Christian Civic Foundation to hold annual meeting

The main speaker for the annual meeting of Board of Directors of the Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation, Feb. 17, will be the Rev. Rayford G. Feather, executive director of the American Council on Alcohol Problems, Inc. with offices in Washington,

The meeting will be held at Second Baptist Church, Little Rock, and will begin with the noon meal, according to Dr. W. Henry Goodloe, executive director of the Civic Foundation.

Dr. Feather, a native of Pennsyl-

vania, was executive director of that state's Council on Alcohol Problems for five years, and for ten years before that was superintendent of that organization's Central District.

He is a United Methodist minister, a member of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference. He serves as a member of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns of the United Methodist Church.

He has been a member of a num-



Rev. Feather

ber of seminars on alcohol education, and the titles of his publications include "It Isn't Funny," "Two Drinks Won't Hurt," and "The Church and Alcohol Problems."

He is a graduate of North Central College, Napierville, Ill. and of the Evangelical School of Theology.

The meeting on next Monday will be presided over by Mrs. R. E. Snider of Camden, chairman.

Xerox employee to devote year to Laubach Literacy program

The Laubach Literacy program in Arkansas takes on a new impetus with the recent announcement by the Xerox Corporation that one of its Arkansas employees has been given a year's leave of absence with full pay to work in the program.

Arkansas Literacy office to open

James E. Bales of North Little Rock, an employee of the Little Rock branch of Xerox since his military tour at Little Rock Air Force Base, was chosen as one of the 21 selected from 200 Xerox applicants to spend a year in social service week.

in social service work.

The program in which he will be working has been the prime project for the past two years of Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, wife of the Arkansas bishop of the United Methodist Church. Under her leadership, the state adult

literacy program has been sparked into training tutors in several communities. Workshops to train tutors in the simplified method of Laubach's "Each One Teach One" have been conducted in Fayetteville, Fort Smith, Batesville, Heber Springs, Camden, Hot Springs, Corning, Jonesboro, Forrest City, Bald Knob, El Dorado, Arkadelphia, Stuttgart, Warren, North Little Rock and Little Rock.

New Training Opportunities

The fifth workshop within a year in the Little Rock area will be held next week in Asbury United Methodist Church, 12th and Schiller, on January 18, 19 and 20. Day classes will be from 9:30 until 1:00. Night classes

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Significant conferences ahead at Lake Murray

Two significant conferences are for chaplain's wives and lay women scheduled during January at Lake around the world. Murray State Park, Ardmore, Okla. Sponsored by the South Central Jurisdiction Program Council on the theme "A Ringing Call to Mission," the meeting for ministers and their wives is planned for Jan. 18-21 with the conference for lay men and women to follow, Jan. 21-23.

Leadership for both of the conferences includes the Rev. Warren R. Ebinger, assistant general secretary of the General Board of Christian Social Concerns; Mrs. Iona Henry McLaughlin, former associate secretary of the Women's Division of Christian Service who has served as a counselor

around the world.

The Rev. Charles D. Whittle, director of the Department of Services and Guidance of the General Board of Evangelism; and Dr. M. Buren Stewart, chairman of the South Central Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism.

The music for both conferences will be directed by the Rev. and Mrs. Robert E. Young of Ridgewood United Methodist Church, Dallas, Tex.

Dr. Roberto Escamilla, director of bilingual ministries of the General Board of Evangelism, will address the conference for the ministers and their

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State trooper retires to become full-time Methodist minister

In a dramatic ceremony at Arkansas State Police headquarters last week a state policeman retired and cleared the way for becoming a full-time United Methodist minister.

Bispho Paul V. Galloway and Col. William Miller, State Police director, participated in the retirement of Lt. Guy Joseph Downing who recently was appointed pastor of First United Methodist Church, Horatio. He has been serving as the pastor of the Prescott Circuit.

Downing turned his revolver over to Col. Miller, saying, "I've carried this gun as a policeman for 29 years to help people and keep the peace. Now God has called me to change to the ministry."

Bishop Galloway presented Downing with a Book of Discipline and placed on his shoulders a robe symbolic of his place as a minister of the United Methodist Church.

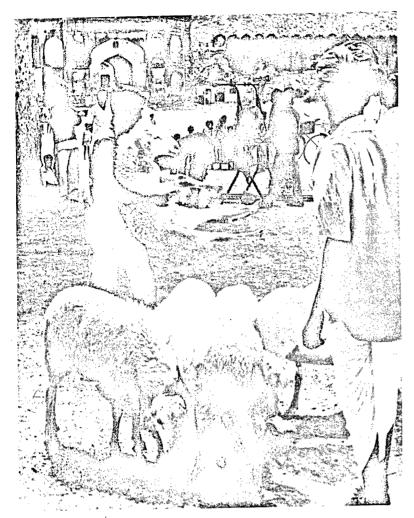
Last summer he attended the Courses of Study School for lay pastors at Perkins School of Theology and plans to attend the next three summers to complete his work for ordina-

Downing was accompanied by his wife and Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, district superintendent of the Hope District. He has been making his home in Hope for a number of years.

a Methodist minister, he said he first became interested in the ministry in 1958. He began working on numerous commissions and committees with the church, and in 1968 began to speak in churches that were without pastors. He said that he enjoyed it so much and got so involved in the work of the church that he had to decide between it and the State Police.



Bishop Paul V. Galloway placed a ministerial robe on the shoulder of Lt. Guy Joseph Downing who is retiring from the Arkansas State Police to become pastor of the Horatio United Methodist Church. Col. William C. Miller (right), State Police director received Downning's revolver marking the end of 25 years on the force.



Arkansas-based Heifer Project has contributed more than 400 beautifully coated Rambouillet sheep which can produce five times more wool than the native sheep of India. And more wool means more jobs for thousands of Indian shepherds and wool processors. (United Nations Photo)

Arkansas-based Heifer Project helps India's economy

Heifer Project Inc., a non-profit self-help organization, which recently moved its world headquarters to Little Rock, has been cited by the United Nations for its major contribution to the sheep-wool industry in India.

In its report, scanning the first decade of development, the United Nations Development Programme chose ten major programs to applaud for "major achievements" in the 1960's. Heifer Project was among those programs cited.

The U. N. report noted that, prior to the initiation of this cooperative program, "So many problems plagued the sheep and wool industry (in India) that the shepherds were barely able to eke out a subsistence level of income. A sheep population numbering between forty and forty-five millions produced . . . an average of less than two pounds, or about fifty cents worth each."

This Indian program, sponsored by the United Nations, began its work in the Indian state of Rajasthan, which produces more than 42% of the total wool produced in India. The goal set grade Rajasthan sheep through crossbreeding and the introduction of "exotic" new blood lines.

Heifer Project contributed over 400 luxuriously coated Rambouillet rams and ewes to the developing project. The program also provided training for local shepherds in modern fodder

and pasturing techniques.

Time spent on the knees in prayer will do more to remedy heart strain and nerve worry than anything else.—

According to the U. N. report, this. effort to aid the Indian wool industry has proved highly effective. The entire sheep-wool industry in Rajasthan has been bettered, because of the efforts of Heifer Project and other develop-ment organizations. Shepherds have more than doubled their income levels. since this program began. Indian wool exports have been affected favorably, rising sharply over the last two years, helping to uplift a traditionally sluggish economy. New jobs for skilled wool shearers and graders have been created, in a country where widespread unemployment has proven endemic. "International aid combined with selfhelp," the U. N. report concludes, "is causing the 'good flock' to prosper."

In its 28 years of serving others, Heifer Project has been involved in self-help programs in over 90 countries throughout the world, and in 17 states here in the United States. Heifer Project has its international offices in the Worthen Bank Building in downtown Little Rock. The organization recently purchased the Fourche River Ranch in Perry County to serve as an operatby cooperating agencies, was to up- ing base for its international livestock programs.

George David Stewart

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LAKE MURRAY

Registrations are limited to 150 persons for each of the conferences. For the ministers' conference there is a special emphasis on ministers and their wives who have been in the ministry five years or less although all ministers and their wives are invited.

Registration for the first conference begins at 3:00 p.m., and the concluding event will be a closing celebration led by Dr. Stewart on Friday morning. Registration for the conference for lay men and women will begin at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, the 21st and the closing event will be the communion service led by Dr. Stewart on Sunday morning.

Registrations are being handled through the office of Dr. Virgil D. Morris, 201-203 Bixler Bldg, 2400 N.W. 23rd St., Oklahoma City, Okla.

News in Brief

Miss Margo Lynn Johnson, queen of the 1972 Pasadena, Calif., Tournament of Roses, is an active member of Church of the Good Shepherd (United Methodist) in Arcadia, Calif. The 1971 Rose Queen also was a United Methodist.



The Rev. Robert A. Boyd Clanton is the recipient of a \$100 scholarship, from the Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism, to attend the Mid-Winter Conference for ministers and wives at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Okla., Jan. 18-21. Clanton, a 1971 graduate of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, is pastor of the Leola United Methodist Charge.

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A January Emphasis on Communication

e trust that you are as interested as we are in the annual Circulation Campaign which is being held this year January 16-23 for our paper. For a number of years our opportunity to serve you has depended primarily on your willingness to support us during the month of January. We have every reason to believe that this concentrated method of promoting circulation serves you and us in a better fashion than other methods which would require that we keep talking about subscriptions every month in the year.

