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## Bishop Frank to address Youth Rally at Philander Smith

Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Arkansas area will be the principal speaker for the Little Rock District Youth Rally scheduled for the Tuesday before Thanksgiving, from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Nov. 21, in the auditorium at Philander Smith College. Following Bishop Frank's message at the 10 a.m. opening session, he will field any questions the youth may wish to ask.

From 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. a Workshop on Religion and Race will be conducted by the Rev. Jim Jones and the Rev. Clayton Hammon of United Methodism's Commission on Religion and Race.

Lunch will be served in the Philander Smith Cafeteria at 1 p.m. Cost for lunch and for registration, which will begin at 9:30 a.m., will be \$1.75.

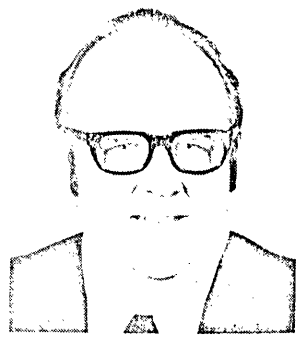
The workshop on Religion and Race will continue from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., to be followed by a Worship and Youth Service Fund Pledge Service. Whereas, in the past pledges have been made from conference camp to conference camp, all of the churches are requested to pledge to the Youth Service Fund, with pledges beginning in January 1973 and running until December, 1973.

Until now 70 per cent of Youth Service Fund money was sent to the national office and 30 per cent was used in the local conference. Beginning in January, 70 per cent of the money comes to the local Conference for distribution to projects which it will choose and 30 per cent will go to the national program.

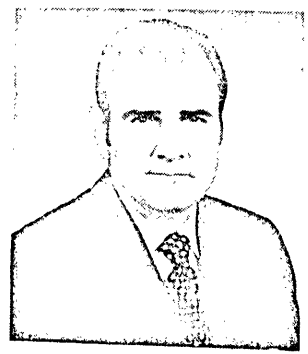
Reservations for the rally should be made with Vicky Allen, First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, telephone—372-2256.

## THREE LITTLE ROCK CHURCHES PLAN SUNDAY EVENING UNION SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING

Three United Methodist congregations in southwest Little Rock will gather for a union Thanksgiving service on Sunday, Nov. 19th at 7 p.m. at the Geyer Springs Church, 5400 Geyer Springs Road. Dr. Arthur Terry of Mabelvale United Methodist Church and the Rev. Charles Walthall of St. Andrews Church will participate in the worship service along with the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie, host pastor.



McDonald



Martin



Zanovich

## Hendrix College to honor three with doctorates

Hendrix College will confer honorary degrees on three distinguished alumni in a special convocation on the Hendrix campus at 10 a.m., Nov. 28.

The honorees include the Rev. Charles P. McDonald of Fort Smith, the Rev. George W. Martin of Arkadelphia and Mr. Victor Zanovich of Little Rock.

McDonald, who has been recommended by the faculty for the honorary doctor of divinity degree, is presently superintendent of the Fort Smith District of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church. He is a native of Fort Smith, and a graduate of Fort Smith High School.

McDonald attended Hendrix College, graduating in 1946. After completing his seminary training at Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, he returned to the North Arkansas Conference, where he was received on trial in 1947.

McDonald served United Methodist Churches in Ozark and Rogers of the North Arkansas Conference, and the First United Methodist Church in DeWitt of the Little Rock Conference, before assuming his present position.

Conference offices held by McDonald include the chairmanship of the Board of Ministry of the North Arkansas Conference and Dean of the Arkansas Pastors' School from 1967 until 1970. He was also elected a delegate to the 1972 General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

The Rev. George W. Martin, also recommended for the honorary D.D. degree, is presently superintendent of the Arkadelphia District of the Little Rock Conference. A native of Conway County, he attended high school in Conway County and graduated from Hendrix in 1951. He also holds the B.D. degree from Perkins School of Theology.

Martin has been in the effective ministry of the United Methodist Church since 1951 when he was admitted on trial in the North Arkansas Conference. He was the first pastor of the Lakewood United Methodist Church in North Little Rock.

After transferring to the Little Rock Conference in 1951, he served as associate minister of the First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, and as pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Salem. He then pastored

Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock and First United Methodist Church in Malvern, before going to his present appointment.

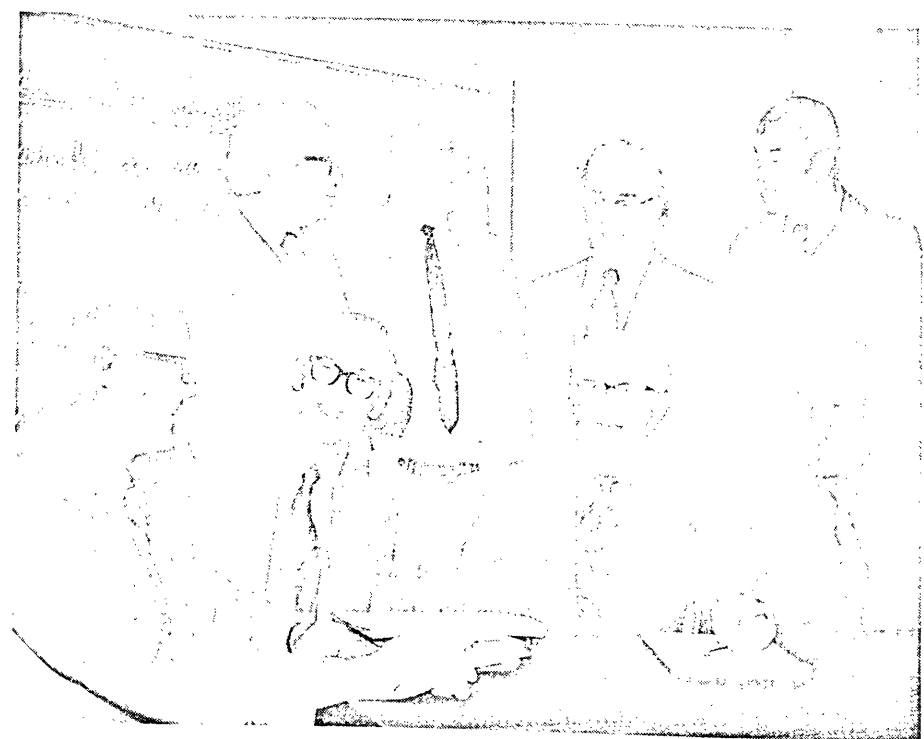
Martin has served as the registrar and later as chairman of the Board of Ministry of the Little Rock Conference. He also was elected a delegate to the 1972 General and Jurisdictional Conferences.

He has also served as a trustee of Hendrix College since 1968.

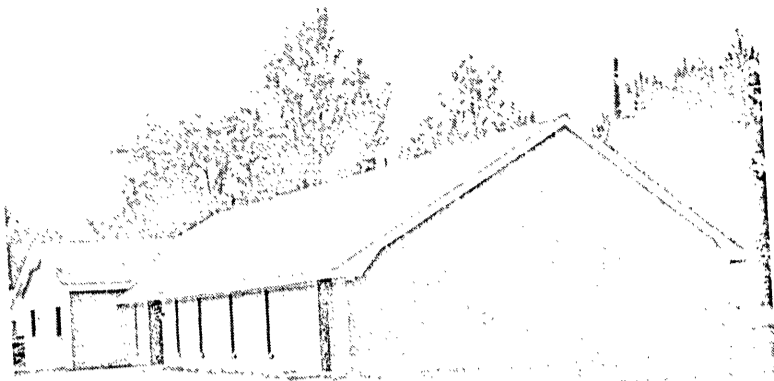
Victor Zanovich is the owner and operator of an interior decorating business in Little Rock. He has designed and decorated the interior of numerous buildings and private homes in the state of Arkansas.

Zanovich has contributed greatly to the aesthetic appearance of Hendrix College, in that he has been the decorator of Trieschmann Fine Arts Building, Grove Gymnasium, Buhler Biology Building, Veasey Hall, Hardin Hall, Hulén Hall and the President's Home. Although payment was of-

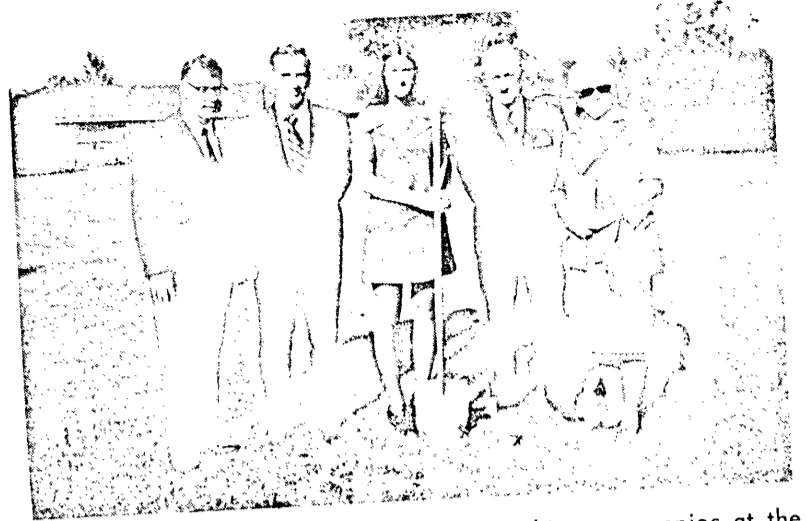
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Shown at left are Perkins School of Theology Alumni from the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences who participated in a study of the basic needs of a minister over a forty-year term of service, during the Oct. 24-26 Alumni Council meeting at Perkins. FROM LEFT: Charles Lutrick, Council president and pastor at St. John's Church, Lubbock, Tex.; Ferris W. Norton, Jr., Crossett pastor and chairman of the Council's Committee on Continuing Education; Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District superintendent; Negail Riley, of the Board of Missions, New York; (standing) Bishop Kenneth W. Pope, Bishop in Residence at Perkins; Dick Murray, Perkins staff; Harold Eggensperger, North Arkansas Program Council director; William E. Steel, formerly of Arkansas, presently pastor at Woodland Hills, Calif. (Fort Smith District Superintendent Charles P. McDonald, Jr. is also a member of the Council).



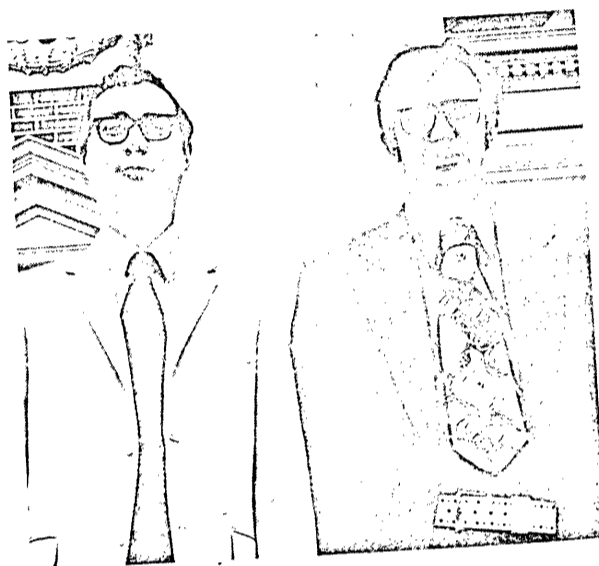
The new Thornton United Methodist Church shown above was completed in April of this year and was recently dedicated. The Rev. Sam Albright is pastor of the Bearden-Thornton Parish located in Camden District.



