publications.

Dr. John J. Rooks, a pastor of Winter Park, Fla., a member of the General Periodicals Committee, was the moderator and did an excellent job of keeping the discussion on the subject. The staff of the periodicals and the Publishing House said little but listened carefully, for they were to meet the following day and evaluate the "input" as it relates to the stance that they will recommend concerning the future of these publications.

John E. Procter, president and publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, has the responsibility for implementing the decisions that will be made between now and General Conference concerning the general periodicals which have been a great financial drain on the total budget.

We will not undertake in this column to summarize all that was said. This we will do later when we have received a full report of the meeting. At this stage we would only express appreciation for being included in the group.

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NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Religion is not dying, as some predicted a few years ago, or being replaced by science and personal ethics, members of the Religious Research Assn. and the Assn. for the Sociology of Religion agreed in a meeting at Denver. They pointed to surges in both old and new religions, especially among youth, and noted that the "oldtime religion" is enjoying a spirited revival. "As science fails to give them real answers to solve their problems, youth are turning in droves to old-fashioned Christian fundamentalism," said one sociologist.

Rabbi Abraham J. Karp of Rochester, N.Y. called on religious leaders to reestablish their roles as the "value-providing" and "value-validating" authorities in the nation. Speaking before a Rabbinical Assembly Conference Rabbi Karp noted that "In former days the church was the value-providing and value-validating institution in the community," and asserted that "Today, the church's place and function has been taken by the university, and the priest-minister-rabbi replaced by the professor." "Wisdom," he said, "is the metier of religion, and religious leaders have been too timid and too inept to speak it effectively."

A director of public relations for the Seventh-day Adventist Church has written a letter to the editor of The Washington Post refuting charges contained in a recent story in that publication by South American anthropologists. The article had stated that "Christian missionary activities among Latin America's Indian peoples do more harm than good and should be stopped." Miss M. Carol Hetzell said the church does not "thrust" its services upon people. "It offers its services, it demonstrates how its services can improve life, and it offers a gospel message of love in place of pagan fear. If this is human exploitation, let us make the most of it. It's the task Christ gave His disciples to do . . ."

Problems caused by man's growing ability to forestall death will be probed by a task force of the Institute of Society, Ethics and the Life Sciences at Hastings-On-Hudson, N.Y. "Death control is not an unmixed blessing," said Dr. Daniel Callahan, head of the institute, "Our ability to prolong and preserve life has sharpened the physician's difficult problem of caring for the dying patient, and has even introduced confusion about the proper definition of death." The study group includes physicians, theologians, behavioral scientists, attorneys and philosophers.

The Church of the Nazarene has nearly doubled its membership in the past 20 years, Dr. B. Edgar Johnson, general secretary of the denomination, announced in Kansas City, Mo. Organized as a denomination at Pilot Point, Tex. in 1908 with 10,400 members, the present world membership has now passed the 500,000 mark. The Church observes scriptural holiness in the Wesleyan tradition.

Father George W. Tribou, rector of Catholic High School for Boys in Little Rock, reaffirming his position on hair regulations for students told parents that he hardly expected his stringent policy to have wide appeal. However, after 20 years of teaching experience, he said he is convinced that "true individuality doesn't depend on long hair."

Singer Johnny Cash is singing more Gospel songs now because, he says, more and more people are searching for Jesus. Preparing for his show at the Canadian Nat'l. Exhibition in Toronto, Ontario, the 39-year-old singer said, "I want to leave people with something solid—a spiritual uplift . . . It's the way I've been going to some time. More and more people are wanting to know about Jesus."

Pope Paul VI, speaking at his weekly general audience—on the theme of the destiny of man, reminded Christians of the "terrible truth" of "possible eternal punishment . . ." "Christ," he said, "was never reticent about this truth." The pontiff noted that one's "philosophy of life" depended on one's acceptance or rejection of a future life." According to Christian teaching, he said, "there exists a future life, a kingdom-to-come, where life, light and happiness will be granted in fullest measure, with no limits of time." He urged the faithful not to lose sight of such truths in the face of today's trends of "secularization" or alleged "charismatic" pronouncements to the contrary.

Worldwide aid to save and preserve Wesley's Chapel—Methodism's "cathedral" in the heart of London which is experiencing a severe financial crisis—seems probable following an appeal made during the recent World Methodist Conference in Denver. A thousand explanatory appeal leaflets were distributed at the conference on behalf of an organization known as the Friends of Wesley's Chapel, by the chapel's superintendent minister in London, Dr. Colin Morris. A spokesman said "The American Bd. of Missions was particularly concerned about the chapel and they are kindly circulating the appeal throughout the U.S."

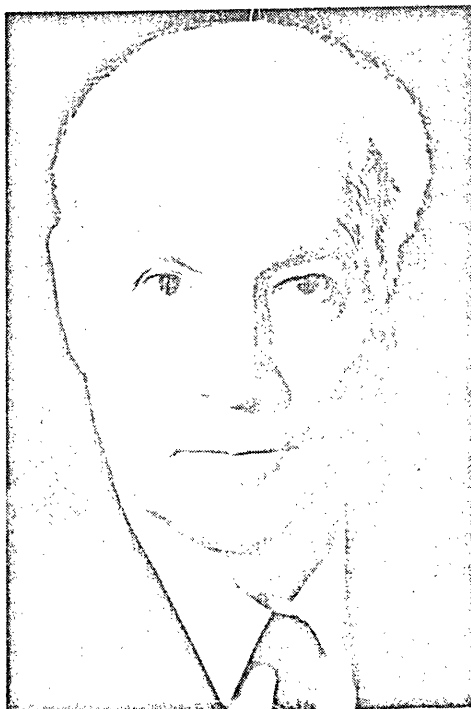
Dr. Edwin T. Dahlberg, a former president of the National Council of Churches and the American Baptist Convention, predicted that the future will bring a narrowing of the gap between evangelical Christians and those Christians who emphasize the social gospel. Dr. Dahlberg said, "Person-to-person evangelism without the social gospel means failure to apply Christianity and is an ethical shortcoming, but social emphasis without person-to-person evangelism means only a cold, impersonal legislative program."

Young people of Romanian descent in the U.S. and Canada, meeting in Cleveland for an international Church conference, have urged that church religious programs be broadened to include adult education. "We had always thought we were giving them too much religious education," said one priest-adviser at the conference, "Now it comes out they want more. I'm encouraged by them."

Establishment of closer links between Christians of all denominations in Britain and N. America is the aim of a newly-formed association whose secretariat is based at a Baptist church in Coventry, Eng. The British Churches North America Assn. plans to strengthen fellowship by providing hospitality for visiting overseas Christians by arranging programs and meetings enabling Christians to meet and know one another, and by occasional trans-Atlantic flights with church groups who will stay in private homes and serve for a short time in local churches. Such a visit is planned in Coventry for the Summer of 1972.

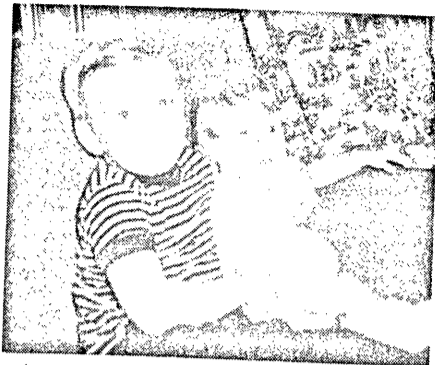
Dr. Georg Borgstrom, professor of food science and geography at Michigan State University and an international authority on food utilization and nutrition told the staffs of the United Methodist Bds. of Education and Evangelism that Western man has lost sight of the biological, religious and historical perspectives regarding ecology. "I'm stunned that so many urbanized youngsters have lost touch with the creative forces of nature," he said. "Believing they can exist on synthetic foods, they think food comes from the super market but they don't know what is behind the super market. They understand milk as something from a carton, not a cow."