The increase in the subscription price was approved by the last session of Annual Conference, and has been authorized by the IRS as being in line with price control guidelines. Most of the increase will be needed to pay for the sharp increases in Second Class postage. By far the largest proportion of persons to whom we have talked do not feel that \$3 per year is too much for the weekly newspaper we are providing our readers as a means of keeping them informed of rapidly moving events in the world of religion.

Many of our churches have secured the services of volunteers who are already doing the "leg work" which is required in a venture such as the Circulation Campaign. If you are one of those who has accepted this challenging responsibility we hope you are seeing it as a real Christian experience of sharing in the communication process. When you are engaged in this task we feel that you are truly a part of the staff which is making it possible for these channels of communication and Christian witness to be opened and kept open.

It is just a short time until the 1972 General Conference will open in the Civic Center in Atlanta, Ga. Long before the sessions begin, we will be focusing our major attention on that quadrennial meeting and all of the significant issues that will be coming before it. Your paper has a tradition of bringing you

the news of General Conference in the shortest possible time. Pictures of persons involved in the decisions made at Atlanta and the content of these decisions will be coming to you through the pages of The Methodist.

General Conference will be dealing with many issues which affect the witness of every United Methodist. Never before have so many long-range planning groups been at work on planning the future of our church as those that will be making their recommendations at Atlanta. Through your church newspaper you will have the opportunity to sit where the delegates sit and understand the background and content of their decisions.

Just a short time after the adjournment of General Conference, we will be going to the Annual Conferences in which organization and planning for the new quadrennium, 1972-76 will be perfected. We think your church paper is in a unique position to inform the membership concerning these plans.

In the month of July the South Central Jurisdictional Conference will be held in Houston. Again details of structure and organization will come before the delegates, and we will welcome the opportunity to visit with you concerning these actions and their meaning. However, the election of new bishops and the assignment of episcopal leadership for the new quadrennium is the big

news we will all be awaiting from Houston. Your paper and its staff will be in a position to introduce you to your new bishop

However, we would not want you to forget the many continuing services made available through the pages of your Methodist. The laymen and the women of the area are using our pages constantly to present their challenging programs and to report on significant achievements in local congregations and across the church. We do not feel that any other method is as effective in keeping these members in touch with each other.

These are days in which events in the religious world are taking place in rapid fashion. The mission and involvement of the church speak to us in a most exciting way in 1972. None of us can back away from the opportunity to witness for God and Christ in such thrilling days. The staff of your paper rejoices in the opportunity we have to work with you in confronting all these challenges.

Let us continue to serve you by subscribing to The Methodist



A Conference on White House Conferences

United Methodists will have an opportunity during February to seek the essence of four White House Conferences which have been held during the past three years. According to a recent news release from Leonard M. Perryman of United Methodist Information, the two major questions to be resolved will be: "Where should the church, and the country as a whole, be going in regard to recommendations from those national gatherings?" and "What are unresolved issues coming out of the Conferences?"

Those and other questions are to be considered by participants in a United Methodist Workshop on the White House Conference, to be held at Asbury United Methodist Church in Washington, Feb. 3-6.

The conferences in question are: White House Conference on Food, Nutrition and Health in 1969; White House Conference on Children in 1970; White House Conference on Youth in early 1971; White House Conference on Aging in late 1971. Invited to the workshop are United Methodist delegates to any of the four.

The keynote speaker for the workshop will be Dr. Wilbur Cohen, head of the School of Education at the University of Michigan and former secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Another former HEW secretary, and chairman of the recent White House Conference on Aging, Dr. Arthur Flemming, will be consultant and resource person. A United Methodist layman, he is a former National Council of Churches president and college and university administrator.

It seems to us that this is a most practical method of seeking to channel the findings of these conferences into the life and work of the church.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The flow of Jews from the Soviet Union to Israel is now so great that El Al airlines plans to use Boeing 747s to transport the growing number of immigrants from Vienna to Israel, according to an Israeli Radio report in Jerusalem. Vienna is the major stopover for emigrant Soviet Jews. The report said that total Jewish immigration in Israel during '72 is expected to exceed the earlier projected figure of 45,000 by some 20,000, with immigrants mainly from the USSR.

Dr. Jan M. Lockman, a Czech who teaches at the University of Basel in Switzerland, is not distressed over theology's loss of a "privileged position" in European culture. Dr. Lockman said the removal of special privilege makes the church and its theology freer and better able to become involved in the world of people. "The theologian should not act more pious than God himself," he said, as he voiced impatience with both contemporary "orthodoxy" and "liberalism." The first, he said, has conformed too much to "an established dogmatic system" while liberalism has chosen themes of its own choice.

Christians around the world celebrated the birth of the Prince of Peace in a variety of ways on Christmas Day. News reports covered the following observances: In Paris, several hundred hoboes attended a Midnight Mass held beneath one of the bridges crossing the Seine. In Huelva, Spain, gypsies formed a choir in the local cathedral. Hanoi Radio reported that North Vietnamese Catholics attended services throughout the country. In Charlotte, N.C. Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., accompanied by three pastors—United Methodist, Lutheran and Presbyterian—and an interracial group of collegeage carolers, visited the Mecklenburg County jail with gifts for prisoners.

Representatives of Orthodox Jews in 27 countries convened in Jerusalem Jan. 9-12 for the Second World Conference of Nat'l. Synagogue Organizations and Religious Councils. More than 480 delegates from 32 states and three Canadian provinces were scheduled to attend from North America, according to Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America.

The Rev. David A. Works, head of the North Conway Institute, an agency located in Boston, devoted to overcoming alcoholic and drug addiction, has been named to New Hampshire's advisory council on alcohol problems. New Hampshire is working with federal funding—under the Hughes Act of 1970—in stepping up attention to alcohol-related problems. Works, an Episcopal clergyman, is well known for his involvement in religious, governmental and social organizations that deal with alcoholism and drug addiction.

Dick Ross and Associates, a firm that produced the film versions of "The Cross and the Switchblade" and "The Late Liz," has been forced into bankruptcy, according to a report in the Jan. 7 issue of Christianity Today. In an interview with Religious News Service, Ross said he thought that future distribution of the films would bring in more than enough money to pay all liabilities and reimburse the original investors in the company. The total DRA operation was signed over to a group of American Baptist officials in October, Ross said, and they will have complete control of all future distribution of the films.

Students from many foreign nations gathered in Houston, Dec. 17-Jan. 1 at First Presbyterian Church for the sixth annual "Christmas International House" program. The church's available space was converted into living quarters for those unable to make the long trip home during the extended holidays of U.S. colleges and universities. Facilities for sleeping, eating and recreation were provided to prevent loneliness among these young people and to share with them some of the season's festive spirit. International House programs are sponsored by the Presbyterian Bd. of World Missions which has 42 such houses in the U.S.

A Roman Catholic editor has proposed that American Catholics carry out a program of spiritual revival to parallel the Key '73 movement planned by Protestants. In an editorial, editor-publisher Dale Francis said that the Protestant program is a "wonderful idea" and that Roman Catholics "desperately need a spiritual revival."

A paraphrase of the Bible, a volume of biblical stories and a recent translation of the Jewish Torah were accepted in Washington by President Nixon for inclusion in the White House library. The books were presented by Arthur J. Goldberg, former U.S. Supreme Court Justice, on behalf of the Laymen's Nat'l. Bible Committee. Added to the White House book collection were: The Living Bible, by Dr. Kenneth N. Taylor, The Story Bible by Pearl Buck, and The Torah, a translation of the first five books of the Jewish Scripture. The library was started in 1963 during the administration of President John F. Kennedy.

Rather than treating ethnicity as a "skeleton in the closet" as the "melting-pot" theory of America has done, it should be studied as the skeleton-framework-of religion in America, according to Dr. Martin Marty, University of Chicago professor. The Missouri Synod Lutheran clergyman spoke on the role of ethnic and racial identity in his presidential address to the American Society of Church History as it met in New York. He gave ethnic differences considerably more weight in shaping religion in America than many inherited historical and sociological theories. Dr. Marty noted the spiraling interest in distinctive "peoplehood" demonstrated by blacks, Spanish-speaking Americans, Orientals and others.

Ordered by his superiors to give more time to his congregation a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod pastor in Shakopee, Minn. has agreed to comply with a directive to end all voluntary community activities in order to save a mission subsidy to his congregation. The Rev. Carl R. Lampitt, 40, has been working as an unpaid driver and attendant for an ambulance service and as an orderly at Catholic-operated St. Francis Hospital. Mr. Lampitt said he regards these activities as an extension of his ministry.

The personal library of the late Dr. William F, Albright, a noted biblical archaeologist at Johns Hopkins University, has been added to the library of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Ky. The collection of 5,000 volumes and 6,000 reprints of articles was purchased by the seminary in 1960, with the stipulation that it remain in Dr. Albright's hands until his death. He died in September 1971.