Shown here are participants in groundbreaking ceremonies at the corner of Marion Drive and Jack Street in Wynne, where construction is now underway for a new parsonage. (Left to right) The Rev. William M. Wilder, pastor; T. B. Murray, Jr., Board of Trustees secretary; Nancy Burnett, UMYF president; Sam Gooch, Administrative Board chairman, and Mrs. T. B. Hydrick, a member of the Parsonage Committee. Contract price for the parsonage is \$43,944.



Some of the leaders for three Monticello Sub-District Mission Study Workshops held at Hamburg, McGehee and Warren on Oct. 23rd, 24th and 30th consecutively, under the direction of District Missionary Secretary, the Rev. Thomas Abney, and the Rev. Everett Vinson, district superintendent. (Left to right) Vinson; the Rev. Louis Mulkey, Stuttgart, who led study on "Faith and Justice"; the Rev. William D. Elliott, Monticello, who shared with Mr. Abney leadership for study on "India", and the Rev. George Meyer, Warren Parish, who shared with the Rev. Calvin Mitchell, Star City, the leadership for study on Romans.



Of the 136 new students who entered Perkins School of Theology at SMU in Dallas for the present academic year, two are from North Arkansas Conference. Shown here, they are (left to right) Roger E. Glover and Robert W. Lee. Glover is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest L. Glover of Little Rock, and Lee is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Walton Lee of Puxico, Mo.

### Winfield Church to host city-wide Thanksgiving service

All United Methodists in the Little Rock area are invited to take part in the city-wide Thanksgiving Service to be held Wednesday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m. at Winfield United Methodist Church, 1601 Louisiana Street, according to an announcement by Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock District superintendent.

Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will present the message. A combined choir

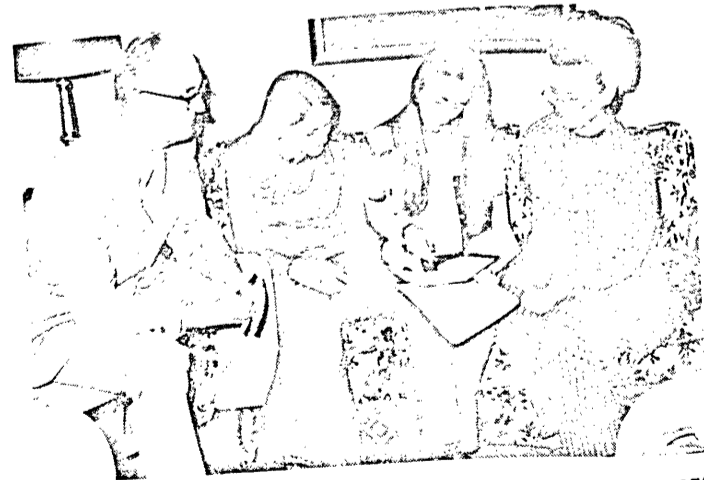
from churches over the city will present special music under the direction of Mrs. William O. Elmore. Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf is the host pastor.

An effort was made earlier to initiate a great Union Service in which all denominations wishing to participate might share, under sponsorship of the Ministerial Association and the Arkansas State Council of Churches. Due to lack of time in which to develop the plan it did not materialize this year. However, it is anticipated that the details for such a service will be worked out in time for Thanksgiving 1973.

Bobby Threlkeld (left) of Hot Springs, playing the role of Silvius, and Mary Kaye Margrave of Camden, in the role of Phebe, share a pensive moment in the Forest of Arden in Hendrix production, "As You Like It." The Shakespearean play will be presented at 8 p.m., Nov. 15-17 and at 2 and 8 p.m., Nov. 18. Admission is free and the public is invited.



Shown are persons involved in North Arkansas Conference Youth Council planning session held at First Church in Conway, Nov. 4. Plans were made for the Youth Rally to be held at Hendrix College, April 7, and for the Youth Assembly, also to be held at Hendrix, from July 30-August 3. In photo at right (left to right) the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, conference director of Education; Miss Susan Gladdin of Helena, Council president; Miss Janet James, North Little Rock, secretary; Mrs. Carol Henry, conference coordinator of Youth and Young Adult Ministries. The photo at left includes other members of Youth Council.



## Accent on the Bible

Sundays with a special emphasis have become almost so common that the clear outline of some of their meanings has worn smooth. However, we do want to call your attention to the accent on the Bible which is being made in many of our churches next Sunday. You may respond that the Bible is emphasized every Sunday in your church, and yet we would counter with the suggestion that it is very easy to let familiarity breed contempt and indifference.

If we are concerned to let the Bible become a more active tool in the planning and ordering of our lives, then we should make a special effort to do some planned and ordered reading and study during the next few weeks. We should also give attention to the persons and procedures that have brought the Bible down to us in its many current editions.

There is a liturgical tradition, which can be traced back through the centuries that in the part of the year between Thanksgiving and Christmas the thoughts and prayers of Christian believers should have special reference to the Bible.

In the first Book of Common Prayer published by the Anglican Church in 1549, Archbishop Thomas Cranmer provided the Collect which has remained through all the revisions of the book. It speaks to us of the place the Scriptures have occupied down through the years and challenges us to make a more effective use of the Bible. It follows: "Blessed Lord, who hast caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning; Grant that we may in such wise hear them, read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them, that by patience and comfort of thy holy Word, we may embrace and ever hold fast, the blessed hope of everlasting life, which thou hast given us in our Savior Jesus Christ, Amen."

We are reminded of a number of key verses which give us leadership in the place and purpose of the Bible in our lives. Romans 15:4, for example, tells us in the Revised Standard Version: "Whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope."

Two other key texts concerning the Scriptures are these: "All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the

man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:16-17)

"No prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, because no prophecy ever came by the impulse of man, but men moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God." (2 Peter 1:20-21)

These texts affirm that God is the source and inspiration of scripture; they do not say or imply that God wrote it or dictated it or that the Holy Spirit was the author and the human writers merely passive instruments.

Why do we speak of the Scriptures as the Word of God? In the Hebrew Old Testament the word "dabar" may mean spoken or written words, or it may mean the things, matters, or affairs to which reference is made, or it may mean the actions of God or men or angels, which constitute the events of human history. In the Greek New Testament the word "logos" may mean written or spoken words, or the affairs, actions, or events to which they refer, or the intelligent will, the active mind or reason, which initiates and sustains these actions and events.

When we refer to the Scriptures as the Word of God, therefore, we mean at least these three things:

First, the Scriptures contain the record of what God said to Noah, to Abraham, to Moses and through Moses to the people, and to the prophets and through the prophets to the people. These are the words sometimes of judgment and condemnation; they are always, however, words that express God's covenant with his people, his promise of redemption, and his steadfast love.

Second, the Scriptures contain the record of what God did in history, as he dealt in judgment, mercy, and steadfast love with a wayward and recalcitrant people.

And finally, the Scriptures contain the record of the earthly life of Jesus Christ, who is in the supreme sense the Word of God. In the person of Jesus Christ, God himself entered human life and was among men. As the Gospel of John puts it, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, full of grace and truth; we have beheld his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father." (1:14-15).

Jesus accepted the Old Testament. He was himself the fulfillment of the covenant promise of God. He was the Messiah, the Christ. His conception of the

mission of the Messiah differed widely from the current expectation, but it agreed with the concept which had been held and proclaimed by the great prophets.

Jesus used the Old Testament constantly. The Gospel of Matthew alone contains fifty quotations from the Old Testament, of which thirty-seven are quotations by Jesus himself, in support and illustration of his teaching.

The Old Testament and the New Testament belong together. Neither can be rightly understood apart from the other because the same God, with the same redemptive purpose for mankind, is revealed as at work in both.

The most typical Scriptures are those of promise and fulfillment. The Bible records God's promise to his people and through them to all humanity. It also shows God's constant fulfillment of that promise throughout the vicissitudes of Hebrew history, until he himself became man, that man might be redeemed.

What a challenge the Scriptures give to our lives as we search them for the Word which we need to hear in our day!

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### Recollections of the Cotton Country

A few weeks ago as we rode through cotton country and noticed that the cotton was having to be left in the fields after it was picked in some instances. This reminded us of some of the hardest work we ever did.

When we finished our work at Candler School of Theology at the end of the summer of 1938, it was still several months before the meeting of the Annual Conference in November. We spent that time at the home of my father-in-law, M. A. Pryor of Parkin, who was a cotton ginner.

When the cotton began to open we discovered the speed with which it had to be processed to maintain its grade, and volunteered to do whatever we could to help out. The most pressing need was for a truck driver to help move the cotton from the fields and to move the completed bales to the compress. This became my job and I worked harder those three months than at any other time in my life.

Some of the ginneries were beginning the service of helping the farmers move their cotton from the fields. (This service now takes the form of supplying the large trailers which are placed in the fields for use with the mechanical cotton pickers.) In the fall of '38 it meant going out and helping the customer pick up the loose cotton which had been piled in the fields. The truck driver often had to help load the truck and trailer as well as drive it.

Then there was the task of keeping the cotton moving from the gin to the compress. As the 500-pound bales came from the gin they were moved by hand and a mechanical wench to a loading platform. Usually one man had to take care of this movement and that became a challenge.

On a busy day the platform quickly became full, and my other job was to keep the truck and trailer moving from the gin at Parkin to the compress warehouse at Earle. This seemed like an endless process, but it did end for this preacher with the coming of conference and the appointment to Judsonia, where we learned a new kind of work.

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# NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A leading social scientist, Dr. Earl D. C. Brewer of the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, Calif., has urged that religious questions be included in the U.S. Census because "religion is far more important to society than the bathtubs we ask about." Dr. Brewer made his plea for more information about religion in the U.S. during a joint meeting of the Religious Research Assn. and the Society for the Scientific Study of Religion in Boston. "It is increasingly clear that religious attitudes and beliefs are deeply tied to a sense of well-being and mental health. We need especially, therefore, to identify measures in the field of religion—to discover which values actually improve the quality of human life," Dr. Brewer said.

The U.S. Supreme Court has been asked to hear an appeal against the U.S. Court of Appeals ruling that compulsory chapel attendance in the nation's three military academies is unconstitutional. In a petition filed with the Court, the Defense and Justice Department argued that the Court of Appeals was wrong to rule that the century-old practice of mandatory Sunday services violated the religious freedoms of cadets and midshipmen. Compulsory chapel services at the academies are essential for instilling "awareness of our moral and religious heritage" in the military commanders of the future, the petition said.

Voters in the Republic of Ireland are expected to strike from their 1937 Constitution a section which gives recognition to the "special position" of the Roman Catholic Church as "the guardian of the faith professed by the great majority of the citizens." Legislation passed by the Dail (parliament) Oct. 26, opened the way for two referenda on Nov. 30 (or Dec. 6)—one favoring reducing the voting age to 18 years, and the other eliminating the "special position" clause of the national charter—long a subject of controversy. Abolition of the clause was seen by proponents as of great importance in relation to the problem of bringing about peace between Catholics and Protestants in Northern Ireland.

In a renewed effort to have a "standard" date observed for Easter, the influential British Council of Churches will ask the World Council of Churches (WCC) to enter informal consultations with the Vatican authorities on the subject. In a lengthy resolution the British Council, which embraces 22 Anglican, Protestant and Orthodox member Churches, reaffirmed at its Fall meeting what it believes to be the view of almost all its own member Churches—that Easter Day should always fall on the Sunday following the second Saturday in April.

The Washington Post has moved its Saturday Church Page to Friday. The main reason, according to Religion Editor Bill McKaye, is to better serve the Jewish, Seventh-Day Adventist and other groups who observe Friday evening or Saturday as their time of worship.