The United Methodist Church was the top giver to the Inter-religious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) in 1970 according to the annual report of that organization. Total income for the coalition of 27 church agencies and minority groups was \$1,286,960—a figure substantially below the 1969 sum of \$1,552,958. United Methodists gave \$596,680 in designated, undesignated and administrative funds. The Presbyterian Church contributed a total of \$167,913 and the Episcopal Church, one of IFCO's major backers when it was first organized five years ago, gave only \$50.



AMSTERDAM — Two noted theologians have addressed the European Congress of Evangelism in Amsterdam, the fifth in a series of regional congresses held since the World Congress of Evangelism in Berlin in 1966. German Theologian Gerhard Bergmann (left) challenged the Congress to help defeat today's "false" idea of an "emancipated and free man" and lead mankind back to an awareness of their dependence upon God. Dr. Carl Wisloff (right) of the University of Oslo told the 1,300 participants and observers to the Congress that "the church has no mandate to make revolution in the name of the Lord. He never asks us to do so." —RNS Photos

Methodist Children's Home News



A reassuring pat on the hand is given to "little sis" by her big brother. These two children receive care in one of our foster homes.

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A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT:

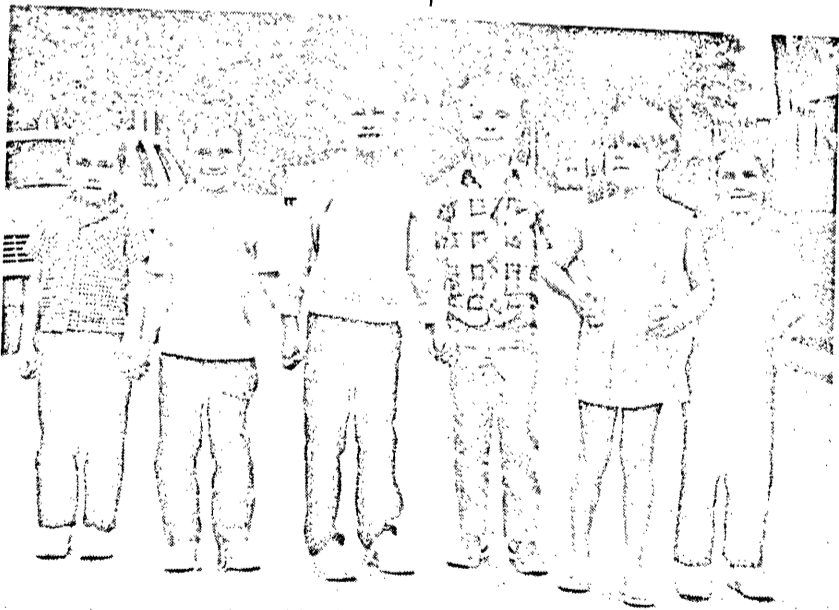
Perhaps no institution of the church faces a greater challenge than the church-sponsored Children's Home. Your Home at Little Rock is one of the best in the Nation. We are not doing all the things we need to be doing, but we are doing well those services which you have made possible through your gifts.

Someone has said, "A child is a child only once. If he is not a child who is helped to grow, he may not become the adult he could have been." The fulfilling of this axiom of helping children, committed to our care, to grow continues to be the motivating force of your Children's Home. Sometimes we are prone to question our effectiveness, but then we receive a letter from a young person who is no longer here, and I quote in part —

"Mr. Keith, I want to thank you and the Methodist people of Arkansas for everything you've done for me. Those 10½ years have been the most wonderful part of my life. If it wasn't for the loveable people that raised me, I wouldn't be the person I am today."

To this acknowledgement I want to add my personal word of appreciation to the many friends of the Methodist Children's Home in Arkansas that have helped so many children "to grow."

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Enjoying their early morning walk to school are these children at Franklin School.

Details of Annual Fund Raising Program

At a meeting on Thursday, Sept. 16, Charles T. Meyer, Jr., state chairman of the Fund Raising Committee for the Methodist Children's Home Annual Fund Raising program, outlined for the district superintendents and the district commissioners the promotional program for the drive to be held in December.

Points covered in the discussion were:

1. The dates of the offering have been set as December 12-19. Prior to that time, it is hoped that every Methodist in Arkansas will know the story of the Methodist Children's Home.

It was noted that last year's offering represented a 15% increase over

the previous year. To maintain the same level of service a 10% increase will be needed this year.

2. The Methodist Children's Home will do the mailing for any church in the state that will supply them with the mailing list of their members.

3. Each church is urged to select a support chairman to work with the pastor in telling the story of the Methodist Children's Home.

4. The district commissioners were urged to make themselves available to any church in their district for a personal presentation on the Home and its needs.

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"What About the Land Deal?"

"What about the Land Deal?" is a question being asked by many concerned individuals in Arkansas. A complete statement on this will be made in the very near future. No issue of the Home has ever received more prayer, planning, study and thought than this issue. Officials of the Home hold foremost in their planning the welfare of children and its desire for them to be responsible citizens of Arkansas. Your patient understanding of whatever decision is reached is asked. We must move slowly and with care to insure that we will be as wise as those who through their God given foresight acquired this property for use in providing a home for homeless children.

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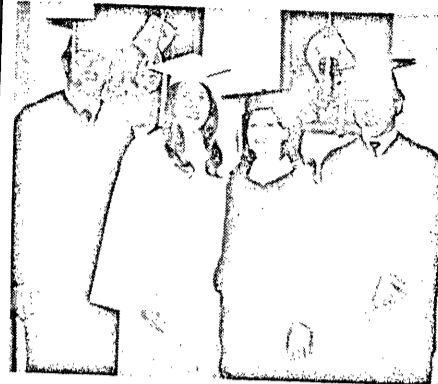
5. Everyone needs information (see your attorney) and effective motivation (see us) on how to plan their estate in order to give maximum protection to their family, security to the future management of resources (investments), savings in transfer of gifts, with particular reference to Federal Estate Tax, and the opportunities they have in making significant permanent gifts to the missions and ministries of their choosing.

Case in point: An active Baptist, president of a state Baptist foundation, passed away without a will. It had long been his intent to direct most of the funds that would otherwise become Federal Estate Tax revenue to Baptist causes. Instead, the Federal Estate Tax took over \$12,000,000 from his \$20 million estate. Without reducing the amount that passed on to his family, the entire amount that was taken through tax and unnecessary expenses could have been directed to Baptist causes.

6. YOU SHOULD HAVE A WILL: See your attorney soon and remember the Methodist Children's Home.

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Graduation Time:



For four of our youngsters graduation marked the end of 12 years of schooling; for others it served as a "midway milestone" from elementary to junior high, and for three of our youngsters it marked the beginning of their educational journey. Of the four high school graduates—one will attend Hendrix College, one has married, and two are now employed. The "kindergarten graduates" are settled in the first grade and the future looks bright.

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Many of our children receive awards and recognition. This young artist displays her drawing which won a second place award in a city-wide art contest. Shown with her is the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Children's Home.

NEWS and NOTES

THOMAS WINBORN BARNETT was granted a United Methodist scholarship for a travel seminar by the United Methodist Board of Education. He is one of two students from St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, selected for scholarships. He visited boards and agencies of the church from September 6 to 17 in order to become acquainted with their work. Tom is a member of Gardner Memorial Church of North Little Rock.

THE REV. ED MATTHEWS was the guest speaker at the Houston Northwest District Annual Institute of Studies, held at Memorial Drive United Methodist Church in Houston, Sunday evening, September 12. This one-night workshop was directed by the Rev. Asbury Lenox, pastor of the Memorial Drive Church and District Director of Missions.

HOMEcomings PLANS are being made by the Hackett United Methodist Church. The homecoming will begin with a singing service on Saturday night, September 25, and continue on Sunday with the Rev. Roger Glover, pastor, conducting the 11 a.m. worship. There will be a pot-luck luncheon at the church and more singing during the afternoon.

THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE vacation church school was held in August with an average attendance of 20 children. Mrs. Joann Bowling was superintendent and Mrs. Kenneth Green served as pianist. The Rev. Roy Poynor is pastor.

"DUST AND ASHES," folk singing duo from the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, will be in North Little Rock, September 24, 25 and 26, singing in the Lakewood United Methodist Church on Friday and Saturday evenings and on Sunday morning. The Rev. John B. Hays is host pastor.

LEADERS FOR THE MISSION Conference to be held at Forrest City First Church for the entire district, September 28, include: Dr. Clint Burlison of West Memphis, teaching "New Machines and the New Humanity"; the Rev. Charles Ramsey of Russellville, "The New Generation in Africa"; Dr. Harold Eggensperger, North Little Rock, "Matthew in Mission"; and Mrs. Earl Hughes of Forrest City, "Materials for Use with Children."

A MINISTER and a student minister are giving voluntary preaching assistance on Sunday evenings in the West Helena and Lexa Churches. They are the Rev. Clayton Harrison, a minister of the North Mississippi Conference who works with the Arkansas Rehabilitation Clinic in Helena, and Lawrence Miller, a student minister. The Rev. Dick Haltom is directing the program.

MEMORIALS AND SPECIAL gifts to First United Methodist Church of Conway during the past two years were dedicated on Sunday morning, September 12. Dr. Marshall T. Steel, former president of Hendrix College, was guest speaker and participated in the dedication with the Rev. Ben R. Jordan, pastor. Gifts included recreational equipment, outdoor bulletin board, sanctuary pulpit, library filing cabinet, public address system in sanctuary, offering plates, piano, pulpit Bible, and furnishings in multi-purpose room, educational director's office, lounge, and classrooms.

THE SWEET HOME First United Methodist Church held the annual revival from August 29 through September 3. The evangelist was the Rev. Mrs. Thelma Bush of Flint, Michigan. She is the daughter of the Rev. R. B. Brown of Little Rock, pastor of the Sweet Home and Duncan Churches. A gift was presented to Mrs. Bush from Mrs. Bernice F. Wilson, a member of the First Baptist Church of Sweet Home. The Rev. J. H. Thompson, district superintendent, made closing remarks.

DR. CLEM BAKER will celebrate his 90th birthday October 3rd and would enjoy hearing from his friends on this date important to him. Dr. Baker served many years as Executive Secretary to the Board of Christian Education for the Little Rock Conference. Prior to this and afterwards, he served as pastor of a number of churches in the Conference. For the past three years he has been in Clovis, New Mexico with his sister and her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Prothro. The address is Box 421 with zip code 88101.

A LAYMAN'S NIGHT for Christ was held at the Clarksville First United Methodist Church on Saturday, September 18.

BILLY W. A. McLEAN recently conducted a week of revival services for the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, near DeWitt. The Rev. and Mrs. (Billy and Nila) McLean presented "chorus-time" each evening and ministered in music, solo and duet. The McLeans were appointed to the St. Charles and Pleasant Grove churches in June.

HOLIFIELD NIGHT AT FISHER STREET CHURCH

The Rev. and Mrs. Pharis J. Holifield were surprised by the membership of Fisher Street United Methodist Church in Jonesboro with a "Holifield Night," Sunday, August 22.

While members sang a song adapted to the occasion, children marched into church with placards expressing appreciation for the pastor and family. Cynthia Greenwood, Sherry Lambuth, Terry Ro-

The Rev. and Mrs. Pharis Holifield and daughter, Carolyn, are shown with the members of Fisher Church, Jonesboro, honored them with a "Holifield Night."



DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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.

Sept. 26—Sunday	Psalms 37:1-7
Sept. 27	Psalms 40:1-4
Sept. 28	I Pet. 2:17-25
Sept. 29	Rom. 2:1-11
Sept. 30	Rom. 15:1-6
Oct. 1	II Chron. 29:30-33
Oct. 2	Psalms 51:1-13
Oct. 3—Sunday	Psalms 88:1-12

THE REV. WAYNE CLARK of Corning will be preaching in a revival in the Boydsville United Methodist Church, September 26-30. The Rev. Chester Penny is the Boydsville pastor.

MIDLAND UNITED Methodist Youth, Fort Smith District, conducted Youth Sunday services, August 29. Those participating in the service were Reta Sabatucci, Jackie Hunt, Jan Hunt, Mike, Sherrell and Lisa Steele. The Rev. Roger E. Glover is pastor of the Midland and Hackett Churches.

A FALL YOUTH RALLY was held by youth departments of Central Church, Fayetteville, September 12. Entertainment by Folksinger Scott Lunsford followed a chicken dinner. Dividing into age groups for discussions, the program concluded with Holy Communion in the sanctuary. Central Church ministers are Dr. Joel Cooper and the Rev. Victor Nixon. Phyllis Johnson is educational assistant.

gers and Candy Watkins sang one of the minister's favorites. Mrs. Dowell Blackman, WSCS president, presented corsages to Mrs. Holifield and Carolyn. Gerald Pearson, Board chairman, spoke words of appreciation. Miss Mildred Osment gave a history of Fisher Street Church, which has served North Jonesboro for 73 years. The Holifields were presented an album containing pictures of the congregation. During the reception following, many gifts were presented to the family.



Aldersgate Camp is an agency of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. Its service to the area crosses denominational and racial lines. Many churches support its program through Advance Specials.

Mailing address: 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, Ark. 72205. Telephone: 225-1444.

ALDERSGATE FALL ACTIVITIES

The "you name it, we have it" statement certainly applies to Aldersgate Camp's fall schedule. Beginning with September, there are six new interest groups being formed for both adults and children. These activities are:

Photography — the techniques of picture-taking and the development of film in the camp's new darkroom.

Knitting — the instructor will also teach needlework and macrame if there is an interest.

Birdwatching — the supervisor is an experienced bird-watcher.

Boating and canoeing — instruction and practice time.

Woodworking — making use of the camp's woodworking shop.

Fishing — under the leadership of a pro, with trips to favorite fishing spots.

Membership in these groups is open

to all ages, from all churches. The groups will meet weekly for eight weeks, or longer depending on enrollment and interest. The membership fee is \$1.00.

In addition to the six interest groups, there will be a story hour every Saturday from 10:00 until 11:00 a.m. for the little folk.

For school children and youth (all grades) there will be homework help sessions, with someone to help. Time schedules are: Monday, 4-5:30; Tuesday, 6:30-8; Wednesday, 4-5:30; Thursday, 6:30-8 p.m.

Boy and Girl Scout programs are also available. Boy Scouts, aged 11 years and older, will meet on Monday afternoons. Cub Scouts, aged 8-10, and Junior Girl Scouts, grades 4, 5 and 6 will meet other afternoons.

Persons interested in any of the programs should call the camp, 225-1444.