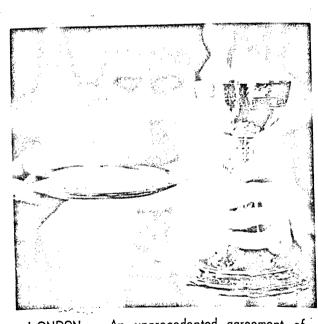
Church-related colleges must not be expected to enforce social restrictions which parents and churches cannot get students to obey, Dr. E. Bruce Heilman, told the annual meeting of the Virginia (Southern) Baptist General Assn. The University of Richmond president said, "We must deal with them through our value system, our moral and spiritual fiber. That goes right back to the home and family, the community and to the local church." By maintaining ties with colleges even when moral standards cannot be enforced on campus, he added, the church can exert an influence.

The American Baptist Assn., not to be confused with the American Baptist Convention is erecting a new headquarters building in Texarkana. The national headquarters presently in downtown Texarkana, on the Arkansas side of the city divided by the Texas-Arkansas line will be relocated across the state line in Texas. Offices, printing presses, warehouses and service facilities will be housed in the new structure.

The Board of World Missions of the Lutheran Church in America is seeking an inter-Lutheran consultation on "joint strategy for Lutheran involvement in Sub-Sahara Africa." It is related to churches in Liberia and Tanzania which have rounded the "major turn in the road to self-reliance," according to Dr. Ruben Pedersen, the LCA board's secretary. "This does not mean an abandonment of our partnership with our brethren in Liberia and Tanzania," he emphasized, "rather it should be our mutual joy that one brother no longer needs to say 'I cannot do it by myself,' and the other need not say 'you cannot get along without my help.' "Completing a three-month tour of 16 African countries, Pedersen told the board that there are "unparalled evangelism opportunities in Africa."

The Rev. Harry Summers of Albuquerque, N. Mex., speaking for the New Mexico Inter-Church Agency, formerly the Council of Churches, of which he is executive secretary, said church leaders are becoming "disturbed at what's going on up at the prison." He said he has been authorized by the inter-church agency to form a task force to gather information "to assist people in charge of prison rehabilitation procedures." The committee has held several public meetings following a disturbance put down by the prison staff after inmates went on a hunger strike and a rampage causing \$65,000 worth of damage.

A discussion at a joint meeting of the American Society of Church History and the American Catholic Historical Assn. disclosed considerable agreement that scholars of religion and churchmen have a responsibility to help determine approaches that can be used in resisting what Dr. Franklin Littell called "lawless governments" and "lawless acts by lawful governments."



LONDON — An unprecedented agreement of the Anglican and Roman Catholic Churches on the doctrine of the Eucharist was announced in London on Dec. 31. The document was drafted by an international Anglican-Roman Catholic commission on Sept. 7, 1971 at Windsor. The agreement reputedly removes one of the main doctrinal obstacles to unity by ending old differences between the two Churches over the concept of Transubstantiation or what exactly happens during the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper, in the eating of the consecrated bread and wine. (RNS Photo)

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Toshi Kubotera of Tokyo, Japan, spent 10 days during Christmas holidays in the homes of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Watts and family and members of Bethel and Rose City Beacon United Methodist Churches, North Little Rock. The generosity of various members and organizations within the two congregations made it possible for Mr. Kubotera, a personal friend of the Watts family, to come from Emory University in Atlanta, Ga., where he is a ministerial student. He was a worship hour speaker for the two congregations. He expects to return to Tokyo after receiving his Master's degree in June.

FROM OUR READERS:

Portland, Ark. Dear Editor:

In response to your invitation for

the Methodists of Arkansas to voice their views relative to matters to be brought before the coming General Conference, I would like to voice the opinion that too little thought is given to the sizes of the memberships of the greater majority of United Methodist Churches when programs for the United Methodist Church are promulgated. Specifically, most of the programs are set up for implementation in the larger churches with instructions that they may be altered to fit the capabilities of the smaller churches.

My contention is based on the fact that 86.24% of the 41,177 United Methodist Churches in existence in 1969, were churches of memberships from 0 to 499, while only 13.76% or 5664 churches had memberships from

500 to 3000 or over. Certainly, it would appear from this, that those charged with the responsibility of planning the programs of the church should take it into consideration the fact that programs should be designed for the smaller churches with instructions that they be altered to fit Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor. the capabilities of the larger churches. I have served in churches of 1700, 625, and a charge of 228 members, and while I have encountered difficulty in implementing a church program in the larger churches, it has been most difficult to adapt some of the programs to the smaller charges.

It is my hope that our delegates will

Student Recognition Services

COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY students who spoke in First Church, Hot Springs, Jan. 2, were Kathy Graham, U. of Ark.; Sharon Miller, Arkansas Tech; Randy Smith, Tulane; and Lance Ellis, Hendrix. Other participants in the service were Terri Dodson, Barbara Blagg, Cathy Nobles, Jimmy McCleary, Neill Clem and Cecil Cupp III. Dr. George Ivey is pastor.

STUDENT RECOGNITION Sunday was observed in the First United Methodist Church of Murfreesboro, December 26. The service was conducted by college students of the local church. Those participating were: David Folsom, John David Darnall and Sheldon "Jeep" Alquist, students of the University of Arkansas, and John Bray and Bill Henderson, students at Henderson State College. The Rev. Harold W. Brent is pastor.

THE MANILA METHODIST Church observed Student Recognition Sunday December 26. College Students taking part in the service were, Miss Melissa Stahr, Miss Frankie Adkins, Miss Paula Shaneyfelt, Miss Johnye Adkins, Nelson McCullough, Eddie Mobley, Bruce Hornberger, Wade Shownes, Jimmy Thieme and Roy Lee Ashabranner, who delivered the sermon on "Youth and The Church." Rev. Wendell Dorman is pastor of the Manila Church.

MARK LASATER, ministerial student at Hendrix Ćollege, spoke in morning worship services of First United Methodist Church of Pea Ridge, and at Oakley Chapel Church, January 2.

KEITH GOZA, student in Emory University, Atlanta, spoke in Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, on Sunday evening, Dec. 26. The Rev. Albert Gatlin is pastor.

AT JONESBORO, college students who had just returned from the Christmas Conference of Campus Crusaders in Dallas led the Sunday-at-Six program in First United Methodist Church, January 2. Jim Grimes, Jr., student minister, was in charge of the "Service of Praise and Witness." The Rev. Worth Gibson is their pastor.

DELORES GREEN, recent high school graduate, was the speaker in McArthur Drive United Methodist Church of Jacksonville on Student Recognition Sunday. The

give consideration to this and make attempts during the coming General Conference to see that legislation placed before the Conference be designed for the majority of our churches rather than the minority.

-Herman G. Bonds

Program Directors toChurches

LOOKING FOR A WAY TO HELP?

I. The Family Life Series, undated, is planned for persons who find themselves in special family life situations that cause certain problems for which the Christian faith may well provide some worthwhile answers.

Dealing with the complex web of interrelationships that characterize the family, Human Growth and The Family (unit one) discusses in detail the impact of the family on an individual's development and the influence of the individual on his family. It also examines the relationship between family and society and seeks to relate the Christian faith to contemporary family living. Chapter headings are: Change, Crisis and the Family; Adolescence; Values in a Changing Society; Love; Husband and Wife Relationships; Pattern and Styles of Family Living; etc.

It is an excellent unit for parents. It may be used with an existing class or with a special gathering of parents. It might well be used at a time other

than Sunday.
The One Parent Family (Unit two) focuses on the special problems, opportunities, and concerns faced by a one-parent family as that family tries to function in a culture essentially designed for couples and two parent families. For purposes of definition a one-parent family is any family in which only one parent is present and in which there are children. One pastor confesses he really didn't know how many of his church members were in this category until he did a little research. He was utterly amazed at what he found and immediately set out to minister more effectively to this group within his church.

Obviously, parents who have lost their mates by death will find much help in this unit, as will those who are divorced or separated. Similarly, parents whose partners are institutionalized, chronically ill, or regularly absent due to occupation or military service will profit by the insights of this study unit. Finally, the unit treats the unmarried mother's special problems with sensitivity, understanding, and compassion. Chapter headings are: Questions children ask; Well-

FIRST CHURCH, SEARCY, observed Student Recognition on January 2. Students participating in the service included Donald Bacon, Steve Lightle, Jeannine Mallett, Lee Walker, Dan Wiseman and Lu Hardin. Dr. Charles Richards, pastor, brought the message.

JACK FROST, Hendrix College student, brought the message in Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, on Student Recognition Day. The Rev. Byron Mc-Spadden is the pastor.

meaning Friends; Both Mother and Father; Where Do You Fit In? Should I Marry Again; Lord, I Am Alone;,

Group Resource Packets for each unit consist of charts, scripts, evaluation devices, pictures, and other materials that will aid in the group discussion of the ideas contained in the Study Books. The Program Council has a packet for each unit.

How Do You Use It?-Either or both studies may be used in an informal setting by a church group or by an ecumenical group. The units are undated therefore those in the group may spend as much time as they choose in exploring each lesson and in applying its insights to life situa-

As A Layman or Pastor—(1) Look over your situation, (2) Talk it over with interested persons, (3) Let them work through the material and make decisions as to when, where, etc. Who Knows how many will be helped?

II. Pastors may wish to write: Modern Talking Picture Service, 2323 New Hyde Park Road, New Hyde Park, New York 11040, and ask for their catalogue on free films for church groups, "A Word To The Wise Is Sufficient".