Dr. Markus Barth, a professor at Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (Pa.), has accepted a teaching chair at Basel University in Switzerland where his famed father, the late Karl Barth, once taught. An eminent Biblical scholar in his own right, he will fill a post once held by Dr. Oscar Cullmann (now retired), considered one of the world's leading authorities on the New Testament.

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Pope Paul addressing a "Feast of All Saints" audience gathered in St. Peter's Square for the Nov. 2 national holiday said: "The thought of saints and of our dead ones fills our souls today more than things and facts surrounding us—they always make us reflect." The pontiff said these reflections deal with "first of all, our personal immortality and the decisive weight it must have in establishing a scale of values, temporal things which, fine and precious as they may be, are fleeting and ephemeral." He called repeatedly on all mankind to pay more attention to their daily lives to their "eternal futures" and less to amassing material things for themselves and their families.

Presiding Bishop John E. Hines of the Episcopal Church, in a keynote address to the House of Bishops meeting in New Orleans, said there are some clerical and professional stress "are in deep personal and professional stress" because of unemployment and loss of income or from being forced into "uncongenial and unsatisfying secular jobs." It is estimated that of the 11,000 clergymen in the denomination, up to 2,500 find themselves in less than full operating capacity—a situation reportedly unparalleled in any other denomination. The denomination, faced with a shortage of funds and a decrease in membership in recent years, this year sharply reduced its national office.

Christian missionaries are helping blunt a drive by Communists to woo primitive tribesmen in northern Thailand, according to Paul W. Lewis, an American Baptist missionary there. Mr. and Mrs. Lewis are on furlough and he is attending the University of Oregon at Eugene, working toward a doctor of philosophy degree in anthropology. Missionaries, he said, are finding outside markets for handicraft done by the hill people, setting up schools and establishing a faith which makes a difference in some of their former oppressors as well as the highlanders.

The island of Patmos (modern Patino), the site where the Revelation of John, the last book in the New Testament, was written, has been designated an "historical monument" by the Greek Ministry for Culture and Science. Patmos is 10 miles long and six miles wide. The author of Revelation identifies himself as an exile on the island for preaching the Christian Gospel.

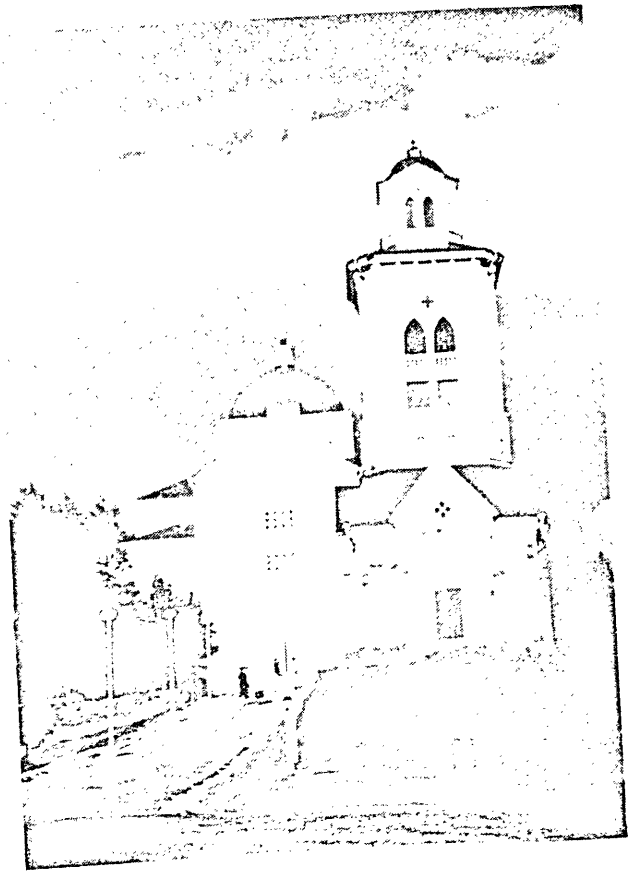
Several million copies of Dr. Norman Vincent Peale's new booklet, "One Nation Under God," are expected to be in the hands of children in U.S. public and non-public schools by Thanksgiving. The non-sectarian Foundation for Christian Living, which distributes Peale's sermons and other literature, said it has received more than 6,000 orders covering 1 million copies in the first week of response to its offer. A foreword in the booklet emphasizes the teaching of students about religion in their daily classes. Described in the booklet are "some of the notable references to God's guiding power in the life of our beloved country." Among them are the religious bases of the Declaration of Independence, the first Thanksgiving Proclamation, the pledge to the flag, and the seal on the U.S. dollar. American Presidents are described as "religious men."

Douglas J. Roche, editor of the Western Catholic Reporter, elected to the Canadian Parliament on the Progressive-Conservative ticket in the Oct. 30 national election, said he would submit his resignation as editor. "I campaigned with the promise that I would be a full-time legislator and I intend to keep that promise," he said. The newly elected legislator, who has often spoken in Protestant churches, said he is a believer in "strong institutions," whether that institution is the family, the educational system, the government or the Church. "All of these institutions must be strong in the right way to respond to the new needs, and they must retain their strength and credibility," Roche said.

For the first time, a British Methodist—the denomination's current conference president, the Rev. Harry O. Morton—will fill the key administrative post of General Secretary of the British Council of Churches. The appointment, subject to the approval of the Methodist Conference, becomes effective next Sept. 1. Morton, 47, ordained as presbyter in the Church of South India, is currently serving on the staff of the Methodist Missionary Society. Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury has accepted another term as president of the Council.

Two Columbia University experts on the care of the dying, the Rev. Robert B. Reeves, Jr., chaplain at Columbia-Presbyterian Medical Center, and Dr. Austin H. Kutscher, president of the Foundation of Thanatia (Greek: "study of death") at Columbia, charged that in hospitals clergy are too often excluded from the professional team that cares for the terminally ill. Some 250 hospital chaplains, other clergymen, physicians, nurses, social workers and other professionals attended the all-day symposium on "Ministry to the Dying Patient and the Bereaved" at Riverside Church in New York. "It is high time that ministers routinely become part of the team of physician-nurse-social worker attending the dying patient and his family," they were told.

"SPREE '73"—"a mammoth youth teach-in/challenge" is scheduled for Aug. 28 to Sept. 2 in London, England next summer, according to an announcement by Anglican Bishop A. W. Goodwin-Hudson. "SPREE" signifies "Spiritual RE-Emphasis" the theme of a one-week residential teaching program. The event will center on the restyled Earls Court Arena in west London and the great Wembley Stadium and is expected to draw young people from around the world.



KERIMAKI, Finland—Storm clouds hang menacingly over the Kerimaki church, the largest wooden church in the world, a title achieved by mistake. A fire in 1840 destroyed the old church in this small village in southeastern Finland. The villagers wrote to Helsinki for architectural drawings for a new building. These duly arrived and local artisans got to work. They wondered a bit about the measurements but continued building. When they were finished they had a church for 3,400 people, but there were only 800 souls in Kerimaki. The villagers and the architect had made all the measurements in feet, while they had been building in meters. Inside and out, the church is built entirely of wood except for the chandeliers, windows and the lower part of the belfry, which is stone. (RNS Photo)

NOVEMBER 16, 1972

# Program Directors to Local Churches

## HUMAN RELATIONS DAY

Although it was mentioned in a previous column, it seems important to once again bring HUMAN RELATIONS DAY to your attention. The 1972 General Conference in Atlanta acted on a proposal for a Human Relations Day, January 28, 1973. For program purposes, it seemed important to break some of the stereotypes that have gone with the old Race Relations Sunday in February (now discontinued).

The change reminds us that human relations are far broader than race relations. Local programming should recognize the need for Christians to break down walls of class, wealth/poverty, generations, culture and language — not only the barriers between races.

A second purpose is to provide, by means of the HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING, for support of significant work — most of it begun under the Fund for Reconciliation. Again, old traditions are broken. Support for black colleges, traditionally given in an offering on Race Relations Sunday, is now covered by an apportionment for each church for the Black College Fund. The new offering on the new day is for a new purpose.

General Conference officially adopted the goal of one million dollars for the HUMAN RELATIONS DAY OFFERING. It is a goal, but it is more than that. It is a statement of minimum needs and deserves to be taken very seriously. It will provide: \$375,000 for the Voluntary Service Program, \$340,000 for the Community Developers, \$35,000 for the Police-Community Relations program, and \$250,000 for the training programs for American Indians, Hispanic Americans, and Asian Americans.

Every local Church, through the Council on Ministries, the Administrative Board, and the entire congrega-

tion, will want to have a part in this great endeavor!

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## THE PASTOR AS EDUCATOR

A new manual, entitled, "The Pastor as Educator", has just come to my desk. One eye-catching sentence at the beginning of the manual follows: "CAUTION! Please do not read this manual unless you expect to function differently, to be different, from what you were before reading. Chapter titles are: "Resurrection, not Insurrection", "Who is the Pastor?", "Some Resources", and "Designing a Personal Approach".

The changing concepts of Christian education and the widening role of the Pastor as educator make this manual a valuable asset to any local church educational program.

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## THANKSGIVING SUNDAY

Thanksgiving Sunday, November 19, is just ahead! Let every congregation of United Methodism come together in great numbers on that day to express our gratitude to God. Our blessings are many! Let Thanksgiving Sunday be the day for sincere expression of our appreciation!

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ferred for these services, Zanovich graciously refused.

In addition, Zanovich has served the College as a member of the Board of Governors of the Hendrix Alumni Association and has been liberal in his financial support of the College.

He is recommended by the faculty for the honorary degree of Doctor of Fine Arts.

The public is cordially invited to attend the convocation.

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Hendrix College Madrigal Singers: (Left to right) Jimmy Jess Anthony, Conway; Dennis Go, Pine Bluff; Debbie Whitley, Bald Knob; Jim Cooley, Arkadelphia; Larry Alexander, Pine Bluff; Elizabeth Ragsdale, El Dorado; Connie Hoxie, North Little Rock; Pam Mooney, Conway; Richard Scott, Monett, Mo.; Rolaine Green, Dardanelle; Charles Peer, Van Buren; Jim Cunningham, Walnut Ridge; Leslie Swindler, Little Rock.

## Hendrix Madrigals available for concerts

The Hendrix College Madrigal Singers, under the direction of Robert McGill, will be available for concerts from January through May.

McGill indicated that the length of the program can be arranged to suit the occasion. The Madrigal Singers can present either a full concert of an hour's length or a partial program suitable for a banquet.

It will be necessary for the Singers to receive traveling expenses of 10¢

per mile for three cars; and, if anyone desires, an honorarium would be greatly appreciated.

The Madrigal Singers present principally secular music from all periods.

If there is an interest or a question, simply contact Robert McGill at Hendrix College, Conway, Ark., 72032. The phone number is 329-6811, ext. 249.

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## MISS WRIGHT AUTHORS PRIMER FOR PARENTS OF SLOW CHILDREN

Primer for Parents of Slow Children is a new booklet written specifically for parents of slow, retarded, or handicapped children. The booklet will be distributed to parents of children enrolled in Day Service Centers in the state that are licensed by the Division of Community Services, Arkansas Mental Retardation - Developmental Disabilities.