CALENDAR

Laubach Literacy Classes
September 27, 28 and 29
9:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.
Pulaski Heights U.M. Church
Woodlawn and Monroe Streets
Little Rock

North Arkansas WSG
October 2 and 3
First Church, Blytheville

North Arkansas WSCS
October 5 and 6
First Church, Blytheville

Little Rock Conference WSG
October 3
Camp Tanako

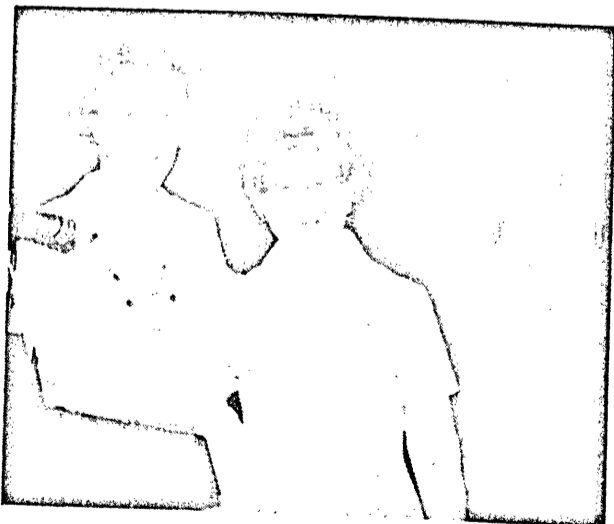
Little Rock Conference WSCS
October 13
Asbury Church, Little Rock

Southwest Conference
Women's Society Annual Meeting
October 15 and 16
Wesley United Methodist Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma

REGISTRATIONS for lunch
(\$1.50) at Camp Tanako, Sun-
day, October 3, should be sent
by Wesleyan Service Guild
members of the Little Rock
Conference by September 29
to: Miss Marguerite McMillan,
813 West 23rd Street,
Pine Bluff, Ark. 71601

**PARAGOULD DISTRICT
DAY APART**

"Dare to Live Now" was the theme when 71 ladies, representing 16 churches of the Paragould District, held a "Day Apart" on Wednesday, September 8. Leaders for the day included Mrs. Georgia Bruner of Sedgwick and Mrs. Harold Spence of Paragould, prayers; Mrs. Mabel Gramling, introduction; Mrs. Hettie Williams of Beech Grove, "How I Dare to Live"; Opha Arnold of Strangers Home, "Are You Fun to Live With"; Gladys Hurt of Griffin Memorial, "Learn to Love"; Mary Stark of Paragould First Church, "The Simplicity of Prayer"; Mrs. T. T. McNeal, Paragould, "What Makes the Difference"; Mrs. Elmo Thomason, Paragould, benediction. Mrs. Doris Clark of Corning, Mrs. Cox and Pat Simms provided music.



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Speakers announced for North Arkansas women's meetings



Dr. Willis B. Alderson

Dr. Willis B. Alderson will be the inspirational speaker for the Wesleyan Service Guilds on Saturday, October 2, at a dinner meeting in the Holiday Inn in Blytheville, at 6:30 p.m. He has chosen as his subject "The Legacy of Peace."

Dr. Alderson is a graduate of North Texas University with both the B.A. and Master of Education degrees. He also attended Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University. He was a teacher of English and a football coach in the public schools of Texas for four years. He was principal of the Farmington, Arkansas, High School while completing work on his doctorate at the University of Arkansas.

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

Immediately after completion of his doctorate work in higher education in 1970, he was named administrative assistant to the president of Hendrix College, Conway.

**CONWAY DISTRICT
DAY APART**

A "Day Apart" was observed Tuesday, September 14, by members of the Conway District Women's Society of Christian Service. The all-day meeting convened at 9 a.m. in the Atkins United Methodist Church. Fern Outlaw of Russellville was in charge of the day's program. The 90 members present were representative of the various churches in the district.



Mrs. Fred R. Pfisterer

Mrs. Fred Pfisterer will be a featured speaker at both Blytheville meetings of women. On Sunday morning, October 3, she will speak to the members of the Conference Wesleyan Service Guilds, using as her topic "The Cutting Edge of Peace". She will speak again on Tuesday afternoon at the convening session of the Conference Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. Pfisterer (Ann) is a native of North Carolina. She is a graduate of Elon College (North Carolina) with a major in English and business administration. She is married to a Methodist minister, Dr. Fred R. Pfisterer, who is pastor of St. Matthews United Methodist Church in Louisville, Kentucky. They are the parents of two daughters, Pam and Kathe—one married—both of whom are college students.

Mrs. Pfisterer has led many retreats, "day-aparts", workshops, and taught in Conference Schools of Christian Mission. Many in Arkansas will remember that she taught a class in "Communicating the Gospel" at the school at Hendrix College in July of 1970. She has held local, district, conference and jurisdiction offices in Women's Society areas of spiritual life, missionary personnel and missionary education.

THE SHILOH WSCS of Paragould West Parish elected officers on Sunday evening, September 12. Elected were: Mrs. J. O. Simpson, president; Mrs. Frank Buchanan, vice-president; Mrs. Mary Chunn, secretary; Mrs. Cecil Speer, treasurer; Mrs. Annie Edrington, Christian social relations; Mrs. Lawrence Keasler, Missionary education; and Mrs. Anne Scott, spiritual growth. The Rev. Felix Holland is pastor.



Bishop Paul V. Galloway

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will speak in Blytheville at the Women's Society Annual Meeting on Tuesday night, October 5.

Bishop Galloway is serving his second quadrennium as bishop of the Arkansas Area. Elected to the episcopacy in 1960, he served one quadrennium on the Northwest Texas Area.

He has lived in many parsonages in Arkansas, both as a P.K. (his parents were the Rev. and Mrs. J. J. Galloway, now deceased), and as a pastor. His college work was taken in Hendrix at Conway, and Henderson-Brown at Arkadelphia, with graduate work in Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Yale Divinity School, and the University of Chicago.

Churches he served as pastor in Arkansas include First Church, Fort Smith (where he was associate pastor), Arkadelphia Circuit, Manila-Dell, Swifton-Alicia, Joiner-Keiser, Clarendon, Osceola, Forrest City, Central Church in Fayetteville, and Winfield Church, Little Rock. He was senior minister of Boston Avenue Church in Tulsa, Oklahoma, for ten years prior to being elected bishop.

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Women's meetings

the Guild Weekend program include Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson of Blytheville, Mrs. D. Neal, West Memphis, Mrs. Glenn Hammond and Miss Mildred Scott, both of North Little Rock, Mrs. Dalton Henderson, Imboden, Mrs. Lillie Burgess, Conway, and Mrs. Katherine Durham.

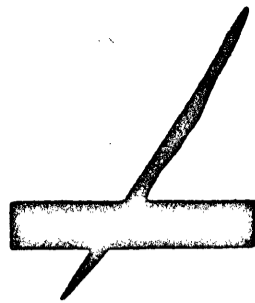
The Women's Society program will feature Mrs. Earl Hughes of Forrest City, Mrs. P. H. Hardin, Fort Smith, Mrs. Rod Thrasher and Miss Mildred Osment, both of Jonesboro, Mrs. John Page, Dover, Mrs. James Nix, Brinkley, Mrs. W. H. Ford, Cushman, Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr. and Mrs. Bernice Rogers, both of Batesville.

Dr. Virgil D. Keeley is host pastor, and the Rev. J. William Watson of Jonesboro is host district superintendent. Local general chairmen of arrangements include Mrs. William Shaneyfelt for the Guild, Mrs. F. E. Scott and Mrs. W. L. Horner for the Women's Society.

Church Women United of Arkansas sponsored a book review to benefit the Lakes Ministry program in Arkansas. Mrs. Fred Walker (center), president, reviewed "Papa's Wife" by Thyra Bjorn. She was presented by Mrs. Hugh Cort (at left). The review was in Second Presbyterian Church, Little Rock.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 3: God Calls Men

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Exodus 3:1-20; 2 Timothy 1:8-9

MEMORY SELECTION: Take your share of suffering for the gospel in the power of God, who saved us and called us with a holy calling, not in virtue of our works but in virtue of his own purpose and the grace which he gave us in Christ Jesus ages ago. (2 Timothy 1:8-9)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To remind people of the many occasions on which God has definitely called men and women to serve him; to help persons understand that God still uses men to fulfill his purpose and seek his will for their own lives.

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For several Sundays we have been discussing the various ways in which God makes himself known to men. We said just last week that such revelation gives meaning to life in general. In today's lesson we become more specific as we discuss how God has given meaning and challenge to individual lives as he has called them to serve him.