III. Dates to Remember

Jan. 16-23 — Arkansas Methodist Subscription Campaign

Jan. 18-21—Conference for Ministers and Wives, Lake Murray, Okla. Jan. 18-25—Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

Jan. 21-23—Conference for Laymen and Wives, Lake Murray, Okla. Jan. 29-30—North Arkansas Confer-

ence Youth Council Planning Retreat, Petit Jean

Feb. 1—Evangelism Workshop—Fayetteville and Fort Smith Districts, Fayetteville

Feb. 2 — Evangelism Workshop — Batesville and Conway Districts at Searcy

Feb. 3—Evangelism Workshop—Forrest City, Jonesboro and Paragould Districts at Jonesboro Feb. 7-10—Ministers' Week—S.M.U.,

Dallas

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ME W S Notes

THE MURFREESBORO First United Methodist Church will have a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of January 21-23. Bob Mowery of Little Rock will be the coordinator. Roland Bryant, lay leader, is the local chairman. The Rev. Harold W. Brent is pastor.

CAROL BEATTY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Beatty of Lewisville, spoke at the Lewisville United Methodist Church on Sunday, January 2. Carol, a junior at the University of Arkansas, shared with the congregation her experiences in the Campus Christian Crusade. The Rev. Joe W. Hunter is pastor.

HOMER H. FULBRIGHT of Searcy, Methodist layman, brought a message concerning the Gideon Movement when he spoke January 9 in Holiday Hills United Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Tom Cowan is pastor.

IN A PULPIT EXCHANGE, the Rev. Jim Keith preached in the Hardy United Methodist Church, Jan. 9, while the Rev. Andy Hall brought the message in Sylvan Hills Church of North Little Rock. Mr. Hall was preaching in his home church.

"THE BOOK OF JOB DRAMA" was presented in El Dorado, in Municipal Auditorium, Jan. 2, by the Everyman Players, directed by Orlin and Irene Corey. Although it was a professional presentation, individuals and churches of the area had made it possible for there to be no admission charge.

DR. FRED R. HARRISON, retired minister who lives in Malvern, is leading the study of the Book of Matthew in First United Methodist Church, Malvern, on Sunday evenings during January. Saxon Arnold is chairman of the Work Area on Missions. The Rev. Charles Ashcraft is pastor.

P. K. KORNER

DR. AND MRS. GEORGE A. PRUETT, JR., are the parents of their second child and first son, John Michael, born December 14 in Brooke General Hospital, San Antonio, Texas. Mrs. Pruett is the former Jan Hunter, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Joe W. Hunter of Lewisville.

PHILLIP ANDREW BOOKOUT was born to Mr. and Mrs. Simon Bookout in Hartford, Conn., November 25, 1971. Simon is the foster son of the Rev. Elmo Thomason, Paragould District superintendent, and Mrs. Thomason.

THE REV. C. NORMAN GUICE observed his 92nd birthday on Tuesday, January 11. He is living at Presbyterian Village, 510 Brookside Dr., Little Rock, 72207.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the Rev. Leonard Byers of Marianna in the loss of both of his foster parents within one week early in December, Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Elder of Fort Smith.

POCAHONTAS FIRST United Methodist Church had as guest speaker on Sunday night, Jan. 9, the Rev. Ed Matthews, pastor of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, and former missionary to the Congo. The Rev. Gaither McKelvey was host pastor.

WHILE THE REV. BOB ORR was attending the National Council of Evangelism meeting in San Francisco, the pulpit of the Harrisburg Church was filled by John and James Brown on Sunday night, Jan. 2; by Paragould District Superintendent Elmo Thomason on Sunday morning, Jan. 9; and by the Rev. Joe Van Cleve of Lepanto on Sunday evening.

THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE Chancel Choir presented Peterson's "Night of Miracles" in the United Methodist Church, Dec. 19. Neola Cottrell, organist-director, was in charge. Jimmie Bowling was narrator. Instrumentalists included Dearsley Babcock, violin, David Bowling, Bryan Cole and Rene Vawter on trumpets. The Rev. Roy E. Poynor is pastor.

GUEST SPEAKER IN WIGGINS Memorial Church, Jan. 2, was Wilbert Bhagat, student at the University of Arkansas from India, who described being a Christian in his country today. The Rev. Allan Hilliard is the Wiggins pastor in Fayetteville.

LAYMEN'S DAY was observed on January 2 in First Church, Conway. Dr. Matt L. Ellis, a local and conference lay leader, was the speaker. Lee Reaves, director of Educational Television for Arkansas, conducted the service. The Rev. Ben Jordan is pastor.

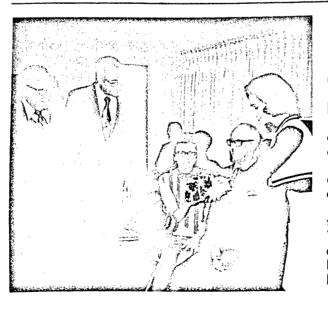
A YOUTH LAY WITNESS Mission will be held this weekend, Jan. 14-16, in Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Jack Archer of Corpus Christie, Texas, is the coordinator and will be assisted by Susan Hayslip of Memphis, Tenn., and Mrs. Velma Bradley of Nashville, Tenn. Kathy Freeman, youth director at Pulaski Heights Church, and Art Cross are in charge of arrangements. Forty or fifty youth witnesses are expected from Arkansas, Texas and Tennessee.

WASHINGTON AVENUE United Methodist Church of North Little Rock had Bishop Paul V. Galloway as speaker for the Methodist Men's dinner meeting on Tuesday, January 11. He was introduced by the Rev. Kenneth Renfroe, pastor. Mark Newman is president of the men's group.

McARTHUR DRIVE United Methodist Church of Jacksonville had a "Service of Carols and Candles" on Dec. 19, with Sgt. Richard Kleypas serving as narrator. Mrs. Donna Carter was in charge of the music and the Rev. Irl Bridenthal gave the meditation. Mrs. Leslie Mattingly, WSCS president, was in charge of the Christmas tree program held on Dec. 22.

RALPH WIGGINS, director of youth at Western Hills Church, Little Rock, underwent heart surgery at St. Luke's Hospital, Houston, Texas, on December 27. He has returned and is recuperating swiftly. The young people of Western Hills led in establishing a Heart Fund to help him in the tremendous expense involved. He is a student at U.A.L.R., working toward a degree in education. His wife, Gloria, teaches at Pulaski Heights Junior High.

MAX ALEXANDER, who has served as a Baptist missionary in Thailand for eight years, was the speaker at the Sunday at Six service in First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Jan. 9. The Rev. Worth Gibson was host pastor. Mr. Alexander and family are spending a furlough year in Jonesboro.



The Monticello District Christmas party for ministers and wives was held at the district parsonage with the Rev. and Mrs. Everett Vinson as hosts. At right, Mrs. Larry Williams, president of District Parsonettes, is shown presenting a gift from the district families to the Vinsons. Looking on are the Rev. Herman Bonds, left, and the Rev. Ferris Norton.

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.

Jan.	16—Sunday	Psalm 3:1-8
Jan.	17	Psalm 71:1-12
Jan.	18	Psalm 91:1-16
Jan.	19	Matt. 10:16-23
Jan.	20	Matt. 10:24-31
Jan.	21	Mark 6:47-52
Jan. 2	22	I John 4:17-21
Jan.	23—Sunday	Psalm 8:1-9

FORT SMITH MINISTER AT EUROPEAN SEMINAR

The Rev. David Moose, minister of youth at First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, is attending a European seminar during the month of January. He departed from Chicago on Dec. 29 and will return Jan. 29.

Two weeks will be spent in London and two in Amsterdam, with four days of travel in Belgium and France. The educational focus of the program is on religion and society, with attention given to historical backgrounds and contemporary programs.

In the group are five students, five graduates, two wives and one technologist, all under the leadership of Dr. Carl Bangs, professor of historical theology at Saint Paul School of Theology, the sponsoring institution, located in Kansas City, Missouri.

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THE 40th WEDDING Anniversary of the Rev. and Mrs. James Weatherford was noted in Pocahontas on December 12 when the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. McKelvey held Open House at the parsonage in their honor. The Weatherfords have lived in Pocahontas since retiring. He serves the Ravenden Springs Church.

THE FORREST CITY First United Methodist Church had as guest speaker, January 9, Dr. James S. Upton, chairman of the Religion Department at Hendrix College. Billy Cline was in charge of both morning services in the absence of Dr. Earl Hughes who is conducting a tour of the Mediterranean and the Holy Land. Among the tour group are Mrs. Hughes, and the Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Nichols of Wheatley.

J. B. BROWN WAS NARRATOR when the Manila United Methodist Church presented the program "The Hope of Christmas," December 19. The adult choir and the children's choir assisted by singing carols. The adult choir was directed by Clifford King and the children's choir by Mrs. Barbara Dorman and Mrs. Mary Helen Brown. Mrs. Liz Shaneyfelt was organist and Mrs. Peggy Tucker, pianist. The Rev. Wendell Dorman is pastor.