The author, Miss Jackie Wright, is a Social Worker with Arkansas Mental Retardation-Developmental Disabilities, Community Services. Miss Wright has been working with parents and Day Service Center personnel in the

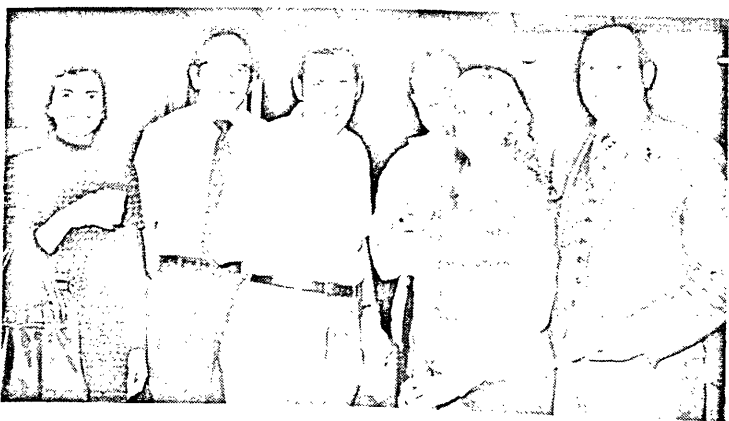
state for the past 2½ years.

Prior to assuming her present position, she worked as Educational Assistant and specifically with parents and youth in Methodist Churches in Arkansas, Tennessee, and Alabama.

Miss Wright was also engaged in social and educational work in Brazil for 3 years, serving under the auspices of the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church.

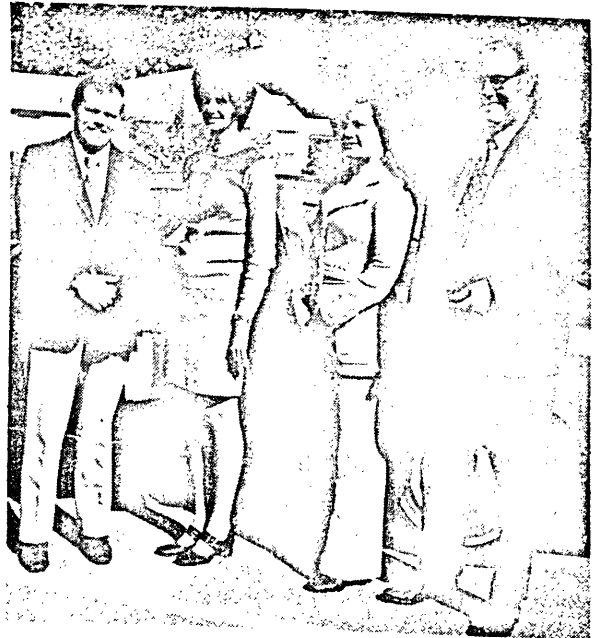
She is a graduate of Hendrix College, has studied at Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn., and at the Language and Orientation School in Brazil. In 1969 Miss Wright was named one of several "Outstanding Young Women of America."

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Participants in Leadership Workshop held at Markham United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sunday afternoon, Nov. 5. (Left to right): Hope Moser, the Rev. John Workman, host pastor, Carl Matthews, Jack True, Pam Temple, and Chuck Moser, Commission on Education chairman. The staff included the Rev. Fred Arnold, resource person for Adult section; Mrs. Harold Allen, Youth; Mrs. Billy Hurt, Elementary; Mrs. John Tucker, Younger Children.

Some of the persons who attended the planning session for the 1973 Little Rock Conference Arts and Crafts Festival. Shown at close of meeting held at Oak Forest Church in Little Rock, left to right, are the Rev. and Mrs. Louis Averitt, representing Camden District; Mrs. Nichols T. Evans, Children's Ministry coordinator, Pine Bluff District; Dr. Kelly Oliver, Arkadelphia, chairman of Planning and Staging for the Little Rock Conference. The Festival showing will be held during Annual Conference at First Church, Hot Springs.



# NEWS and NOTES

TWO HANDBELL CHOIRS from St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, presented a program for the Central Arkansas Chapter of the American Guild of Organists, Nov. 14. The St. James Ringers and the Adult Handbell Choir are under the direction of Felix and Martha Thompson.

DR. VIRGIL KEELEY, Pine Bluff district superintendent, was guest speaker at the Nov. 9 dinner meeting of United Methodist Men in First Church, El Doardo. The meal featured wild game from the freezers of members. Harold Smith is president of the group. Dr. Alvin Murray is pastor.

THE REV. N. LEE CATE, superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, was the speaker for United Methodist Men of Central Church in Fayetteville, Nov. 8. A Charge Conference followed, with Dr. Raymond Franks, district superintendent, presiding. Dr. Nolan Williams is chairman of the Central Church Board. Dr. Joel Cooper is pastor.

YOUTH OF WESTERN HILLS Church, Little Rock, were hosts to young people from First Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday morning, Nov. 5. In turn, the North Little Rock group hosted the Western Hills youth at the evening program.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF West Helena United Methodist Church spent Friday and Saturday nights at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, while they visited Methodist and cultural points of interest in Little Rock, Nov. 3-5. Their pastor is the Rev. William Haltom.

THE CHEROKEE VILLAGE Adult Sunday School Class has formed a Sunday evening Bible Study Class, which meets at the church from 6:30 until 8 p.m. every second and fourth Sundays. Approximately 25 members are attending. The Rev. Roy Poyner is their pastor.

SCOUTMASTER ALLEN Borecky presented Billy Ford with the Eagle Scout Award during a recent Sunday morning service in Carr Memorial United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. Billy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Ford. Mr. Ford is assistant scoutmaster of Troop 37, sponsored by Carr Memorial where the Rev. Carl Matthew is minister.

THE REV. JAMES RICHARDSON, pastor of the Gurdon United Methodist Church, will give the Thanksgiving message at the Gurdon Assembly of God Church, Nov. 22 at 7:30 p.m.



Dr. and Mrs. Sam Nader were honored by members of First Church, Fort Smith, at a recent family fellowship supper. Part of the entertainment featured the Rejoice Singers, shown in background, above. Dr. Nader was recently appointed as senior minister at First Church, following a ten-year pastorate in Noel Memorial Church, Shreveport.

## FAIRVIEW CHURCH, CAMDEN HAS DAY OF SINGING

A Great Day of United Methodist Singing was observed at Fairview Church in Camden, Nov. 5. Bart Ghent, organist and choirmaster, the Chancel Choir, and the Woodwind Quintet from the music department at Henderson State College provided special music for the morning worship service. The director of the Woodwind Quintet is Earl Hesse and the members are David Etienne, flute; Marty Martin, clarinet; Robert Turner, oboe; Julia Reynold, french horn, and Kenneth Lindsey, bassoon.

At the evening hour the 31-voice youth choir, directed by Bart Ghent and accompanied by James Simpson, bass guitar, and C. E. Askew, percussion, presented a special service of music. Afterward, the Chancel Choir gave a reception honoring members of the Youth Choir. The Rev. George Tanner is the Fairview minister.

TRI-COUNTY LAYMEN of the Conway District sponsored the appearance of Bishop Eugene M. Frank in Morrilton, Nov. 9. A dinner preceded his message, the men dining at the church and the women at the Colonial Inn. Bishop Frank spoke in the sanctuary at 8 p.m. Host pastor was the Rev. Clyde Parsons.

THE REV. R. E. CONNELL, retired, received his son's pulpit in Central United Methodist Church of Rogers, Nov. 5, in observance of "Retired Ministers" Sunday. Before retiring in 1957, Mr. Connell occupied several pulpits in the North Arkansas Conference and was superintendent of the Paragould District. The Rev. William "Bill" Connell is the Rogers minister.

EIGHTY-FIVE WOMEN were present for the dinner and program in First Church, Conway, when members of the WSCS and WSG honored new women of the church recently. Mrs. Orville Rook was general chairman for the occasion. Mrs. Loren Guffey is the WSCS president. Mrs. Harold Alexander, WSG chairman, was presented a Special Membership.

## MRS. H. C. PENN

Mrs. H. C. (Lucinda Lloyd) Penn passed away in Hot Springs on Nov. 1, 1972, at the age of 90 years. For many years she was an active member of First United Methodist Church of Hot Springs.

In tribute to her, the Rev. H. W. Jinske, retired minister, writes: "Mrs. Penn was active in church and educational circles. In the fall of 1930 I became the first principal of the Charles N. Rix School in Hot Springs and Mrs. Penn was elected the first president of the Rix School Parent-Teacher Association. Being the mother of three school age children, she knew the problems confronting schools and homes. Among her greatest concerns were the educational and spiritual welfare of all the children. Her 'treasure chest' was abundant in the values that abide,—not gold or silver, but full of love, concern and service for others."

Mrs. Penn's funeral was conducted Nov. 3 with Dr. George F. Ivey and the Rev. Clarence Holland officiating.

THE CHARLESTON UMYF sponsored drive for UNICEF netted \$137.50. Twenty young people conducted a door-to-door campaign and returned to the church where they were served refreshments by their adult sponsors, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tadlock and other adults in the church. The Rev. Raymond Hawkins is pastor.

AT CAMDEN FIRST CHURCH, a dinner for women of the church, Oct. 23, was sponsored by the Women's Society and the Wesleyan Service Guild. Mrs. E. T. Davenport of Little Rock, who is conference WSCS president, was the guest speaker.

THE PHILLIPS COUNTY Bible Training School will be held on November 26, 27 and 28 at the West Helena United Methodist Church. The four units and instructors are: "Luke-Acts, Key 73", Dr. Meredith F. Eller; "Using the Bible with Children", Mrs. Virginia Lindley; "Interpreting the Bible to Youth", the Rev. Larry Powell; "Use of the Bible with Adult Groups", Mrs. Ernestine Brown. The Rev. Will am Haltom will be host pastor.

**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.

Nov. 19—Sunday	John 1:19-23
Nov. 20	John 1:29-34
Nov. 21	John 1:35-42
Nov. 22	John 1:43-51
Nov. 23	John 3:23-36
Nov. 24	Matt. 11:1-6
Nov. 25	Matt. 11:7-15
Nov. 26—Sunday	Mark 2:1-12

THE UNICEF DRIVE in Russellville involved the youth from Wesley and First United Methodist Churches, Central Presbyterian and First Christian Churches. Together they collected over \$300.

THE JUNIOR AND SENIOR UMY of First Church, Malvern, collected \$300 for UNICEF with a "Locked Chair Rockathon" and a door-to-door canvass. This almost tripled last year's total. Paul E. Hankins is director of youth at Malvern and the Rev. Charles Ashcraft is pastor.

WESLEY CHURCH of Pine Bluff had Dr. Clint Burleson as guest speaker at the congregation dinner, Nov. 5. Dr. Burleson, a former pastor of Wesley Church, is now minister of First Church, Camden. The dinner meeting was in the Pines Vocational School Cafeteria. The Rev. Robert Regnier is the Wesley pastor.

E. H. "TANK" HARRISON, former police officer with the Memphis Police Department who now devotes his time to church lay work, was guest speaker in the DeWitt United Methodist Church, Nov. 5. George Whitten was in charge of the evening service and Kay Butcher provided special music. "God's Messengers", local singing group, presented special numbers. The Rev. Thurston Masters is the DeWitt pastor.

THE SMACKOVER MINISTERIAL Alliance is sponsoring the Thanksgiving service for the area. The observance will be held in the high school auditorium with the Rev. John F. Walker, United Methodist minister, preaching the sermon.

YOUTH COUNSELORS of First Church, Jonesboro, attended a "Serendipity Workshop" in St. Louis on Saturday, Nov. 11, conducted by Lyman Coleman, author of the Serendipity series of books. Attending were Mr. and Mrs. Don McCaslin, Dr. and Mrs. Harry Harrell, Mrs. Charles Sims, Mrs. McCoy Wilbanks, Vicki Jo Givens, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Cox, David Lyttle and Chris Knight.