All through the Bible we see illustration of God's calling persons for definite tasks. In the Old Testament we read the stories of Abraham, Joseph, Moses, Joshua, Samuel, David, Jeremiah and others. In the New Testament the "call" which stands out is the one which came to Jesus of Nazareth. And yet there are other stories which show how God intervened in the lives of other leaders including Peter and Paul.

For a long time we thought in terms of God's calling only a few people into a limited number of vocations related to religious activities. Now we are coming to see that the idea of vocation has to be broadened to include most of the categories of work. We know that God can use people wherever they work, and so this lesson has a much wider meaning than just the call to the ministry.

We also know that God's call comes in many different ways. We read today of Moses' experience with the burning bush. For Isaiah it was a vision of "the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up." For Paul it was in the form of a dazzling light which blinded him. For Samuel there was a still, small voice coming in the middle of the night. The wide variety of these experiences is enough to tell us that the reality of God's call is not dependent on the outward physical manifestations that he has given to some men in the past. Dr. E. Stanley Jones once said, "Where a line representing my ability crosses a line representing the need of the world, there is my call to service."

We are often the instruments God uses in communicating a call to some other person. On rare occasions, God has used angels as his messengers, but it appears that he would rather use men when they are available. For this reason we should keep alert for those moments when he might have some commission for us to deliver in his name.

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THE CALL WHICH CAME TO MOSES

Our passage from the 3rd chapter of Exodus begins with Moses watching over the flocks of Jethro, his father-in-law, in Midian not far from Mount Sinai which was to be such an important locale for the climactic experiences in Moses' life. You will recall a whole train of events which brought him to this spot at this time.

Moses began life as the child of slave parents whose life was saved by the astuteness of his mother during a time when Hebrew babies were being executed. He was found and adopted by Pharaoh's daughter and reared within the palace. This could have separated him from his people, but actually

it provided him experiences which made him more ready to serve God when the time came. As Broadman Comments puts it: "He was educated at Pharaoh's expense to become qualified to deliver the Hebrews from Pharaoh's hands."

The concern which Moses retained for his own people was demonstrated one day when he saw an Egyptian official beating a Hebrew and killed the Egyptian. For his own safety he fled from Egypt to begin a new chapter in his life. He found a wife there and settled down to the quiet life of a shepherd.

On an ordinary day in his life as a shepherd, as he had led his flock to a new location, Moses witnessed a strange sight. We are told that "the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of the midst of a bush; and he looked, and lo, the bush was burning, yet was not consumed." (Exod. 3:2) As he stopped to investigate this strange phenomenon, he was made ready to hear the call of God. Dr. J. Edgar Park says in Interpreter's Bible: "There are two impulses in man; one is to accept and take for granted; the other is to look with inquiry and wonder. Out of the latter impulse religion is born."

As Moses stood in wonder before the burning bush God spoke to him by name. He responded and was told not to approach any closer but to take off his shoes because he was standing on holy ground. Certainly we would not doubt that any spot is sacred where a man receives word from God that there is some special work for him to do.

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THE GOD WHO CALLED

It is interesting to note that one of Moses' first reactions to the voice which came from the bush was to ask for identification. A voice was calling him to serve and he wanted to be sure whose voice it was. He said: "If I come to the people of Israel and say to them, 'The God of your fathers has sent me to you' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' What shall I say to them?" (verse 13)

This seemed a logical question. It was all-important that he should know the credentials behind the voice. He was worried about how he might convince the people that he was indeed God's man. He knew the people would not be easily persuaded to follow him. They would want to know the nature of the God who claimed to be the one who had sent Moses, and who said he was the God of their fathers. The name stands for the character and nature of the person who bears it. "What name shall I give them?" Moses asked. There needed to be something to certify to the people that what Moses said was true.

The name God gave to himself was "I am." This was what Moses was supposed to say in answer to the question about his authority. Basically this was the Hebrew word "Yahweh" which we have interpreted "Jehovah," and which meant, "I was, I am, I will ever be." And thus God said to Moses, "This is my name for ever, and thus I am to be remembered."

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WHAT GOD COMMISSIONED MOSES TO DO

God immediately reminded Moses of the plight of his people in Egypt, how they were suffering and had suffered for about 400 years. He reminded Moses that he had made certain promises to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob—that he had seen the affliction of his people and needed him as his agent in their deliverance.

After speaking in general terms about his relationships with Israel, God told Moses exactly what he wanted him to do. He said he wanted him to go directly to Pharaoh and ask him to release the people. This was an overwhelming challenge, and we are not surprised that Moses thought it was too

great an undertaking for him. Like so many who have been called since his time, he assumed that he would be expected to perform the mission through his own ability and talent.

What he overlooked was that the whole idea was initiated by God. It was not something Moses dreamed up on his own, so it was not up to him to complete the mission—he was to be used as the agent of the one who had called him. So often we forget that the one who calls us to specific tasks does not expect us to complete them alone. All who have answered God's call have discovered that he does not expect anyone to do more than he can. Then the remainder of the resources needed will be supplied.

As we recall that God first spoke to Moses in general terms and then became more specific, so we can be confident that God will show us what he wants us to do and will supply us with the strength if we trust in him.

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GOD CALLS MANY MEN TO MANY TASKS

There was a time when we thought that the "call" of God was extended for only a limited number of tasks. We associated this sense of vocation with the ministry and the mission field. When we have had that idea we were forgetting many of the stories in the Bible. Moses was not called to be a minister—his call was to become a military and political leader. Really he discovered that he was called to be a super-diplomat as he presented many reasons to Pharaoh for letting the Israelites go. David was called to be a king, and Gideon was selected to be a judge and a military leader.

An attitude that can do much to bridge the chasm that so often exists between clergy and laity is the feeling that there is not such a wide difference between the kind of ministry God expects from the laity and the clergy. In "A Plan of Union" which is being widely studied in our churches today there is a strong emphasis on this very point. The document prepared by the Consultation on Church Union says: "The ministry of the church is one. The ministries of the ordained and the unordained are aspects of this one ministry. Lay persons and the ordained share the same basic vocation to become free and responsible members of the new human community."

We need to realize that God can use the talents of counselors and football coaches, doctors and lawyers, secretaries and nurses. Then we will understand that the term "vocation" has meaning for great numbers of people who, in one way or another, have felt the influence of God in the choices they have made in their lives. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says, "New dimensions of outreach immediately come into play, and new demands are made on the soul. One's work becomes a vocation under God."

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MOSES DREW BACK FROM GOD'S CALL

As we speak here to many who may be coming to see their own work in relationship to the "call" from God, we would remind them that as great a man as Moses drew back from God's call. Yet, in the end, he moved ahead with assurance and confidence. Moses said, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh?"

Many of us have felt the same way. Certainly this writer can remember the reluctance with which he approached his own call to the ministry from another profession. The "call" does not have to relate to the ministry to lead to such a reaction. Most of us feel the same way when we look at the enormity of need in the world around us. Some have found their call in the very overwhelming nature of contemporary problems. Many fine young people have redirected their choices, even turning their backs on specialized training already completed, to tackle the ecological problems of the day. We know some of these people who are serving God in a remarkable way in this field.

Let us remind ourselves in closing this lesson that Moses' reluctance did not prevent him from making this great adventure of faith as he moved forward to respond to God's call. God assured him of his continuing presence and his undergirding power. With such promises as these we can all answer God's call with confidence.

'10 COMMANDMENTS' FOR VOLUNTEERS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)

—A guide for volunteers in general, but including volunteers in church work, has been formulated by the dean of the University of Maryland's School of Social Work, Dr. Daniel Thursy.