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Aldersgate Camp Gateways

ALDERSGATE CAMP'S CHRISTMAS ACTIVITIES

The Christmas party for neighborhood people near Aldersgate Methodist Camp was attended by 240 children and adults. This party is co-sponsored by the Ray Tribble Circle of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and the Fathomers' Class of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, and Aldersgate Camp. The ladies furnish the refreshments, plan craft projects and stuff small stockings with candies. The camp furnishes fruits, nuts, bags and plan the Christmas program, which, this year, included singing Christmas carols with the story of Christ's birth portrayed by the neighborhood Girl Scout troop. Fun and fellowship was enjoyed in a very crowded dining hall. Twenty families shopped at the

Aldersgate Christmas toy store. This

with food boxes. This was made possible by gifts from friends in money and food collections received over the holidays. Many of these families were in desperate circumstances and did surely appreciate this expression of caring shown by our friends. These families were cleared through the Health and Welfare Clearing Bureau.

is made possible by the Marine Corps

toy collection, friends, and the toys from the Markham United Methodist

The camp served eighteen families

Church "Birthday Party for Jesus."

Health and Welfare Clearing Bureau. Most of the families were referred by principals of neighborhood elementary schools.

THE ALDERSGATE BOARD of Directors is meeting Thursday, Jan. 13, at Aldersgate Camp. Supper at 6:30 will precede the meeting. President Tom Williams will preside.



James E. Bales, at right, will be working with Mrs. Harriet De-Lano, left, Laubach tutor-trainer, and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, bishop's wife who has been promoting the current literacy campaign, along with many others in the state when he joins the literacy program full-time in February. An employee of Xerox Corporation, he has been granted leave by Xerox for a year at full pay to work in the social service project.

Financial Statement

North Arkansas Conference Women's Society of Christian Service & Wesleyan Service Guild January 1, 1971 - December 31, 1971

	RECEIPTS	Wege		
	Pledge to Missions	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	
	Special Memberships	78, 728.54	20, 425.53	
	In Remembrance	4,480.00	1,705.00	
	World Thank Offering	790.03	19.00	
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	Christian Civic Foundation	528.36	263.50 142.30	
	Call to Prayer	4,504.45	1, 465.32	
	Philander Smith College	500.00	1, 403.32	
	Magazine & Picture Fund		69.00	
	Town & Country Special	1,068.12	403.23	
	Interest on Savings	330.00	100.25	
·	Annual Meeting Offerings	398.78	245.56	
	Miscellaneous	115.00	5.00	
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	Christian Civic Foundation	528.36	142.30	
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	District Cultivation	2,660.00	840.00	
	Magazine and Picture Fund		69.00	
	Insurance for T & C worker	141.63		
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	Aldersgate Camp		81.00	
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		Mrs. James I	E. Nix, Treasurer	-,

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LITERACY PROGRAM

will be from 7:00 until 10:00.

Simultaneous with Mr. Bales' beginning work with the project will be the opening of an office for the state literacy project. Space is being provided gratis by Winfield United Methodist

CONWAY DISTRICT WSCS EXECUTIVES MEET

Conway District WSCS officers met in executive session for Christmas lunch and business at the home of the president, Mrs. Earl Harton, Russellville, on Dec. 8. Present were seven officers, one visitor and one conference officer.

The meeting opened with devotion by Mrs. Edwin Outlaw, taken from "The Tinsel and The Hay." Business included officer reports, 1972 budget, Spring Retreat at Aldersgate, program for Spring District Meeting, discussion of ecology problems and announcements of future Conference dates. Church, 16th and Louisiana Streets, Little Rock. The office will be staffed by volunteers, leaving Mr. Bales free to coordinate the program over the entire state.

Authorities have estimated that Arkansas has 376,000 illiterates, with 25,000 living in Pulaski County.

The Xerox Corporation's venture into social action is a pilot project which is apt to be copied by other business firms. C. Peter McCullough, Xerox President, remarked "Can you imagine what would happen if American industry, which has the business know-how, the trained people and the money, released one per cent of its total work force to deal with social problems?"

Instructors in the Little Rock workshop will be Mrs. John Harp and Mrs. Harriet DeLano.

A workshop is planned for the Pine Bluff area, to be held Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday mornings, February 7, 8 and 9. Mrs. Harp, staff member of the Park Hill Baptist Church in North Little Rock, will conduct the Pine Bluff school in the Lakeside United Methodist Church.

A workshop for Crossett is in the planning stage.

The Rev. Elmo Thomason, Paragould District superintendent, and his wife, Irma, are shown with the Chrismon tree, focal point of the district ministers' party held in Griffin Memorial Church, Dec. 17. The Chrismon symbols were made by ministers wives and were presented to the Thomasons afterward. A turkey dinner was followed by a program led by Mrs. Mary Reed. Mrs. Doris Clark led carol singing, retired min and wives and ministers' widows were recognized, and Mrs. Louise Harris read the Christmas story. Mrs. Vicki Hall explained the meaning of the Chrismon symbols. The Rev. Harold Spence presented the Thomasons with a monetary gift from the group.

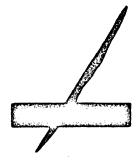


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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JANUARY 23: What Price Discipleship?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 9:1-6, 23-25, 57-62; 10:1-12

MEMORY SELECTION: If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me. (Luke 9:23)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To raise the question as to whether we have pictured Christian discipleship as too easy an obligation; to show that Jesus asked persons to commit all that they had and were in accepting his invitation to be his disciples.

Christians from overseas often comment following visits to the United States that the cost of discipleship is so cheap here that the relationship is meaningless. The Christian whose faith has never cost him anything is like the person who has always had his own way. It could be that we have been presenting the Cnristian way of life in such a manner that there is no discipline and consequently no power related to it.

Jesus saw one of the major purposes of his earthly ministry as that of recruiting a group of persons in whose hands he could leave his work after he was gone. He taught them, he enriched their lives with his personal friendship, he made it possible for them to observe his mighty works. He provided experiences for them by assigning them special missions. This lesson should be planned to help the class understand the requirements and obligations of discipleship so that they will be willing to be more serious about their own response to Christ's call and commission.

Any set of church statistics underscores the fact that Christians are not taking their discipleship obligations very seriously. Far less than one-half of the membership of any church participates with any degree of regularity in the worship services, and a much smaller number than that carry the financial load of the program of the church. When it comes to finding personnel for teaching classes and leading youth groups, most church's usually find themselves far short of the needed number. So many Christians just do not feel that it is their responsibility to carry on the Lord's work.

In our lesson today Luke tells the story of Jesus' empowerment of 12 special men whom he had chosen to be the stewards of his work on earth. The commissioning came at the end of a long period of training about the requirements of discipleship. These men could only partially comprehend the task to which he was calling them. However, as they moved along to their tasks following his death they began to get some idea of what discipleship was all about. Many of us have had only superficial training in the work Jesus wants us to do for him. Yet we can discover a kind of training on job, maturing as we go, just as the first disciples did. If we are serious about our task we will see guidelines in this lesson for our own discipleship.

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS FOR DISCIPLES

In the first of the three central passages around which our lesson is organized (Luke 9:1-6) Jesus reminded the disciples of the physical and the spiritual challenges that confronted them. He saw that illustrations of persons who received the invita-

they were now ready to receive from him the same kind of power he had received from his Father. He told them they were to heal and to preach, "And he sent them out to preach the kingdom of God and to heal."

The disciples were told that they were to move out into their tasks in faith. He said that they were not to burden themselves with a great deal of physical equipment, but that they were to rely on the hospitality of the communities in which they would be working. These were specific instructions related to the circumstances under which they would be working, but we can also find a message for our own time-that we are to put ourselves and our needs in second place and not seek to find status in our discipleship.

One instruction which he gave the disciples is subject to grave misunderstanding. In verse 5 we read, "And whosoever will not receive you, when ye go out of that city, shake off the very dust from your feet for a testimony against them. Like many of his parables he spoke these words as a dramatic method of expressing the seriousness of repudiating his gospel. We have learned from many other words of our Lord that we are never to give up on the needs of anyone, and we feel sure that he did not ever lose his faith in any individual or any group of people.

TAKING UP THE CROSS

Moving on to the next center of emphasis (Luke 9:23-25) we read, "And he said to all, 'If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow me." Then he speaks of losing one's life as the route to finding life. For some time he has been talking to them about the road that lay ahead of him, and he indicated that steadfastness in their mission would cost them just as much as it was going to cost him.

Luke and Mark both show us Jesus' prediction of his own death followed immediately by the assertion that the disciples must also be willing to suffer. He tells them that there are conditions of discipleship-self-denial, bearing one's cross, and obedience. What is called for is a radical reorientation of life—with self no longer at the center. I can recall the interpretation of this passage by one of my seminary professors. He said, "What Jesus meant by self-denial was not so much a matter of giving up a lot of things. What he was saying was that each of us must somewhere along the road grasp himself by the back of the neck and, holding himself at arm's length, say 'You are not the most important person in the world.'"

Then Jesus went on to say, "For what does it profit a man if he gains the whole world and loses or forfeits himself." Dr. John Knox says in Interpreter's Bible this contains "a reference to one's ultimate inner integrity—one's true being in God's sight . . There is only one thing to fear even in a fearful time: that is the moment or-far more dangerous-the deceptive series of moments of moral weakness when we shall ourselves surrender what no man otherwise can take from us, the integrity, the freedom, the reality of our souls.'