THE REV. J. C. RIGGINS would like to hear from his Arkansas friends. He reports that he is in and out of the hospital due to a heart condition. His address is: John Calvin Riggins, 789 Galindo St., Salinas, Calif. 93901.



Former presidents of the Southwest Conference WSCS were presented Certificates of Recognition at the final meeting of the group, Oct. 14. Those present are shown. They are, from left: Mrs. Isabel Scott, Mrs. Willie Lee Washington, Mrs. Alice Preston and Mrs. Lula Tillman. Not present, were Mrs. Edith Strong, Mrs. Bessie Rumph, and Mrs. T. J. Griffin.

## Final meeting held by Southwest Conference women

A recent poignant program was that of the final annual meeting of women of the Southwest Conference, as the group relinquished autonomy for the more encompassing merger with women of the North Arkansas, Little Rock and Oklahoma Conferences.

The meeting was held Saturday, Oct. 14, in Wesley United Methodist Church on the Philander Smith College campus in Little Rock. Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro presided over the last session, and her "President's Message" is printed below.

Pastors, Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild Members, visitors and friends:

"This is the day which the Lord has made, we will rejoice and be glad in it"

Many of you remember Professor M. W. Wilburn - He always approached his desk with that statement. Be the day snowy, rainy, stormy or fair - these were his words of greeting.

Today we shall rejoice; we shall be glad. THIS IS THE DAY of our final session as Southwest Annual Conference WSCS and WSG. It is also our final day as a conference group by any name. But, we shall rejoice and be glad because of our legacy.

FAITH; Pause a moment - Do you remember the time - several times you did not see the way. You were groping, struggling, praying. Suddenly, there was the small voice that commanded you. Go! "I will not leave you nor forsake you." You moved out in faith.

HOPE: I always enjoy hearing a baptist choir near my home sing "There will be a brighter day". This is our hope. Let us let go and let God. With Martin Luther King we can proclaim "I have a dream". Yes, our hope is one day All persons will walk together in peace. We can only see dimly, but soon face to face. We can hear the tapping - as in the fairy story of the little girl Pandora when she had opened the mysterious box and set free all manner of sorrow. Hearing another tap she finally opened the box a second time to let hope into the world. Yes, we will leave you hope.

FAITH: Our cars have hung over steep road elevations - we have waited by roadsides with only the comforting words of Paul as he talks to us of the many splendors of love. (Read Cor. 1 Chapter 13) Love that will make all persons walk together in peace. Love that is the trademark of a CHRISTIAN. Love that reaches out-not just to some, but to everyone.

Yes, my friends I request you to stay with God. Stay with the United Methodist Church, if you can with freedom and human dignity. WITH GOD AT ANY COST.

I will close using the words of Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune in paraphrase: WE LEAVE YOU LOVE, WE LEAVE YOU HOPE, WE LEAVE YOU THE CHALLENGE OF DEVELOPING CONFIDENCE IN ONE ANOTHER. WE LEAVE YOU A THIRST FOR SELF-DETERMINATION. WE LEAVE YOU RESPECT FOR THE USE OF POWER.

WE LEAVE YOU FAITH. WE LEAVE YOU RACIAL DIGNITY. WE LEAVE YOU A DESIRE TO LIVE HARMONIOUSLY WITH ALL PERSONS.

FINALLY WE LEAVE YOU A DEFINITE RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT OF OUR YOUNG ADULTS AND YOUTH.

"There are three things that last forever; FAITH, HOPE, LOVE: BUT THE GREATEST OF THESE IS LOVE."

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## HELENA GUILD HOSTS DISTRICT MEETING

The Wesleyan Service Guild of First United Methodist Church, Helena, was host Sunday Nov. 5, at 2:00 o'clock, to the Forrest City District Fall Conference of Wesleyan Service Guilds. There were sixty Guild members and visitors present.

The program opened with the singing of the Guild hymn. The welcome was given by the Helena Guild president, Miss Dorothy Southard. Special music was rendered by "The ConCORDS" composed of the Rev. Jim Beal, the Rev. Dick Haltom, the Rev. Bill Hammonds and Mr. Larry Earhart. They sang a group of spiritual and religious music. A group participation devotional was led by Mrs. Jim Beal.

The business meeting was presided over by Mrs. D. C. Neal of West Memphis, district chairman. A report on the annual meeting of the North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild held in North Little Rock on Oct. 7-8, was given by Mrs. Julian Vogel of West Memphis.

The guest speaker, Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro, gave an inspirational talk on "Our Continuing Faith". A social hour was enjoyed in the Undercroft of the Church following the meeting.

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MINISTERS, WIVES of the Little Rock District will hold a retreat at Aldersgate Methodist Camp on Saturday, Nov. 18, from 9:45 until 3:00 o'clock. Mrs. Ruth Johnson will be leader, using the theme "Getting Acquainted with Christ, our ever present friend." She will be assisted by Mrs. Lucille Hefley, Mrs. Vida Thompson, and Mrs. Liz Workman. The Aldersgate staff will serve lunch for \$1.75 each. Mrs. Betty Ann Robertson is president of the group.

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## TUCKERMAN WOMEN HOST PARAGOULD DISTRICT WSCS

The Paragould District Women's Society of Christian Service held the fall meeting at the Tuckerman United Methodist Church, Oct. 31, beginning at 10 a.m.

The meeting was called to order by the district president, Mrs. Ruby Stark of Paragould. Mrs. Edwin Shaver, local president, welcomed the group.

The roll call showed 130 persons in attendance, representing 20 societies. Newport First Church won the attendance banner, having 17 members present.

Guest speaker was the Rev. Andy Hall from the Hardy United Methodist Church, who used the sixth chapter of Romans as the basis for his talk.

Discussion was held concerning the merger of the Guild and Women's Society and the "Day of Celebration" scheduled for Feb. 24.

Following the noon luncheon, served by Tuckerman hostesses, Mrs. Wayne Clark, district chairman of spiritual growth, gave a devotional on the theme "Loving People."

Mrs. Lucille Nix, conference treasurer, gave an informative talk concerning the need for pledges and where the money goes.

The Rev. Willis LeGrand, host pastor, gave the noon invocation.

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MRS. BETTY WINKLER was presented a Special Membership in the Women's Society of Christian Service during the Sunday morning worship service, Oct. 8, in First Church, Helena. An unusual feature was that the gift to missions in her honor was by her former church in Oxford, Miss.

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These Southwest Conference WSCS officers attended a recent Jurisdiction meeting. From left are: Mrs. Fannie Gordon, Mrs. Alice Preston, Mrs. Pauline Troupe, Mrs. Willie Washington and Mrs. Willie Mae Pointer.

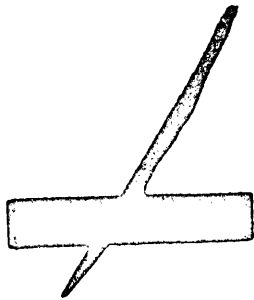


Southwest Conference WSCS officers receiving Letters of Appreciation were Mrs. Willie Lee Washington, Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, Mrs. Zoline Boatman and Mrs. Brenda Evans.



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



It is altogether wrong to reason that if Jesus said wars were bound to happen this forbids any endeavor to pursue possibilities of peace. Remember it was this same Jesus who said, "Blessed are the peacemakers; for they shall be called the children of God" (Matt. 5:9). \* \* \*

## LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 26: What kind of Peace?

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Micah 4:1-4; Matthew 24:3-14; James 4:1-10

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. (Matthew 5:9)

**AIM OF LESSON:** To study what kind of peace is possible in today's world in light of present-day conditions, and to consider the role which Christians ought to have as peacemakers.

It is surprising how many people react negatively to official statements made by either the church or the government in the area of world peace. While the Bible speaks to us concerning the charismatic posture of the peacemaker, we seem to have a way of deflating what he says and throwing obstacles in the way of his endeavors.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon reminds us that President Franklin D. Roosevelt was writing down his thoughts concerning war and peace the night before he died. Included in his statements were these words: "We seek peace—enduring peace. More than an end to war, we want an end to the beginnings of all wars — yes, an end to this brutal, inhuman, and thoroughly impractical method of settling differences between governments."

We have been at war almost constantly since President Roosevelt wrote those words. The question is why? Dr. Laymon asks: "If we promoted peace as desperately as we pursue war, would it become a reality; or are we by nature doomed to desire war? Some persons hold that the ideal of peace is contrary to human nature and that peace movements run against the grain of our being."

The United Methodist Church has insisted for many years that there is a strong correlation between the rapid growth of population throughout the earth and the threats to world peace. In its 1968 General Conference it stated: "The widening economic gap between the rich nations and poor nations is a grave concern for Christians. Immediate steps need to be taken through international agencies if economic disturbances that may endanger world peace are to be avoided."

This is the last lesson in our series, "The Bible speaks to the Issues of Our Times." One of the ironies of our times is that demands for peace, expressed in demonstrations and protests, have occasioned outbreaks of violence. Thus the illuiveness of peace has been proved on our city streets and college campuses. But hearts continue to cry out for an end to war with its destruction of property, expenditure of young lives, and squandering of our resources that are needed to build a better world. This lesson ought to help us look at the problems of war and peace from a biblical viewpoint, recognize those things that work for and against peace, and accept the conditions in which peace is possible.

### THE PEACE THAT IS TO COME

One of the most optimistic songs of peace to be found anywhere is Micah 4:1-4. Here he envisions a period of universal peace for all nations under God. Included are those familiar words, "they shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

Micah, a contemporary of Isaiah's, did most of his writing during the reign of King Hezekiah. Just before that time Sargon, the king of Assyria, had captured Samaria, deported thousands of captives, and brought the Northern Kingdom to an end. Micah, duly impressed by this disaster, warned Judah of a similar tragic fate unless the rulers and the people repented of their many sins.

What Micah has done here is describe some future time when the purposes of God have come to fruition for the world. The description is a revelation of God's will for peace and a challenge to us to seek to meet his conditions for peace.

Two key ideas in the passage are "he will teach" and "we will walk." Before the rich blessings of God can be ours, we must listen to what he has to say and then respond in obedience and love. The prospect of peace that God offers is not dependent on international negotiation and agreement but on spiritual renewal. For men to enjoy the happiness and security which are the accompaniments of peace, there must be a return to God, with all this involves in the putting away of sin and commitment to righteousness.

An important emphasis in Micah's formula for peace affirms that God's Word is not only the way to salvation, but it is also the way to making right decisions in both personal and national affairs. The decisions that make the difference between war and peace must be based on the truths of God. "He shall judge between many peoples and shall decide for strong nations." Until people direct their lives by the Word of God, there will not be either right living personally or just relations between nations.

Imagine what it would be like if Jesus arbitrated the disputes between nations! Think what a different world it would be. Well, one day it's going to be like that. He will be the absolute judge. When this takes place men will "beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks." Then the world will be without war.

### THE PERSISTENCE OF WAR

How many times in our ministry we have heard people imply that it was not even Christian to seek to bring peace on earth because of Matthew 24:6! I remember that it was first called to my attention during my first pastorate just prior to the outbreak of World War II. It was with a certain degree of fatalism that people quoted "you will hear of wars and rumors of wars; see that you are not alarmed; for this must take place, but the end is not yet."

In the first feeble efforts of preaching on this theme, we tried to point out that the Word of God meant to say that wars persisted because people had not changed. Actually, these verses fall into that category of New Testament material which sought to point out the early return of Jesus from heaven with his angels in power and glory to bring the present age to a catastrophic end. Again and again, since the first Century, there have been others who have sought to justify war in this manner and to point to the embattled state of the world to indicate that the end was in sight. Many pulpites have exploited this point of view and made wartime an occasion of a "golden age" for such preaching.