The "Ten Commandments for Volunteers" was inserted into the Congressional Record by Rep. Keith G. Sebelius (R.-Kans.), who noted that the volunteer worker "is the backbone of most organizations." The volunteers' "commandments" follow:

1. "Understand the job you undertake.
2. "Accept training appreciatively, and contribute your own experience.
3. "Match your interests to the needs about you and the job.
4. "Serve faithfully, and report new insights about your work.
5. "Discover its meaning to the total program of which it is a part.
6. "Open yourself to opportunities for growth in skill, sympathy, self-confidence, and responsibility.
7. "Value your special two-way role as community interpreter.
8. "Contribute to supervision by self-evaluation and a willingness to ask.
9. "Give loyalty to your institution and its program.
10. "Take pride in the volunteer's career. It pays handsomely in treasures of the spirit".

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Asbury Bicentennial held at Lake Junaluska

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (UMI) —Some 500 persons attended the special program here, Sept. 3-5, marking the 200th anniversary of the arrival of Francis Asbury in America.

Speakers for this national observance of the anniversary, sponsored by the United Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction's Commission on Archives and History, stressed how Asbury was influenced by John Wesley, by the American frontier, by his contemporaries and by his "divine call."

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of Columbia, S. C., president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops, emphasized the hardships Asbury encountered as evidence that he was truly "called" for his task. He declared that "today's truly consecrated minister has responded to a divine call or urge rather than having deliberately chosen a profession that offers an opportunity for social service."

Speaking exactly 200 years to the day after Asbury sailed from England, Dr. Frank Baker, British Methodist historian now at Duke University, told of the pioneer's early life and ministry. He recalled how Asbury remained in the colonies rather than return to England during the Revolutionary War. He credited Asbury with giving American Methodism a "tightly knit organization and discipline," calling him "the master craftsman of American Methodism."

The church's first bishop was called "one of America's greatest patriots" by Bishop William R. Cannon of Raleigh, N. C. He said, "He served his country best by making so many of her citizens good." He called the pastoral appointive system Asbury's greatest contribution to church government.

Dr. John H. Ness, Jr., executive secretary of the United Methodist Commission on Archives and History, compared the life of Asbury with that of his contemporary, Philip William Otterbein, founder of the Church of the United Brethren. He said, "Asbury had the advantage on the frontier of not having to unlearn a cold, formal approach."

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of Los Angeles portrayed Asbury as student, preacher and disciplinarian. He said that as a preacher, Asbury did not show greatness, but "set the example for his preachers of always preaching salvation whether it was to a half-dozen people in a mountain cabin or to city crowds." He held that Asbury was "looking to the future and not to the past." He said, "We need to catch a vision of what the church could and should be in an ecumenical world."

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Personalized wedding ceremony replacing traditional ritual

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS)—More and more couples in the Minneapolis area are designing their own wedding ceremonies.

Instead of the traditional vows in formal, Victorian language, they may exchange highly-personal promises they have written themselves and committed to memory.

The music, too, may be different. Instead of "O Promise Me" or "O Perfect Love" the solos may be the Gospel hymn, "Amazing Grace" or John Denver's popular "Follow Me."

Bible readings are selected by the couples themselves as especially mean-



Dr. Alan Walker, president of the Methodist Church in New South Wales, world evangelist and well-known author, received the annual Upper Room Citation at Denver, Colo. last month. Dr. Walker, a delegate to the world assembly of the World Council of Churches as early as 1948, received the award in recognition of his contributions to Worldwide Christian Fellowship.

ingful to them and may be supplemented by poetry or readings from Kahlil Gibran's "The Prophet."

And an effort is made to involve the guests as participants in the service through congregational singing and prayers.

Some clergymen encourage couples about to be married to modify the wedding service in order to "personalize" it.

One of these is the Rev. Jonathan Leonard, minister of pastoral care at Hennepin Avenue United Methodist church. He insists, however, that couples still maintain the Christian thrust of the wedding service in the vows they produce.

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the British scene



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

There is, we are told, in America—or at least in some parts of it, a myth about the Englishman which depicts him as a man who always says "old boy, old boy," wears a bowler hat (derby hat to you), and carries a carefully rolled umbrella. He is also thought to be a little eccentric.

One of these eccentricities, when the *Times* newspaper of London wore a more magisterial air than it, perhaps, does nowadays was that some citizen in Home Counties, the abode of

gentlemen, would be sure to try to be the first correspondent to write to the *Times* pointing out that he had heard the first cuckoo, herald of summer.

Something a little bit like that is happening about Christmas these days. As early as August 22, there was an advertisement about a well-known comedian's presentation of a Christmas pantomime, and readers were invited to book right now—maybe the earliest Christmas effort, I thought, until I discovered that Heinz beans were already suggesting that if consumers of their beans would send labels from eight of their soup cans (all different, of course), they could get free six of this year's special 2½p Christmas postage stamps, and those who send before October 6, can even have the stamps in an envelope franked with the first day of issue, October 13—an incitement to philatelists to drink more soup of that particular variety.

My point is simply a wellworn one. Christmas and its commercialisation seems to be a curious phenomenon in a country which on the whole bypasses all that the Christian faith stands for. It can be just another excuse for commercial exploitation.

VIOLENCE UNDER THE SKIN

Not far beneath the apparently smooth complexion of the British scene there lurks a fearful violence. In Ulster the problems continue to appear almost intractable—more explosions have brought death and disfigurement to innocent office workers, and the Army has an almost impossible task. This week it was decided that the enquiry into the treatment of those who have been arrested under the internment act will be pursued very quickly. This is a very good thing because the Army needs the enquiry to clear itself from charges of excessive violence as much as those who allege that there has been undue brutality.

One of the odd aspects of the whole miserable affair in Ireland is that when men incite young boys and girls to provoke the Army into action, and then kill soldiers with snipers' bullets they claim that they are defending themselves, but if by chance, a British soldier, in his haste to get out of a dangerous situation, has to handle a man roughly or hurriedly, he is accused of being "brutal." There is nothing new about this kind of thing in riot situations, of course, but I should have

thought that most reasonable people—including the great majority of the peaceful people in Belfast—wonder at the patience and discipline of the troops who act in a very restrained manner often under extreme provocation.

In the south of England this weekend there has been another "pop" festival. In numbers the organisers claim they have exceeded their expectations—which were not so realistic, if they had remembered that the Isle of Wight would not be holding such a festival this year. One of the results was an invasion of "Hell's Angels" motor-bike-mounted young men and women who got into a fight on a large scale with the caterers.

The organisers have not been slow to point out that 99 per cent of the people attending the festival are enjoying the music peacefully and all the headlines are going to the trouble makers. But, in fact, in an arena which was filled almost before the proceedings had properly started, it might not have been difficult to forecast that there would be trouble.

Rebels, it seems, are still looking for a cause.



United Methodist leaders of worship compare notes during the World Methodist Consultation on Worship at Iliff School of Theology, Denver. From left are Bishop Carlos T. Gattinoni, Buenos Aires, Argentina; the Rev. Rupert E. Davies, Bristol, England; Dr. Frederick S. DeSilva, Colombo, Ceylon, and Bishop Lance Webb, Springfield, Ill. DeSilva and Bishop Webb are chairman and co-chairman, respectively of the Commission on Worship and Liturgy of the World Methodist Council. They were elected for five-year terms of office at the World Methodist Council/Conference in Denver. By virtue of their offices both men are on the executive committee of the World Methodist Council. Other committee members, including Bishop Gattinoni and Davies, are the Revs. Brian E. Beck, Cambridge, England; Geoffrey Wainwright, Yaounde, Cameroon; Hellmut Gnadt, Temuco, Chile; Hoyt L. Hickman, Erie, Penn.; Robert R. Smith, Chatswood, Australia; Thomas W. Koomson, Accra, Ghana; and Bishop E. P. Murchison, Birmingham, Ala.

● World Communion Sunday, Oct. 3

Crusade Scholarship Program to benefit from special offering

NEW YORK (UMI) — Six young Rhodesians begin undergraduate studies in September in the United States as recipients of aid under a special experimental project of the Crusade Scholarship Program of the United Methodist Church.