TURNING ONE'S BACK ON DISCIPLESHIP

In a third group of verses Luke gives some

tion to be his disciples but found that the cost was more than they wanted to pay. First, he described a man who enthusiastically volunteered for service. It would seem that he should have received praise, but Jesus saw something about his attitude which indicated that he was not ready for the homeless life this service would require.

In verses 59-60 of chapter 9 he tells us of a man who volunteers but wants to postpone active discipleship until he has gone home for the funeral of his father. Here again we can be sure that Jesus was using dramatic overemphasis in illustrating that the proclamation of the kingdom is more urgent than family ties or anything else in life. The third example is very similar to the second in that a man affirms he also is ready but wants to delay for a little while the moment of complete dedication.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon points out in International Lesson Annual the main emphasis which Jesus was making—that there are many relationships which enrich our lives, but that all of them can become selfish and ingrown and stand in the way when we hear the call of Jesus to be his disciples.

Think of your own life and the calls that have come to you for complete Christian service. Take a piece of paper and make a list of those things which have interfered most with your answering this call. Does the recognition of these help you to see how much like these "almost-disciples" you are?

THE COSTS OF OUR DECISION

As we have previously indicated, there are a number of voices that are telling us that a major requirement of renewal of discipleship is that of affirming to all to whom we witness that there are costs that cannot be side-tracked. Someone has summarized these as follows:

Self-denial: Just as Jesus expected "the twelve" to respond to his call without knowing the direction it would lead them, but did require them to leave their nets, their custom posts, their boats, and many oher possessions, so he expects us to be willing to go when he calls. We are discovering that there are many places of witness that do not require our leaving our vocations, but the degree of our dedication must be just as intense.

Steadfastness: Our lesson warns disciples against turning back once they have made up their minds to follow Christ. Jesus used the figure of the man with his hand on the plow, reminding his rural listeners that the only way to plow a straight furrow was to look straight ahead. Sometimes we have seen disciples who have grown weak in their commitment because they lingered too long on the past and did not see his vision for the future. Let us all keep our eyes to the future and the ideals toward which we strive as Christian disciples.

Service: anywhere: Discipleship sends a person many places. Abram was directed to leave a life of ease and plenty and go into an unknown land. Jonah was sent to a distant land to preach a message of repentance. We, too, can be expected to be challenged to go to many places and into many tasks which we would not choose ourselves. This is what discipleship is all about.

TODAY'S CHALLENGE

When we bridge the "generation gap" and hear what young people are saying to the established church, we hear them say that they are "turned off" because the challenge of discipleship has been eliminated, the cost has been hidden, the demand of vigorous service has been reduced. Can we take them seriously and discuss with them the many tasks which they feel the church should be accomplishing today?

The costs of discipleship are no less in 1972 than they have ever been. They still call for willingness to commit the totality of one's life and soul to the service of Jesus Christ. He still challenges the strongest and the boldest to move ahead with him and help the weak to find a new path for their lives.

"If any man would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross daily and follow

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the British scene



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

It is customary at the beginning of the year for us to review — however imperfectly — the year that has gone, and take a glance at what may be to come — and prophets lose more honor that way than any other!

In a year the British scene has changed-in some dramatic ways and many less dramatic. It is hard now to realise the fuss so many people made at the introduction of decimal coinage, now an accepted part of life, but less than twelve months ago a balance of payments internationally but two voted in favour. This means

has been extremely favourable, but the level of the unemployed has been higher than at any time since the second world war. Many people begin to realise that this has been the year that automation has really caught up with us, and the fact is that the labour force actually needed is smaller than it used to be. A hard new look at this long-term problem is going to be a

On the church scene it has been a year marked by the culmination of a number of unity schemes — though more and more people have been un-easy about organised formal unity plans, and, paradoxically, on the ground of the churches it is nearer the rule than the exception for churches to work together. The Church of North India came into being, The Ceylon Methodist Conference cleared the way for the Church of Lanka which will be a reality in this year. In this country the English Presbyterian and Congregational Churches centrally approved the merger of their churches, and the local churches are now taking this on-at present it looks as though 1972 will see it actually happen.

but less than twelve months ago a The Anglican-Methodist scheme cause of enormous controversy. The came to the diocesan Synods and all

that when the General Synod of the Anglican Church votes in the Spring it will have a general endorsement of the scheme behind it. But the vote has to be a 75% majority in favour and there is not by any means a total confidence that this will be gained. If not, the work of many years will be shelved, and some hard thinking will need to be done by those of us who have worked most of our lives towards this scheme. The real nub of the problem is that in recent times a growing number of local unity schemes have gone as far as sharing churches, and there can be no doubt that what Dr. Kenneth Greet, the new Secretary of the Methodist Conference calls the "ecumenical experience" is at least as important as the formal ecumenical movement — if the formal scheme is turned down there will still be united work going on, and perhaps this will pave the way to a new scheme in another era.

As I see it, there is a danger of disillusionment especially younger people who in any case have not a lot of time for structured schemes and organisations, and if the hesitations continue there will need to be a new morale-building exercise to strengthen what is left of the organised

That they face a problem is clear in two ways. The membership of the Free Churches in this country is reported as being down by 21,000 last year and this loss of manpower grows yearly more serious. The awkward fact also is that money is the name of the game in spiritual matters-rising prices have had a double effect in making it more costly to maintain the institution and making it more difficult to raise the money to do the job.

It sounds like a hard year ahead. and indeed it is. But there are signs that though the numerical strength of church diminishes, those people who remain loyal are more concerned with outgoing mission than ever before, and less liable to cling to the past. Whether this spiritual strength can be developed is the big question that stands over the church as an organization.

The centre of it all, however—the

CENTENARY COLLEGE OF LOUISIANA SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA ANNOUNCES **SCHOLARSHIP COMPETITION FOR 1972**

72 SCHOLARSHIPS totaling more than \$50,000 will be awarded solely on the basis of academic achievement and aptitude. Scholarships will vary from Five to Fourteen Hundred Dollars and are renewable depending upon academic progress.

PRELIMINARY QUALIFICATIONS

High School six semester average B (3.0 or above) A.C.T. Composite 26 or above; or S.A.T. total of verbal and mathematics scores 1150 or above.

COMPETITIVE TESTS FOR SCHOLARSHIP CONSIDERATION

Candidates living within 150 miles of a test center will be required to take a battery of three tests Saturday, February 12, 1972.

Test Centers:

Little Rock, Arkansas Lake Charles, Louisiana New Orleans, Louisiana Shreveport, Louisiana Washington, D.C.

Jackson, Mississippi Oklahoma City, Oklahoma Dallas, Texas Houston, Texas

All other candidates may submit scores from three Achievement Tests (College Entrance Examination Board), English, Mathematics and one of the students choice from the December or January administration on or before March 10, 1972.

ELIGIBILITY FOR CONSIDERATION REQUIRES:

Filing a complete application for admission on or before March 10, 1972 together with an Application for financial Aid furnished by Centenary College.

ANNOUNCEMENT OF WINNERS

Winners will be announced on or about March 31, 1972. Recipients are requested to accept or decline by May 1, 1972. To register and for additional information write to:

> Director of Admissions, Centenary College Shreveport, Louisiana 71104

Churchmen urged to study China

WESTERVILLE, Ohio (UMI) — American Christians can learn from the apparent new openness in U.S.-China relations, and what they learn may be crucial to the future of the Christian mission in many places, a the United Methodist Board of Edumissionary conference was told here in December.

They should realize there may be opportunities for "Christian witness" in the People's Republic, but these undoubtedly may be drastically different from some commonly-held ideas such as "sending our missionaries back in," said the Rev. Donald E. MacInnis of rollment fee of \$6 per study, an indi-New York. The former Methodist missionary to Mainland China and Taiwan said that though no one can predict the future, opportunities would appear to involve a chance for real studies are geared for individual use dialogue, Americans with Chinese, on a peer basis.

Quotable Quotes

"In the experience of many moderns worship has not seemed to touch us significantly. Our question often has been how we can do something significant in the church instead of spending all our time worshipping. Here, I believe we are profoundly wrong. I am quite sure that participation in worship has affected people, and is affecting people, much more deeply than we—or they—realize."

"Many of our young people know not the spiritual world; they consider themselves spiritually dead. Yet, whenever I have talked to them I find they want to pray, they want to find God."—U.S. Sen. Harold Hughes.

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"All any church needs, regardless of the number of members it has, is one person who will take missions seriously, and the entire attitude and outreach of the church can change." -Rev. Donald E. Struchen, coordinator of leadership development, United Methodist Board of Missions.

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"Edison was deaf. Louis Braille was blinded at three. Wilberforce had a twisted and shriveled body. But look at what they became and what theydid for the world!"-Dr. J. Lester Mc-Gee, pastor of Centenary United Methodist Church, St. Louis, Mo.

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"Let's quit talking about 'what the Lord has done for us.' He died for us. Let's talk about what we have done for Him."-W. Jene Miller

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search for meaning and purpose and faith is as much in the minds and hearts of people, and some signs are that this search is more intense.

Can Christians identify this urge, this search, and make 1972 the year of renewal?