What must be pointed out is that there has never been any reason to say that war should be regarded as unavoidable and that no effort should be made against the war system. Some good-intentioned but ill-informed Christians have denounced the United Nations as a scheme to thwart the purpose of God.

### THE SOURCES OF STRIFE

It is highly important that we understand the causes of war, and then move in the direction of removing these causes. The Letter of James is a most practical little book, and we have always been glad that it was included in the New Testament.

A brief passage is printed in our lesson material today from the fourth chapter of James. We read: "What causes wars, and what causes fightings among you? Is it not your passions that are at war in your members." It continues to give a clear picture of the selfish man and the selfish nation.

James seems to be thinking not so much about nations as about individuals. However, by extension, the same causes can be applied to both. Whatever you see on a world-wide scale is an enlargement of the strife you see in homes and in families, and even in churches on occasions. James is primarily concerned with rooting out strife between believers, but if we understand this we can also see what the answer is to strife among nations.

First, this writer attributes war to our passions. Thinking of it as basically conflicts and quarrels, James sees the cause as being in our own "passions," meaning pleasures or desires. These create a state of warfare in the individual because of the aggressiveness of the human personality.

The desiring and the not-having are continuous. A person wants something he can't have so much that he is moved to murder. It is a matter of being envious and not being able to attain, of coveting something but never acquiring it that motivates many serious crimes.

James goes on to relate these selfish desires within men to their patterns of prayer. He says that sometimes, even with the best self-justification, or with what we think are the best interests of the church, it is possible to pray selfishly. In our search for world peace we must look to ourselves and examine our self-contentment, our criticism of others, and our self-righteous, greedy praying.

### WHICH WAY TO PEACE?

We have been pointing out passages in the Bible which indicate that the foundations for peace must be built within the hearts of individuals. Woodrow Wilson went into the meetings determined to write a peace that would truly end World War I. One of the other leaders pointed an accusing finger at him and said, "Wilson, you talk just like Jesus Christ." Unfortunately the accents which President Wilson sought to write into that treaty did not prevail and a lasting peace did not come. There are many who blame World War II on the harshness of the Versailles Treaty. At any rate, Hitler was able to exploit the portions of the treaty which he regarded as ill-conceived.

Our basis search today is for an answer to the question, What way would Christ take if he were formulating the document that will end the current war?

We find ourselves very much in agreement with a paragraph by Dr. Charles M. Laymon in International Lesson Annual: "In the modern world the need for organized institutional efforts seems necessary if we are to make an impression. This would include the organized church. Other structured peace efforts have come into existence such as the United Nations. Some feel it is not adequate, that it has become a sounding board for propaganda only. Yet the ideal of peace among the nations lies at the heart of the UN."

The prophet Micah had a dream of peace, even as we do. He envisioned all the nations of the world coming to Jerusalem to learn the law of the Lord. When they returned to their homes, they would live in harmony together, following a way of life that was based upon the Law. How contemporary all this sounds!

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## New Global Ministries Board looks at wide range of concerns

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (UMI)— A "mixed bag" of concerns including church growth, amnesty, flood relief, post-election citizen responsibility and designation of \$40,000,000 in anticipated expenditures for Christian mission in 1973 marked a major United Methodist meeting here Oct. 25-Nov. 2.

The Board is the largest program agency of the 10,500,000-member United Methodist Church. Holding the first annual meeting since its formation under a denominational restructuring this year, the Board acted in plenary sessions and through its seven divisions. The Board was formed from four separate agencies, and has headquarters in New York City and Evanston, Ill.

Chaired by Board president Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago, the 156-member agency spent part of its time "finding its identity," as more than half of its members had not served on any predecessor agency. Some time was given to developing goals, objectives and strategies for the 1973-76 quadrennium, including some "blue-sky dreaming" about possibilities for ministry on six continents. Throughout the meeting and in all units, observers noted a style which sought maximum participation of elected Board members in their policy-determining role.

A major presentation was made on the importance of and need for church growth as an objective within the total scope of the Board's work. The Rev. Maurice Culver, representative at Board headquarters of the overseas missionary community, spoke of opportunities for church growth overseas. The Rev. Forrest Stith, Board member from Baltimore, Md., and Mrs. Cecil R. Matthews, Board member from Canyon, Texas, presented challenge of church growth as a mission priority in the U.S.

The Board referred to its Policy and Program Committee suggestions that major blocks of time be given at the next meeting to consideration of the theology of mission and to reports on Key 73 (a cooperative evangelistic effort embracing 130 Christian groups) and on the World Council of Churches "Salvation Today" conference in Bangkok, Thailand, in December.

The meaning of mission on a global basis was interpreted by the Rev. Dr. Emilio Castro, president of the Evangelical Methodist Church of Uruguay and an internationally known church leader. He urged the Board to be certain to "relate things we do to the care of our Christian faith and have it centered in the incarnation of Jesus Christ."

The Women's Division of the Board, noting apathy about the Nov. 7 elections, said that no matter how the elections come out, "Christian citizens must not abdicate responsi-

bility for their government, but must continue to be informed on the performance of officials and to join with concerned citizens in influencing the course of public policy."

In other actions on social issues, the Women's Division called for legislation backing "development of ocean resources within the framework of international law and cooperation," and asked the International Ladies Garment Workers Union (ILGWU) to withdraw a poster ad which uses the phrase "made in Japan." A spokeswoman said the ad "raises again the specter of incipient racism focused against Japanese-Americans."

The Board expects to spend about \$40,000,000 in 1973, including \$32,200,000 in voted appropriations and about \$8,000,000 in additional anticipated and conditional funds. Expenditures will encompass more than \$18,000,000 for mission work in 54 countries, \$10,500,000 for home mission work in the U.S. and Puerto Rico, \$2,500,000 for program development through the denominational women's organization, United Methodist Women, \$3,400,000 for relief and rehabilitation around the world, \$548,000 related to health and welfare services, \$221,000 for ecumenical and interreligious concerns, and \$300,000 for a scholarship program for overseas and U.S. minority students.

Board units acted in the area of investments. The Women's Division voted its intent to file a disclosure resolution with the Caterpillar Tractor Company asking management to reveal facts about its operations in South Africa, such as employment practices in relation to black and white workers, and relations with the government and its apartheid policies. The Division also voted intent to file a similar disclosure resolution with one of four American companies operating in Namibia (South-West Africa), which is controlled by South Africa. The World Division voted its intent to file a disclosure resolution with an American company operating in Southern Africa.

The National Division called for regulation of strip mining to protect ecology and asked its Appalachian Development Committee to "lobby the state legislature in mining areas" and Congress in behalf of "fair laws" to regulate strip mining. The Board voted backing of the National Division in affirming support of "the consumer boycott of iceberg head lettuce promoted by Cesar Chavez's United Farm Workers Organizing Committee" and asked that at hotels where the Board meets the management "be directed" not to serve non-union lettuce to Board personnel while the boycott is in effect.

The Rev. Dr. James J. Thomas, Board staff member working in refugee services, took the floor to make

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There are times in the lives of each one of us when the inner strength by which we face our daily challenges must be replenished and refreshed. There is no finer source for such revival of our spirits than the Holy Writ.

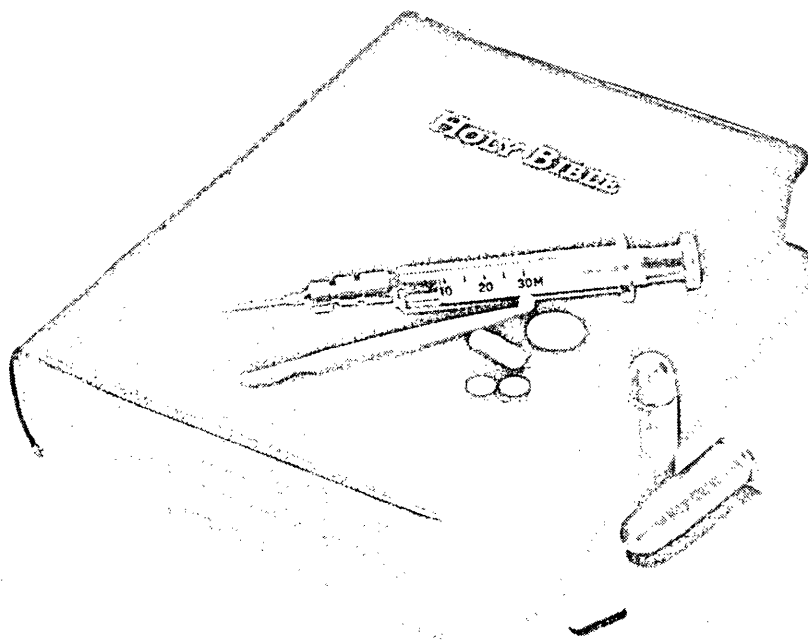
There is a wealth of sustenance and inspiration in the lessons of the Bible and immeasurable comfort for those who seek its wisdom. It is appropriate in this National Bible Week that Americans of all ages be reawakened to the gain and the good that can derive from frequent reading and devotion to the Scriptures.

It is especially fitting that we provide a full opportunity for the young people of America to grow in appreciation of the Word of God so that they may be better equipped to do His work on earth for the good of all mankind.

I call upon all fellow citizens during the occasion of National Bible Week to make the teachings of the Bible the touchstone of their lives.



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NEW YORK—A Bible is featured among some unusual company — addict's hypodermic syringe, barbiturates, a marijuana cigarette and two bullets — in an ad created for National Bible Week, Nov. 19-26. "We know a book that can guide you through the drug problem," the ad reads. "It's also got a lot to say about race. And the generation gap..." and so on through a list of today's problems, ending with an offer of a hardback copy of the Bible for \$1. The ad is designed to increase awareness among young people that the Bible and religion are related to today's problems. It will appear in magazines and newspapers around the country. Radio spots carrying the same message are also scheduled.

# Judicial Council rules on several strategic issues

**HOT SPRINGS, Ark. (UMI)** — Some powers of the new General Council on Ministries (GCOM) were ruled unconstitutional by the United Methodist Church's Judicial Council. It also invalidated annual conferences' supplemental funds for bishops' office expenses.

(Decisions approving Mississippi Conferences' merger plans and ruling out election of lay persons as bishops were reported in the Nov. 2 issue of this publication).

These were among seven decisions issued here during the "supreme court's" Oct. 26-28 meeting, presided over by the Rev. Ralph M. Houston of Mt. Tremper, N.Y., and Ft. Pierce, Fla.

The council ruled (Decision 364) that the "legislative powers granted to the General Council of Ministries" by the 1972 General Conference are unconstitutional. In its 7-2 decision, the council said General Conference "may not delegate legislative functions and responsibilities."

It was not believed that the ruling would disturb the specific functions legislated for GCOM in another paragraph.

The ruling applies only to Par. 829, which specifies GCOM powers, but it does not stipulate whether the entire paragraph is unconstitutional. The paragraph reads:

The powers of the Council on Ministries are: a) To establish policies and make decisions governing the functions of the general boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church, consistent with the actions of the General Conference, during the interim between its sessions; b) to approve or disapprove recommendations by a board to change its internal structure as specified by the Discipline or by boards to transfer functions among them, subject to ratification by the General Conference. The council's ruling holds that pow-

ers delineated in the paragraph "go far beyond promotion and administration," matters which the General Conference is empowered to delegate. They are, it says, "legislative in nature and . . . could, in effect, make the General Council on Ministries an interim, and more or less continuous, General Conference." Though the council would be required to report to General Conference for confirmation, the court said the conference "would be faced with a fait accompli," meaning that GCOM would "be exercising legislative functions reserved to the General Conference."