The project is designed to help the growing number of Rhodesian Africans qualified for further academic studies. The University of Rhodesia, the country's only university, although multi-racial, is reportedly not able to accept all the qualified African students who apply.

Usually, Crusade Scholarships are awarded only to graduate students, according to Miss Margaret Swift, New York, executive secretary of the Cru-

sade Scholarship Committee, but in the case of Rhodesia, a special \$100,000 Crusade appropriation was made for undergraduate students. All but one of the students beginning studies in September plan to become teachers in Rhodesia when they return. The United Methodist-related universities or colleges they are attending are providing supplementary scholarship aid, such as tuition and room and board.

The major source of support for Crusade Scholarships, which have provided education in the U.S. and overseas for 26 years, is United Methodism's annual World Communion Sunday offering, which this year will be Sunday, October 3.

"SURVIVAL IN THE SEVENTIES" TV AND RADIO "SPOTS" SOON TO BE RELEASED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Five short television "spots", resulting from concerns expressed in more than 50 "Survival in the Seventies" workshops across the nation, are being produced by the United Methodist Television, Radio and Film Communication Division in cooperation with the United Presbyterian Division of Mass Media.

Being filmed in TRAFCO studios here, the spots will be released for use beginning in January. A second series is planned for release next fall.

TRAFCO initiated the local church

"survival" workshops earlier this year with a two-pronged purpose: First, the group was to consider the issue of survival as it relates to humanness and the conflicts of everyday life. Second, the group was to suggest ways the broadcast media might reach persons caught up in personal conflict.

Using the input from these workshop groups, TRAFCO and United Presbyterian staff members sifted through more than 300 specific ideas and came up with priority themes for the spots: alienation, loneliness, and meaninglessness.

Training in Human Relations and Organizational Skills offered

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMI) — A National Training Center for Human Relations and Organizational Skills featuring training in such areas as conflict management and basic human relations will be held here November 14-20 at the St. Francis Retreat Center.

The Center is one of four being sponsored in 1971 by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church in cooperation with regional groups. Co-sponsoring the Oklahoma City event will be the South Central Jurisdiction Council.

Basic training courses for persons with limited experiences in human relations training will be "Basic Human Relations," led by the Rev. Charles Allen, Highland Park United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.; and "Organizational Skills for Local Church Work," led by the Rev. Claibourne

Hatcher, faculty member at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

Advanced training courses will include: "Personal Growth," Dr. Dick Burke, faculty member at the University of Houston; "Consulting Skills," the Rev. Kenneth Mitchell, Nashville, Tenn., staff member of the Division of the Local Church; "Experiential Education Design Skills," Dr. Paul Maves, faculty member at Saint Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo.; and "Conflict Management," Dr. David Kopplin, faculty member at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Open to persons of all denominations and faiths, the Center places emphasis on "learning how to learn from one's own interpersonal experience and how to harness his emotional life and intellectual capacities to the accomplishment of his goals."

TRAFCO announces Film Production Workshop

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A Film Production Workshop will be held in the studios of the United Methodist Television, Radio and Film Communications Division here November 8-19.

The 11-day event has been planned, according to director James Campbell, in response to requests from communications leaders across the church who have some knowledge and experience in producing visuals and who would like to know more about motion picture production.

Individuals will work on their own projects in all phases of production from scripting through laboratory work and distribution of the finished product, he explained.

Workshop leaders will be the film creators, designers, producers, directors, photographers and editors of the TRAFCO staff in Nashville. Some scholarship aid is being made available by TRAFCO for United Methodist participants. Other denominations have also been invited to participate in the workshop which will be limited to 30 persons.

Using an advertising agency setting, the spots will be aimed at the average television audience. The first series will include one 10-second, two 30-second, and two 60-second spots.

"The survival messages suggest that solutions are to be found in more honest relationships between persons and in a new awareness of God's presence and strength in everyday life," according to Nelson Price, New York, head of TRAFCO's Section of Broadcast Communications.

An elaborate marketing design has been planned for the spots, he said, aimed at heavy public service airing during January.

Groups wishing to participate in a

motive to cease publication

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — motive magazine, controversial student periodical begun by the former Methodist Church in 1941, will suspend publication following a decision of its editorial board made during the summer.

No announcement was made of the action when the board met in July, but the Rev. Lynn Jondahl, East Lansing, Mich., chairman, recently confirmed the action in a telephone conversation.

After 30 years of denominational sponsorship the magazine became an independent corporation July 1, 1971, severing all ties with the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Board of Education.

motive, always a controversial periodical, caused considerable stir across the church with its Women's Liberation issue in 1969. The following issue was stopped at the printers by publisher Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education, because of language which he said was obscene.

Mr. Jondahl said that if money can be found, a final issue dealing with "Gay Consciousness" will be mailed in December. Officials of the Methodist Publishing House said they will not continue as the printer for motive since it is no longer an official publication of the church.

Survival Workshop may write to TRAFCO for materials. Input from these groups must be received by February 15 for the second series of television spots to be released next fall.

A series of 30-second and 60-second radio spots are also being produced as a part of the survival program. The spots, which will run simultaneously with the television spots in January, deal with the question "Who am I?" Producer of the radio spots is Bill Richards. Director is Fred Rowles.

Arkansas Guidance Foundation to begin job therapy program

The Arkansas Guidance Foundation will launch its statewide job therapy program at a dinner meeting at 6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 30, at Christ Episcopal Church in Little Rock. Dick Simmons, Director of Job Therapy U.S.A., will be the featured speaker. Reservations will be available at \$2.50 and are limited in number. Leaders from across the state are expected.

The Job Therapy program is a form of Project Misdemeanor which was developed by a Methodist Judge in Royal Oaks, Michigan, and promoted by the Methodist General Board of Social Concerns. Today this approach is used in over 400 courts throughout the land.

Keith Leenhouts says, "The introduction of an inspirational personality into the life of a delinquent or young criminal is not an answer to crime — it is the answer." Leenhouts states that Simmons has been the nation's top expert in training volunteers for work with parolees from prison.

Simmons is a former Presbyterian minister who helped to establish the New York Teen Challenge. Later, in Seattle, Washington, he developed job therapy for parolees returning from prison. Simmons, who has worked with the Department of Justice Law Enforcement Assistance Administration, has been successful in helping five non-profit corporations receive grants to start job therapy programs in their states. These are Ohio, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Washington, and California. Mr. Simmons has received a Presidential Citation for his work.

In Arkansas, the Arkansas Guidance Foundation, depending totally on private contributions for support, will begin job therapy for adult parolees, juveniles, and school drop-outs. All work with prisoners or parolees will

be in co-operation with the Arkansas Prison Ministry, which officially represents six church bodies.

"YOUNG CULTURE LIFETIME CASSETTE SERVICE"

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A "Young Culture Lifetime Cassette Service" has been launched here by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

The cassette tapes will include selected tunes from the current "top 40" interspersed with interviews with major artists from the music world giving their testimony of the worth of the Christian ethic in the lives of their listeners. The service will be aimed at late teens and young adults as well as older adults who work with this age group.

Producer of the cassette service is William Wolfe who recently moved to Nashville from Huntington, W.Va. In 1965 he initiated a radio program entitled "Lifetime" produced by Relay Production, Inc., an independent non-profit religious broadcast production corporation.

The cassette service costing a subscriber \$39.50 annually, will include nine tapes. Individual tapes may be purchased for \$5.25. An advance, sample tape will be available early in October for \$1 and the first tape of the series will be available in mid-November.

Purpose of the service, according to Mr. Wolfe, is to retell the gospel message in new terms and new sounds through the works of contemporary composers, views of people of all ages and all walks of life across the nation, programs from colleges, coffee-houses, and discussions of crucial issues.

ANGLICAN BISHOP CITES GROWTH OF CHRISTIANITY IN AFRICA

NASHVILLE (RNS) — An Anglican bishop said here that he is "almost numb" when he sees the tremendous growth of Christianity in Africa, especially in Kenya, Nigeria and the Congo.