Continuing Education

test planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—"New Dimensions: A Program of Guided Home Study," is being launched by cation's Department of the Ministry and the United Methodist theological

Modeled after a plan of continuing education begun in 1967 by Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas, "New Dimensions" will begin with a two-year testing period. For an envidual will receive at two-week intervals units including books, articles, cassette tapes, and films. Each study includes about six to eight units. The by ministers and laymen or by small

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GOALS OF SPACE CENTER CHAPEL DETAILED TO SENATE GROUP

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)
—The "Chapel of Astronauts,"
proposed for the John F. Kennedy Space Center, Cape Canaveral, Fla., reportedly resulted from the readings from Genesis by Apollo VIII astronauts as they circled the Moon on Christmas Eve 1968,

This was pointed out in a document issued by the House Committee on Science and Astronautics. Its subcommittee on manned space flight held hearings on a bill conveying 5½ acres of Space Center land to the non-profit corporation which plans to build the \$1.6 million chapel.

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The building is to be "an interfaith worship space for the corporate community," the committee document states, quoting from a statement prepared by the non-profit corporation. "It shall also fulfill the deep need of individual meditation, which often characterizes these men who are lone adventurers. The interior of the chapel will reflect the confrontation of the human and the Divine, the intersection of time and eternity. This must be unquestionably evident to all who enter."

"The chapel, too," the document continues, "will serve as a symbol of man's strength and determination, his search for worlds beyond the stars, and of the deep and lasting relationship of all men with God.

"However, it is basically the rite and the Word which God performs through and in man and which conversely man, himself, performs in and through God that is the essential nature of what is to be created. This chapel, by the very nature of its requirements, should undeniably become one of the most significant places of worship created in this century."

Ecumenical Affairs Commission Accepting Applications For Graduate Study Scholarships

NEW YORK (UMI) — An international program of ecumenical studies, in which some 25 United Methodists have participated since 1953, will be offered in 1972-73, and once again the United Methodist Commission on Ecumenical Affairs is offering up to three scholarships to United Methodist seminary students or ministers.

In making the announcement, the Rev. Robert W. Huston, New York, said applications now are being accepted by the Commission for study at the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies, Bossey, Switzerland (near Geneva), for the semester beginning Oct. 4, 1972, and continuing through Feb. 15, 1973. The Commission general secretary said that some financial aid also is provided to ministers and laymen studying in short-term courses at the Bossey Ecumenical Institute during spring and summer. The Graduate School program is related to the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva Faculty of The-

Commission on Ecumenical Affairs scholarships, \$500 each, cover regis-

Board of Missions anticipates new mission emphasis in Japan

NEW YORK (UMI) — Having cooperated in a two-year suspension on sending evangelistic and certain other new missionaries to Japan, the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions looks forward to sending missionaries again, in accord with new requests following a study by the church in Japan.

A World Division official said that "we anticipate receiving most carefully thought-out invitations from Japan for missionary personnel, and we plan to seek the best qualified candidates for such service." The temporary suspension had applied to evangelistic and certain other categories of new missionaries serving with the Kyodan (United Church of Christ of Japan).

Duke Divinity names Course of Study School director

DURHAM, N.C. — The Rev. Dr. Paul A. Mickey, assistant professor in the Duke University Divinity School, has been named director of the Methodist Course of Study School held each summer at Duke.

Dr. Mickey succeeds the Rev. O. Kelly Ingram, professor of parish ministry, who had headed the summer course of study program for a number of years.

The 24th session of the school will run from July 4-28 this year.

Each year, the session provides opportunities for ministers and prospective ministers to meet the educational requirements—other than those for the master of divinity degree — of the United Methodist Church.

Divinity School and Department of Religion faculty at Duke for the most part provide the instruction. Students have the use of university dormitories, dining halls, libraries, chapel and other facilities while on the campus.

Courses include Studies for License to Preach, Introductory Studies, Studies for each of the four years, and Advanced Study.

The school, while open to ministers of all communions, is recognized as offering the official course of study the United Methodists require of non-seminary candidates for the ministry.

Dr. Mickey, who came to Duke in the fall of 1970 as a specialist in pastoral psychology, holds a doctor of theology degree from Princeton Theological Seminary. A graduate of Harvard, where he held the Proctor and Gamble Scholarship and the Hollis Scholarship as an undergraduate (1959-63), he also earned a B.D. at Princeton Seminary and held Methodist pastorates in Bay Head, N. J. and Cleveland, Ohio, before joining the Duke faculty.

tration, tuition, board and room for the study period. Dr. Huston said inquiries may be made immediately (with all materials due by March 31 at least) to:

Dr. Robert W. Hutson, Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, Room 6-B, 777 United Nations Plaza, New York, New York 10017. The World Division is one of the Kyodan-related mission agencies in North America that cooperated in the requested two-year study hiatus, said the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Germany, executive secretary for Japan, Korea and Okinawa.

The Kyodan in December completed a two-year study and review of missionary assignment and work policies, and announced it would again invite new missionaries. The temporary halt had been authorized in 1969. It had not applied to missionaries in education, social work and some other fields.

Reporting completion of the suspension and study, "Japan Christian Activity News" also told of a recent survey among Kyodan leaders on the place of

the missionary in Japan. The Rev. George Hanabusa, Kyodan secretary of missionary personnel, said that on the whole a positive attitude was reflected toward missionaries in the survey. In response to a question, the "News" reported, 57 per cent of respondents replied "no" when asked, "do you think the era of the missionary in the Japanese church is over?" Thirty per cent replied "yes." Sixty per cent approved ending the suspension.

The survey indicated that of 10 forms of service Kyodan-assigned missionaries perform, the two rated highest were "stimulator — a person who by his creative living and new perspective stimulates the Japanese church," and "group ministry — living, thinking, praying, working together with Japanese co-workers in new changing

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situations."

Continuing Education Center established at Scarritt

A Center for Continuing Education has been established at Scarritt College for Christian Workers located in Nashville, Tenn. A complete residence hall, with accommodations for 46 persons, has been assigned as headquarters for the Center and a director has been appointed.

In pointing to the increasing need for programs of continuing education in leadership development for the church, Dr. Gerald H. Anderson, president of Scarritt, said, "Scarritt College is in a unique position to meet such a need. A variety of short-term workshops, seminars, institutes, and conferences will be developed in the Center with an Advisory Board of 15 persons to formulate its program and policies. Also, the Glenmary Missioners, a Roman Catholic society, located here is cooperating with the Center and supporting its new program

"I am pleased also," said Dr. Anderson, "to announce the appointment of Robert E. Reber as director of the Center, effective Feb. 1, 1972. Scar-

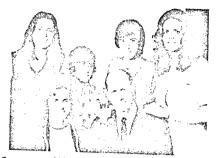
ritt is fortunate in attracting this creative young scholar. He has a remarkable background of experience and academic credentials in Christian Education, human relations, and ecumenical involvement. A graduate of Ohio State University, and Boston University School of Theology, he is a candidate for the Ph.D. in Adult Education and Leadership Development at Boston University in May."

Reber, 34 years old, has done graduate work at the Ecumenical Institute of the World Council of Churches in Switzerland and has lived in the Middle East. From 1965 to 1969 he was associate secretary of the Council of Churches in Wilmington, Delaware and worked with lay people and clergy in designing and carrying out programs of education and social action. Mrs. Wendy Wilson Reber, an elementary school teacher, is a graduate of Indiana University of Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania State University. The Rebers are both lay members of The United Methodist Church.



THEY'RE SHOOTING down in New Mexico. Shooting a TV program, that is — a program about United Methodism's McCurdy School in Santa Cruz, to be broadcast at 9 a.m. (CST) Sunday, Feb. 6. Shown at work during the video-taping are (left to right) Wade Bingham, CBS-TV cameraman; the Rev. Glen McCracken, retired superintendent of McCurdy School; Dr. George Crothers, CBS-TV producer-host for the program (entitled "Reconciliation"); George House, soundman, and Rick Richards, assistant cameraman. (TRAFCO Photo by Bruce Mosher)

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Susanna, Millard Wesley, Kennedy, Debora Jane Edith and Dick Schisler

A SYCAMORE TREE FOR CHRISTMAS!

As Antonio spoke, I remembered the day he came to my office, unshaven and bleary eyed. The night before he had broken down the door to his house in a drunken fit. The loss of his highly skilled job was eminent. Our broadcast service reached him in his need. Counseling, daily contact, prayer, and Christ led Antonio to victory.

As the bright little man-he is only 5'4"--stood by his wife and four lovely children in the crowded church service, telling of the miracle wrought, he said: I was like Zaccheus. I wanted something from life, but I was too small to see what I needed. Our pastor was my Sycamore tree. He held me up in his arms so I could see Jesus.

If Christmas reminds us of Pine trees, I would like for this one to remind us of Sycamore trees!

For what Antonio doesn't know is that if it were not for your prayers, love and support, he and another hundred or so who were brought to Christ in our ministry this year, plus all who are being reached in our social and educational ministry, wouldn't have us here as Sycamore trees from which to see Jesus.

As Dona Sebastiana, curved with age, came to the altar to receive baptism, I asked her how she felt joining the church at 92.

Her brown face crinkled into a near toothless smile as she said, pointing to her heart:

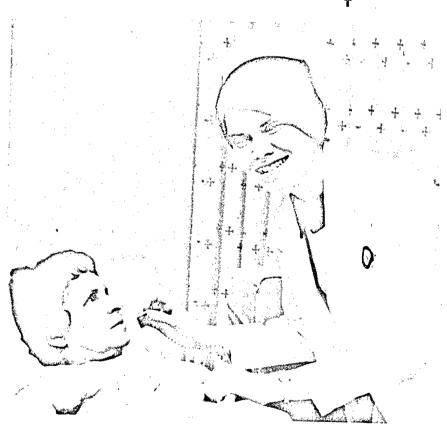
You know, I'm just glad that Jesus didn't think this creaky manger wasn't too old for him to be born in me.