In the restructuring of church-wide boards and agencies last spring, GCOM was a major new agency, replacing the Program Council but with considerably wider powers and functions.

Negative votes came from Theodore M. Berry, Cincinnati, who planned to file a dissenting opinion, and Mrs. Florence Lucas Edwards, Jamaica, N.Y., whose opinion concurred with the council's on sub-paragraph "b" but dissented on "a." She said that GCOM action under the powers granted in "a" would have to be consistent with General Conference actions, "thus could not result in legislation."

The challenge to the paragraph came from the Council of Bishops, and Bishop L. Scott Allen of Knoxville, Tenn., appeared to testify.

Decision 365 ruled that "the action of an annual conference which would include in its annual budget an amount for supplementary support for the office expense of a bishop is contrary" to the Discipline. The council carefully distinguished the item of office expenses from "an area expense fund which may provide for additional program staff and services to the churches in the area," which it said would be legitimate.

Any other decision, noted the council, "would foster double apportionment for episcopal support" on any annual conference responding.

Although this issue came from Memphis Conference, the ruling is expected to have a wide effect across the church. An official of the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) said all or most annual conferences provide such a supplement, in varying amounts.

The decision held that the Constitution gives the General Conference authority "to adopt a plan for the support of the bishops" and that the annual conference has no such authority. The Episcopal Fund, approved by General Conference and administered by CFA, includes "amounts as may be judged adequate" for bishops' house, office and travel expenses.

During 1973, CFA will grant each bishop not more than \$12,000 for secretarial and office expense and equipment, an amount increasing \$1,000 annually for the remainder of the quadrennium. This is paid on the basis of budgets provided by each bishop and approved by CFA.

The council heard testimony on this issue from Jimmy M. Evans of Memphis, member of that conference's Commission on Finance and Administration, and from Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, general secretary of CFA, Evanston, Ill.

In Decision 361, the council returned to a problem on the status of central conference bishops for terms which expired upon or before their retirement. A year ago, it ruled that those who were bishops at the time of union in 1968 remained bishops, but not those who had retired earlier, under Methodist Church statutes. This omitted Hobart B. Amstutz and Enrique C. Balloch.

At that time, the council said: "If this ruling results in consequences that are believed to be inequitable or were not intended, the remedy lies in the authority of the General Conference."

The 1972 General Conference attempted such a remedy by legislation to include as retired bishops "all bishops of former or existing central con-

ferences." The council ruled that this amendment did not correct the situation because it "cannot be applied retroactively beyond 1968," when the United Methodist Church did not exist.

The council reiterated its 1971 statement that status as a retired bishop and the emoluments are "separable issues," and held that its decision would not limit the authority of the Council on Finance and Administration to "determine the appropriate allowance to be paid a former term bishop."

**Decision 361 reads:** "The amendment of Par. 394.4 by the 1972 General Conference does not correct the (so-called) inequity addressed in Item 285 (DCA), for the amendment cannot be applied retroactively beyond 1968; nor can the General Conference violate the right of a Central Conference to elect a specified number of bishops whose tenure has been determined beforehand."

Other decisions were:

**No. 360** — On petition from Southern Illinois Conference:

A lesser annuity rate paid by an annual conference to a minister who transfers out of that conference and retires from another annual conference is illegal. Such a procedure violates the status of the ministry in our connectional church and is contrary to the specific requirements of Paragraphs 1379.7 and 1377.11b of the Discipline.

**No. 366** — On petition from Louisiana Conference:

An elder who has been granted voluntary location may be classified on the conference rolls, and serve as a lay pastor, but is not subject to assignment of the district superintendent.

The council set its next meeting for May 23-26, 1973.

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## GLOBAL MINISTRIES

an emergency plea for Board members and staff executives to contact churches to arrange sponsorship for about 40 Asians being expelled from Uganda. "Get on the phone immediately and ask your churches if they can help in this emergency of compassion," Dr. Thomas appealed, stating the first expellees were expected to arrive at New York's Kennedy Airport November 2, with others following on succeeding days.

The Health and Welfare Division granted a total of \$142,000 to assist primarily black Americans during 1973. That includes \$112,000 for 12 projects for all age levels in six states and \$30,000 for scholarships for blacks preparing for careers in health and welfare fields. The grants brought to more than \$1,250,000 the amount allocated by the Division since 1959 from its Kendall Fund, established by Harry R. Kendall, an Illinois insurance executive.

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The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) allocated more than \$900,000 for relief and rehabilitation in such areas as U.S. flood relief, Bangladesh victims and Vietnam. Included was \$450,000 from the new National Disaster Fund granted to the Central Pennsylvania, Wyoming and Central New York United Methodist Conferences for continuing relief in the wake of June's disastrous floods. It was announced UMCOR executive the Rev. Dr. J. Harry Haines will represent North American churches in November at the first meeting of the board of the new Indochina Fund for reconstruction and rehabilitation. The meeting will be in Vientiane, Laos.

In a major action, the Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division gave the United Methodist Church its second ecumenical concerns staff executive and its first woman to serve in that area. The Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, presently a Board secretary of missionary personnel, will become January 1 assistant general secretary of the Division. She is an ordained member of the Minnesota Conference and has been a campus pastor; she is

the first woman in the denomination to receive votes for bishop. She will work with the Division's chief executive, the Rev. Robert W. Huston.

A statement calling on Americans to understand the magnitude and complexity of the crisis in the Philippines, where martial law was proclaimed Sept. 21, was adopted by the World Division. The statement emphasized the need for "disciplined restraint" on the part of American government and business, and cautioned against "judgments made in terms of narrow American self-interests."

In other events at the Board of Global Ministries meeting: The National Division set priority on raising salaries of persons employed in home mission work and institutions; the National and Women's Divisions voted to join the United Methodist Board of Church and Society in continuing a Work Group on Justice and Repression. Authorization was given for a consultation on the church and liberation movements.

The National Division's Section of Specialized Services voted several measures to encourage and assist for-

mation of new churches. The Health and Welfare Division explored ways of encouraging annual conferences and local churches to initiate direct service health and welfare projects; the Division of Education and Cultivation initiated a process of coordinated interpretation of long-range issues facing the Board and divisions, and asked for a Boardwide task force on Advance Specials (designated mission gifts). Simplified voting procedures were urged for American missionaries overseas.

In his 1972 Interim Report to the Board, general secretary the Rev. Dr. Tracey J. Jones quoted the late missionary statesman John R. Mott who said "the aim of the Christian mission is to make Jesus Christ known, loved and trusted around the world." Dr. Jones said "Not everyone would agree in 1972 these words are sufficiently contemporary, but all would recognize that they point to unchanging motivations explaining why a Board of Global Ministries was created . . . to provide a channel for the global mission concerns of the United Methodist Church."

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# Special day at historic Eli Lindsay Memorial Church

(EDITOR'S NOTE: Recently the congregation of Eli Lindsay Memorial United Methodist Church in the Paragould District honored their founder. The sermon was delivered by the Rev. Garland C. Taylor at Osceola, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference who grew up in that church. The Rev. A. N. Storey, Jonesboro, also a retired minister of the North Arkansas Conference who joined this church at the age of 12, wrote the following history which we would like to share with you. The Rev. E. B. Williams, North Little Rock, another retired minister of the North Arkansas Conference, joined this church at the age of 19. AAK)

The Methodist Church had its beginning in Arkansas in 1815, according to Dr. James A. Anderson's history of Arkansas Methodism.

In 1815 Eli Lindsay, living about one half mile east of the present village of Jesup in Lawrence County, Arkansas, started and organized the first Methodist work in Arkansas. "His is the glory of having started the Methodist Church in Arkansas." (Quote from Anderson's History.) This heroic pioneer ranged from where Searcy and Judsonia now stand to the Missouri line north of Spring River and North of Imboden and Pocahontas. Lindsay was a local Methodist preacher not under appointment of the Methodist Church, but working on his own.

Lindsay no doubt held services in homes, under brush arbors, and in the open air, as no church buildings had been erected in this area at that time and likely not for a number of years after that. Let us remember that this country was wild and sparsely settled.

The Louisiana Purchase was made in 1803. The first survey to establish a beginning point of this territory was in 1815. There was not a post office in all this area, the first one being established at Old Davidsonville in 1817. Davidsonville was between what is now Imboden, Pocahontas and Black Rock, and at first the mail was delivered once each month.

In 1815 Eli Lindsay reported to the presiding elder, Samuel H. Thompson, of the Missouri District of the Tennessee Annual Conference. In 1816 two men were sent to Arkansas. Phillip Davis was sent to the Spring River circuit, the area that Eli Lindsay had organized. William Stephenson was sent to Hot Springs circuit, the area south of the Arkansas River. At the end of the first conference year these two men reported 190 members. We soon lost sight of Phillip Davis, but for ten years William Stephenson was conspicuously connected with Arkansas Methodism.

There is no record of Eli Lindsay ever becoming a member of annual conference. This was not unusual; many local preachers remained local preachers but did much effective work in these early years. They earned their livelihood at various kinds of work, as farmers, lawyers, doctors and other vocations. Eli Lindsay was one of those hardy pioneers who would take part in a bear hunt.

A well authenticated story tells of Lindsay preaching where Batesville now stands. While the service was in progress, the dogs scented a bear. The men always carried their guns and their dogs followed them. The men grabbed their guns. Lindsay dismissed the service and joined in the chase. After the bear was killed, the men returned to the service and Lindsay

thanked God for men who could shoot and women who could pray.

Records in the early days in Arkansas were not well kept. These early settlers were not aware that they were making history. We know that Eli Lindsay lived and preached in the community later known as Jesup. A marker is on the spot where he lived on a farm first known as the Taylor farm. Very likely the farm was first owned by a Mr. William Taylor, who moved to Arkansas and settled on the bank of Strawberry River. This farm was later known as the Massey farm, now known as the Sullivan farm. A log residence stood for many years and I have seen this house many times. It was a double log house with a dog trot. Lindsay preached in this building, and no doubt preached in numerous other homes. There is no record of any church buildings for the first 25 or 30 years in this section, according to Walter E. McLeod's History of Lawrence County.

The reason for there being no records was that in the early days it was the custom to build a log building that was used for church and school. There was no public school for many years. In 1848 or 1849 a very substantial log house was built about a half mile south of Jesup. This was known as Shady Grove Methodist Church and Shady Grove School. The building was well constructed of well-hewn logs, planed to a very smooth surface, and was used until about the turn of the century. It stood some 40 years after it ceased to be used for church and school purposes.

The Jesup post office was established in 1894. A new school building was erected about 1900 on a spot where the Smith home now stands. It was used by the Methodist Church and it was after they moved to this new school building that it became known as Jesup Methodist Church.

The Methodist Church building that still stands, now known as Eli Lindsay Memorial United Methodist Church, was erected in 1906. Trustees were A. B. Wallis, John W. Taylor and W. C. Guthrie and the pastor was W. S. Storey. This frame building had a lodge hall over it, which was not unusual in that period. In 1938 the lodge hall was removed, leaving it a one story, one room building. At that time it was veneered with native stone, during the pastorate of Rev. J. C. Ritchie.

In 1948 the building was further remodeled with sheet rock and paneled walls, a hard wood floor was laid, and the choir and pulpit were paneled. Art glass memorial windows were also installed, making it a beautiful chapel.