Bishop Stephen S. Neill, the Fonden Lecturer at Scarritt College here, discussed the upsurge of Christianity in Africa.

The bishop, who has been associate General Secretary of the World Council of Churches and an assistant to the Archbishop of Canterbury, said that Christian growth in Africa depends upon five forces now operating on the continent.

One force, he said, is the mistrust which many Africans have for the Christian church and the desire to return to a native African church. "They feel that when the white man came in with the missionaries they swept away much of the African past," Bishop Neill stated.

"However," he added, "many Africans know they cannot return to a small society, for a larger society provides human creativity, self-development and fulfillment."

"The materialism of the West" is

another force in African life, said Bishop Neill, who since 1969 has been professor at the University of Nairobi. Africans who were formerly poor are now convinced that they can be rich, capitalizing on the wealth of natural resources on the African continent, he said. "The question is, will the African be able to stand up against the force of materialism?"

Islam is also a force in Africa, the bishop noted. But "the language of Arabic is not the key to the modern world. Africans want to learn German, Russian, Chinese and English, and so far there is no sign of a mass movement toward the religion of Islam."

Two other forces in Africa are the inroads of Western Christianity and the training of African theologians, Bishop Neill concluded. He said that foreigners who go to Africa now must become servants of the people. African Christianity is now indigenous with five or six African bishops, African music is used in worship services and an increasing number of native ministers are serving the Christian communities, said the Anglican churchman.

Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

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

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by Marjory Stewart Mulkey
G. BURR ABERNATHY
by Edith A. Laugley
HOMER ANDERSON
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by Wm. E. Crenshaw
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by Mrs. E. C. Farabee
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by Mr. & Mrs. Geo. Brown
MISS GUY BROWN
by Mrs. J. C. Gray
by J. W. Willoughby, Jr.
by Mansour's Dept. Store
by Mr. & Mrs. Harold B. Dyer
LYAL BRUCE
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by Dr. & Mrs. Elmer L. Davis
MISS ADDIE J. EVANS
by Dalark Charge W.S.C.S.
by Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Woods
by Dalark Homemakers Club
by Mr. & Mrs. Odus Pennington
CURTIS FOSTER
by Mr. & Mrs. T. G. Fogleman
CORNELIA FOSTER
by The Misses Lide
by The Sunshine Class, First Church, Camden
JOHN BERNARD FRAZER
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by The Sunshine Class, Camden First Church
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MRS. LEANNA MERRITT MITCHELL
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by Alvin and Alice Tanner
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by Mr. & Mrs. S. Hubert Mayes
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by Mrs. W. G. Rye
TED NORTON
by Mr. & Mrs. Jay W. Dickey
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by Jewell B. Fitzhugh
E. R. PACKARD
by Mr. & Mrs. Bob Russell,
Bobby & Ricky
H. T. PATTON
by Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Silliman
GUS REICHARDT
by Dr. & Mrs. D. A. Gilbrech
MRS. SAM RUSSELL
by Mrs. C. H. McClinton
L. C. ROGERS
by Wm. E. Crenshaw
MRS. DOROTHY SORRELLS
by Roy and Gladys Rollans
by Mrs. W. H. Harris
by Fred Kelley
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by Dr. & Mrs. H. S. Purvis
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A typical Sunday evening Wesley Foundation scene at the University of Arkansas at Monticello. Suppers are served at 5:30 p.m. at a cost of 50 cents for each student with an average attendance of 40 young persons. The Rev. Thomas A. Abney is Wesley Foundation director.

Abingdon Press publishes new Bible Commentary

NASHVILLE (RNS) — An enormous one-volume commentary on the Bible — reflecting the work of 70 Protestant, Catholic and Jewish scholars—has been published here by Abingdon Press, a United Methodist agency.

Its appearance is one of the highlights of the Fall religion book season. Abingdon announced an initial printing of 100,000 copies and an \$80,000 advertising campaign.

The 1,386-page book, called "The Interpreter's One-Volume Commentary" was edited by Dr. Charles M. Laymon, chairman of the department of religion at Florida Southern College, Lakeland.

Commentaries on each book of the Old and New Testaments and the Apocrypha are included, along with 43 general articles on biblical topics and a collection of maps.

The work is not, however, a condensation of either Abingdon's 12-volume Interpreter's Bible nor its four-volume Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible.

The volume is intended, the publisher said, for laymen, students, ministers and college or seminary teachers.

The contents do not foster particular doctrinal interpretations. The intent is to offer "objectivity and careful analysis" in presenting the contents of the Scripture.

The new one-volume commentary sells for \$17.50 in a regular edition and \$19.50 in a thumb-indexed version. Both are available before Dec. 31 at a discount of almost \$3.

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An adult, willing to stoop to a child's world, will rediscover spiritual truths that he may have forgotten.

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HEARD AT WORLD METHODIST MEETINGS

"To invest the Bible with infallibility is to divest it of reality. It is difficult to see how any person of integrity can maintain that the Bible offers us a completely consistent view of morality or that from it we can expect to receive prepackaged answers to all life's ethical conundrums."—Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary, British Methodist Conference.

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To boys and girls from boys and girls

"We're thankful we can share with children around the world."

These words accompanied a check sent recently by an Elementary III-IV class in a United Methodist vacation church school. They were donating a special collection to the Children's Fund for Christian Missions.

The Children's Fund, administered by the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education (Boards of Education and Missions), is the only fund in The United Methodist Church set up especially for children.

The offerings go to help children in John's Island, South Carolina — to communities too poor to provide adequate medical facilities; to South India—where nutrition programs are vitally needed to keep people alive; to North Africa—where services are provided for mentally retarded and dispossessed people; to Rhodesia—where urban ministries are being developed; to Indian Americans—to help provide better schools, housing, transportation and general living conditions; and to Lit-Lit, the Committee on World Lit-

eracy and Christian Literature — to provide books and resources written in simple language for adults in Asia, Africa and South America who are just learning to read.

A large portion of the total donations come from vacation church schools in the summer. The projects are described in the vacation church school materials and the children learn what their money does and where it goes.

Some groups send in their money after they complete their study. Others contribute on a regular basis. But whatever method is used, the money is wisely spent as children and adults in the most affluent country in the world contribute to the betterment of conditions and the fulfillment of human potential for children throughout the world.

Offerings are sent through the local church treasurer in accordance with annual conference benevolent giving policies to the Interboard Committee on Missionary Education, Post Office Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

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"For both Methodist and Catholic, growth is inseparable from the idea of holiness. It is a dynamic interaction of the Holy Spirit of God and the human spirit, and it issues in moral and spiritual discipline, in contemplation, in charismatic action, in sacrificial love and service."—John Cardinal Willebrands, the Vatican.

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"The earth has enough resources for all. . . . We are called to urgent action to cooperate with God to see that every man has access to its wealth and has enough to make him live a decent life and thus develop his full God-given potentiality."—Joseph Samuel Annan, senior executive officer of World Food Program.

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42 Then Job answered the Lord.

Job

- 2 I know, Lord, that you are all-powerful; that you can do everything you want.
- 3 You ask how I dare question your wisdom when I am so very ignorant. I talked about things I did not understand, about marvels too great for me to know.
- 4 You told me to listen while you spoke and to try to answer your questions.
- 5 Then I knew only what others had told me, but now I have seen you with my own eyes;
- 6 so I am ashamed of all I have said and repent in dust and ashes.



NEW YORK — A paperback version of the Old Testament Book of Job is being released by the American Bible Society in New York. The 89-page book, beautifully illustrated by Robert Hodgell and titled "Job for Modern Man," joins the Psalms in the Bible Society's translations of the Old Testament released so far. Publication of the entire Old Testament in Today's English Version is set for 1975. The cover of the book is shown at left, a passage from the text at right. (RNS Photo)

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