Let old Sebastiana join us all in finding again the true meaning of a blessed Christmas.

The Scholer family
The Richard Schister Family

The old order changeth, yielding to new, and God fulfils himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world.—Tennyson

Don't try to hold God's hand; let Him hold yours. Let Him do the holding, and you the trusting.—Webb-Peploe



Miss Elizabeth Glass, senior nursing student at Methodist Hospital School of Nursing in Memphis is shown demonstrating some of the nursing skills which won for her the title, "Outstanding Student Nurse," in a regional competition. This is the second consecutive year that a Methodist Hospital School of Nursing student has captured the title. In addition to this honor, Miss Class was elected president of the Tennessee Assn. of Student Nurses, District 1.

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DR. ALBERT W. LAZENBY

Dr. Albert Wayne Lazenby, aged 41, of Dumas died on Sunday, Jan. 2. The funeral service was held on Jan. 4 in First United Methodist Church of that city.

He was counselor for the Fourth District of the Arkansas Medical Society and was a very active member of First United Methodist Church.

A native of Danville, Ark., he attended Arkansas Polytechnic College at Russellville and was graduated from the University of Arkansas Medical School. He was a member of the Southeast Arkansas Medical Society and the American Medical Association.

He also was a member of the Chamber of Commerce and the Lions Club and was a Mason.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mary Arnold Lazenby; two sons, Paul Wayne and John Philip Lazenby of the home; a daughter, Miss Mary Kay Lazenby of the home; his mother, Mrs. Pearl Lazenby of Dumas; a brother, Robert Lazenby of California; and a sister, Mrs. R. L. Whitten of Dumas.

MRS. LULA WATKINS

Mrs. Lula Watkins, last charter member of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, died Dec. 8, at 102 years of age. She had seen the congregation grow from a small group meeting in a schoolhouse to a large membership with ample property. In that growth she and her family had a significant place. Her father and mother, the late Alphonse and Alabame Harper Brewster, led in organization of the congregation and were active workers and generous supporters in the work of the church. Her husband, the late J. H. Watkins, was for years superintendent of the Sunday school. She had served in many offices.

It is worthy of remembrance that her family interest went beyond the local church. Her father made the largest gift to the fund for retired ministers this cause has ever received, and at the same time he gave a large property gift to our Galloway College. She was proud to recall that they were friends of the ministers of the state.

She was deeply committed to Christ. In her days of activity that faith moved her to serve her church well, and guided her in a life well-lived. In her later years she found a quietness and confidence, a blessed peace that are fruits of faith.

When she could no longer take active part in the work she was counselor and friend of the younger members. She loved the work of the Women's Society. It was to her that young women coming into responsibilities of office went for good judgment, for encouragement and for strength.

And although the last ten years of her life she was confined to her room it was often remarked that "Mrs. Watkins knows more about what is going on in Lakeside than most of the younger people in the church." And she did. She was interested. She cared.

She had a remarkably clear and quick mind and a retentive memory. That mind remained clear throughout her life. She recalled what happened in the past and yesterday. She amazed her friends by calling their names

'Ecumenical Witness'

KANSAS CITY, Mo. (UMI) — A national interfaith consultation to discuss the moral issues in the Indochina war and its heritage will convene here January 13-16.

Called by 132 Jewish, Roman Catholic, Greek Orthodox and Protestant religious leaders, including United Methodists, and styled "An Ecumenical Witness," the conference is expected to attract 400-500 participants from all strata of America's religious life, as well as 35 religious leaders from overseas. The list of 132 sponsors from the United States includes some of the most prestigious religious personalities in the country working together for the first time in one group for a single purpose.

without hesitation when they came into her room. She became old in physical power, she remained young in mind and spirit.

Her life span stretched from the reconstruction era in Arkansas to the day of a thriving economy and deep social and political reform. She had seen the stagecoach, the steamboat, the railroad, the modern highway and the ships of the air. In her time the telephone, the radio, the television, the moving picture had been developed. She was a child in the era of the oil lamp and the candle, but she had lived to see gas and electricity make the night into day. Her span of days had been through five heartbreaking major wars. The country she loved grew from a developing power to a world power. She was a child of the horse-power time and of the atomic

In her young life the moon was an object of beauty and a romantic image in the distant heaven. She had seen men walk on it's face and talk with a control station on the earth.

But the most significant memory of her is that for over a century she had lived in faith. She loved her friends, she loved her family, she loved her Christ and His church. She served well her time and her day. The going on of a believing servant of God is a time of triumph. And we cry:

"Throw open wide the golden gates

And let the victors in."
Her funeral service was on Dec. 9th, conducted by her pastor, the Rev. Ed Matthews, and Dr. E. Clifton Rule, pastor of other years and friend.

E. Clifton Rule





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Miss Agnes Oglesby and the Rev. H. A. Mitchell (at center of picture) were recently honored by the Uplifters Class at First United Methodist Church in Fort Smith on the occasion of their 98th birthdays.



Chile Government wins praise of Methodist Church

NEW YORK (UMI)—The Methodist Church of Chile has issued a statement of general approval for ways the Allende government apparently is moving to implement announced goals of justice, liberation and humanity for the Chilean people.

The statement supports the government's nationalization of huge copper mines owned by U.S. firms and their indemnification, but expresses hope that the nationalization will be considered "only between the government and the companies" affected and will not "disturb the harmonious relationship of our country with the North American government."

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Though generally commendatory of the performance of President Allende and his popularly elected, socialistoriented government, the Methodist statement also has cautions, declaring: "We recognize the efforts of the government to carry out a process of change within the law. Nevertheless, acts of violence and belligerance persist in the country as well as in urban and industrial areas, which bring unnecessary and tragic confrontations, and create an atmosphere of uncertainty among the majority of the population."

According to statistics, the drunk driver adds \$240 to every driver's cost of living, resulting in \$8 billion in direct economic loss and \$16 billion in indirect loss in 1969.

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Members of the Tilton United Methodist Church junior UMYF, in Jonesboro District, who made a trip to the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock in December. They presented bookmarkers made by their group for the children of the Home. The Rev. James A. Barton is pastor at Tilton.

News in Brief

United Methodist leaders were among 34 U.S. churchmen who sent an open letter to Brazil's President Emilio Garrastazu Medici in December urging him to permit an international inquiry into reports of "torture and repression" in his country.

The Rev. James M. Wall, editor of the Christian Advocate, national weekly magazine for United Methodist pastors and other leaders, has been slated as the Democratic candidate for Congress in the 14th District of Illinois. Dr. Wall will continue in his editorial post during the campaign.

The Rev. Albert C. Outler, noted United Methodist ecumenical leader and professor at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas, has become the first non-Catholic president of the American Catholic Historical Association.

A third Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity has been scheduled for St. Louis, Mo., August 16-18.

The Rev. Randle Dew, director of United Methodist Voluntary Service, a program of the church's Quadrennial Emphasis Fund for Reconciliation, has been elected chairman of the Commission on Voluntary Service and Action, a consultative council of more than 150 private North American organizations which sponsor voluntary service projects in all parts of the world.

The Methodist Conference in New Zealand and the country's Presbyterian General Assembly have endorsed a plan for merger of five denominations. If accepted by all the churches, the merger could go into effect in 1975.

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POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

Shown here are boys and girls of the

Elaine United Methodist Church in

Forrest City District who earned perfect attendance awards. They are:

Vonda Short, two years of perfect attendance; Lisa Williamson, 2 years;

Roxie Short, 2 years; Rosie Short, 2 years; Ray Cravens, 3 years; Keith

Cravens, 4 years; Becky Cravens, 5

years; Kathy Kyte, 5 years. The Rev.

Jim Breazeale is minister.

Following any birthday celebration of the Prince of Peace, one verse from Longfellow's "Christmas Bells" rings with haunting reality . . . "And in despair I bowed my head; 'There is no peace on earth,' I said; 'For hate is strong, and mocks the song of peace on earth, good will to men." And we wish that we, like the prophet Micah, might be assured, " . . . they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up a sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Victory?

Pray tell me, what is this thing called war?
And why in men's hearts rise
A hatred that will not abate
Until death is rained from earth and skies?

Pray tell me, proud victor, what have you gained Through triumph of the sword and gun?
Blood of your own brother you have seen,
Then, how can you say, "We won!"?

-by N. Lee Cate

Right On!

There are those more brave than I For they have been to war and cry, "We no longer want to fight. There is a nobler goal in sight." And they dare to ask why. While I, who've never been to war; I. who've studied from afar; I, who've never known the hell Of dodging rain of fire and shell To look upon a star, Can only say to those more brave . . . "'Tis all of us whom you must save: Those of us who will to fight, And those who don't, but lack the might To stop short of the grave. Oh, men of peace, sing loud your song, Who've sampled war and found it wrong. You who've fought have earned the right To say it does no good to fight. Right on, you brave and strong!"

-by Barbara L. Mulkey