It was felt that Eli Lindsay should be honored and his name memorialized, so the congregation voted to change the name to Eli Lindsay Memorial Methodist Church, after union hence Eli Lindsay Memorial United Methodist Church.

In the same year that the first pastor was assigned to the Spring River circuit in 1816, four families came from New Madrid, Missouri, and settled in what was later the Jesup com-

munity. A marker stands on Highway No. 115 just east of Strawberry River stating that the Raneys, the Taylors, the Fortenberrys and the Findleys settled in this community. Of the present membership of 62, about 20 percent are related to the Raneys; about 40 percent are related to the Taylors; about 40 percent are related to the Fortenberrys; and about 10 percent are related to the Findleys. A number of the members are related to all four families.

An early Methodist Church near Lynn was first named Raney's Chapel. This church was later moved to Lynn and is now known as Lynn United Methodist Church.

The Taylors were active in the Methodist Church. John Wesley Taylor was Sunday School superintendent and for a number of years a member of the board of stewards or administrative board. Garland C. Taylor grew up in this church, moved to Walnut Ridge, entered the ministry and served several churches, including Rector, Tyronza, Gardner Memorial in North Little Rock, Morrilton, Osceola, Marianna and others. He is now retired and living at Osceola. His has been a real contribution to Arkansas Methodism.

Another prominent member of the North Arkansas Conference who first joined the church at Jesup is Ernest B. Williams, who taught school in Lawrence County for some years before entering the ministry. He served Hoxie, Vilonia, Pottsville, Russellville, Blytheville, Helena, Gardner Memorial in North Little Rock as pastor, and both the Paragould and Jonesboro districts as District Superintendent. He is now retired and living in North Little Rock. He has also made a real contribution.

The writer of this article, A. Neill Storey, also joined this church as a boy of 12 years of age. He served as pastor of several churches, as District Superintendent of Paragould District, Conference Executive Secretary of Town and Country Work, and as District Superintendent of the Jonesboro District. He is also retired.

Jewel Holland, a younger Methodist minister, grew up in the Jesup com-

munity and in this church. He united with the church in 1939 and has served as a pastor in the North Arkansas Conference. He is now pastor at Bradford and has served well. We trust he has many more years to serve.

The early church records of this, as well as most other churches, are very lacking. However, it is very evident that the work in this area of Lawrence County has been continuous since 1815. After Eli Lindsay organized the first work and reported to Samuel H. Thompson, Presiding Elder of the Missouri District of the Missouri Annual Conference, Phillip Davis was sent to the Spring River Circuit in 1816, as Walter E. McLeod's History of Lawrence County mentions. Isaac Brookfield was pastor of the Spring River Circuit in 1821.

The best that we find of the church in what was later the Jesup community, it was Shady Grove Methodist Church, and after the division of Methodism, it was the Methodist Episcopal Church South. When the village of Jesup developed around the turn of the century, the church was known as the Jesup Methodist Church, and is now known as Eli Lindsay Memorial United Methodist Church.

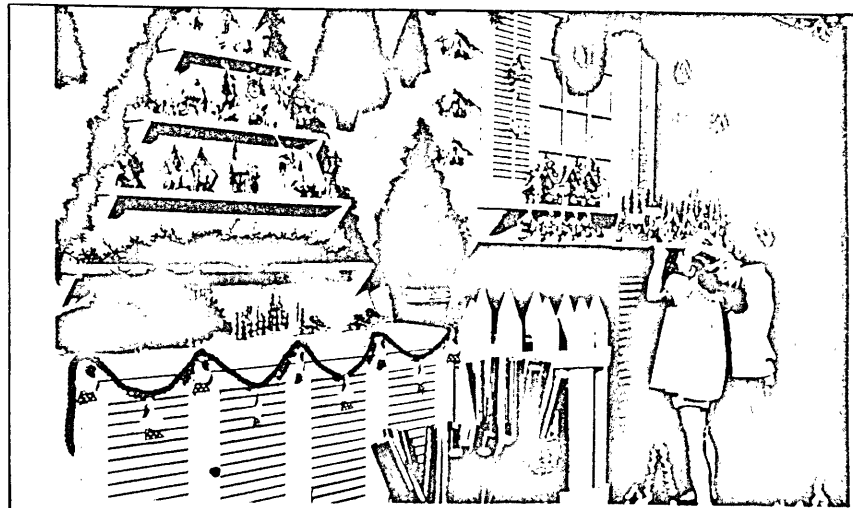
The earliest records of this church go back to 1880 and show the following pastors assigned: R. O. Moon, 1880; J. A. Vernon, 1882; S. W. Regester, 1888; J. F. Armstrong, 1896; W. W. Reid, 1902; W. S. Storey, 1904.

The following members united with this church; Albert and Jane Wallis, 1880; John and Fanny Taylor and William M. Howard, 1884; W. C. and Lucy Guthrie, 1888; Audnie Wallis, 1896; Lee and Mary Winters, 1898.

Bee Smith was an active member layman in this church for many years. He did valuable work in cooperation with the pastors, W. T. Wafson and A. N. Storey, in leading the congregation in the remodeling and renaming of this church in 1948.

This rural church has never been large, but has been active since its beginning in the very early days of Arkansas Methodism.

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## POETRY PANORAMA

by barbara mulkey

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### Fall

(A Poem)

A sniffin', stuffy snozzola,  
A throat that's crackin' dry  
The plaintive scream of the howdah,  
The Fiestas flying high.  
And over the hills and the lowlands,  
The sombrero's mating call,  
Some would call it asthma,  
Others call it fall.

-by Charles A. Stuck

### Autumn Joy

When Autumn leaves begin to blush  
And corn begins to rustle  
With tassels waving in the wind  
And school boys roll and tussle;  
I love to hike o'er plain and hill  
In Autumn's sun -  
And eat my fill  
Of grapes, and nuts, and black-haws, too;  
And see wild geese against the blue -  
To hear their long and lonesome cry  
High in the azure cloudless sky.

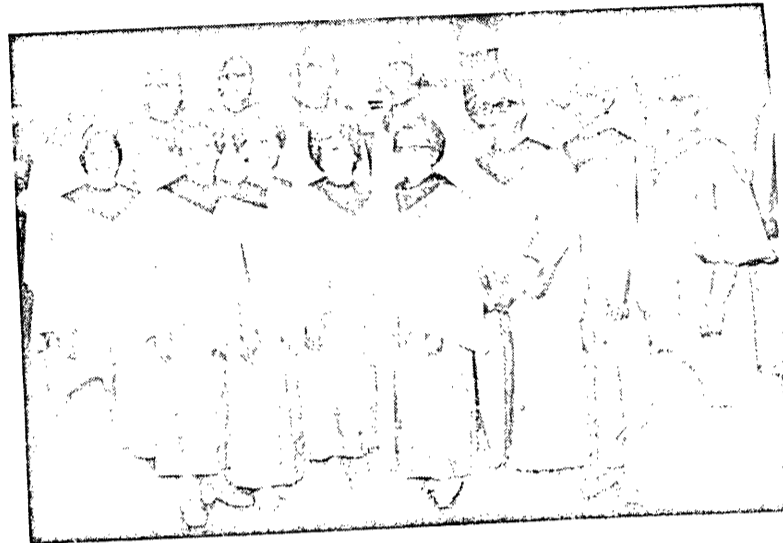
I love to sit on yon' rail fence  
And watch the squirrel from ground to bough.  
He's storing food for winter, now  
I love to sense the calm, the hush,  
When Autumn leaves begin to blush.

-by Evelyn Bridwell



Representatives from the Wesley Foundation at Arkansas Tech at Russellville who attended a workshop on creative contemporary worship at Wichita, Kansas on Oct. 27-29. (Left to right) Larry Spears, Randy Woods, Muriel Peters, Wesley Foundation director, and David Karlish.

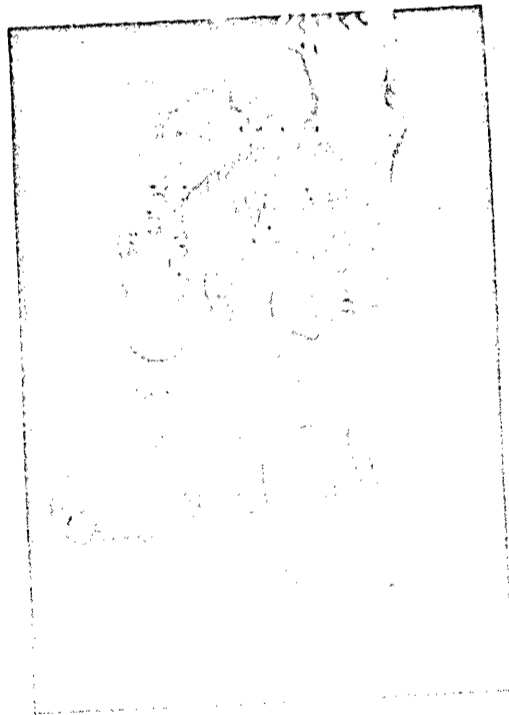
The Chancel Choir of Washington Avenue Church in North Little Rock shown attired in new robes at recent service of dedication. The robes, antique gold in color, were made possible by memorial gifts from friends and relatives of Mr. Sam Stone who died March 10, 1972. Mr. Stone was the father of Mrs. Dessa Mae Traylor, organist and director of music. Purchased also were stoles in colors appropriate for the various seasons of the Christian Year, and matching music folders and hymnal covers, also in gold. The Rev. Kenneth Renfroe is pastor.



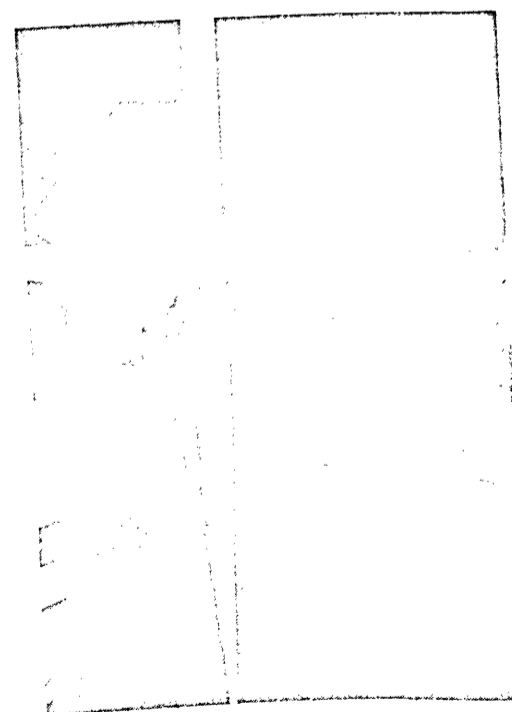
The Elementary I and II Church School class at Western Hills Church in Little Rock (shown at left) made 100 paper flowers and delivered them to Arkansas Nursing Home for the patients to enjoy. Their teachers are Mrs. Loma Speck, Mrs. Ann Wagner, and Mrs. Su Mourot.



BELOW: Fortune teller "Madam Z" (Jennifer Kelly) interprets the cards at ASU Wesley Foundation party for children and young folk from St. Andrews Mission (Methodist) at party following city-wide "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" on which the boys and girls were accompanied by Wesley Foundationers. The group collected \$20.32. RIGHT: "Sad Sam the Scarecrow" greeted the visitors at the door as they arrived at Wesley Foundation headquarters for the party. The Rev. Jim Randle is the Wesley Foundation director.



"Bobbing for apples" was one of the amusements ASU Wesley Foundation students at Jonesboro provided for the boys and girls from St. Andrews Mission when they entertained the group with a Halloween party on Sunday evening, Oct. 29.



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