



Shown as they evaluated meetings held last week on site selecting and parish development were: Back (from left): the Rev. H. Paul Smith of the United Methodist Development Fund, and the Rev. Ezra Earl Jones of the Office of Research of the Board of Global Ministries; Front: the Rev. Alf A. Eason, Director of the Council on Ministries of the Little Rock Conference, and Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, Director of the Council on Ministries of the North Arkansas Conference. More than 100 ministers and laymen participated in these sessions held in Texarkana, Little Rock, Clarksville and Harrison.

Seminar/Workshop in Programmed Instruction planned at SMU

Plans have been announced for a Seminar/Workshop in Programmed Instruction during January as part of the Continuing Education program at Perkins School of Theology.

During the first week, Jan. 2-6, the participants will be exposed to and have an opportunity to work with many kinds of instructional media which involve the "packaging" of material in such a manner as to facilitate learning. During the second week, Jan. 8-12, participants who must have taken part in the first week will prepare a "program" using one or more of the approaches learned during the first week for use in his or her own situation.

The first week, which may be taken alone, will confront the participants with a number of approaches which include: the learning center, individualized instruction, computer assisted instruction, simulation/games, instrumented sensitivity training, workbooks, the auto-cycle, and simple teaching machines.

Hardware will involve such equipment as cassettes, slides, films, filmstrips, videotapes, listening stations and computer terminals.

Thirty to forty learning centers will be available throughout the first week for participants to learn about and experiment with programmed instructional techniques. Opportunities will also be provided during the week for a deeper exposure and involvement in a selected number of these approaches. Field trips to special installations in the Dallas area will be available.

The announced goal of the first week is that participants will be exposed to and have experience with a large variety of methods and materials in programmed instruction and that they be prepared to plan for their own use selected forms of programmed instruction.

The goal of the second week, for which the first is prerequisite, is that persons will prepare a "program"

using one or more of the approaches learned during the first week for use in his or her own situation.

Co-Directors for the two weeks are the Rev. John Flynn, minister of Program, First United Methodist Church, Dallas, and Dr. Howard Grimes, professor of Christian Education, Perkins School of Theology.

The registration fee for the first week only is \$50 and for both weeks it is \$70. The fee must be paid in advance to the Office of Continuing Education, Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, Tex. 75222. Dormitory rooms are available through the Office of Special Services, Box 215, SMU, Dallas, Tex. 75222.

A descriptive brochure or any further information may be obtained from Dr. Howard Grimes, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, SMU, Dallas, Tex. 75222 or from the Office of Continuing Education.

Pine Bluff youth to hold District Banquet-Rally

Cliff Powell, a former All-American football player at the University of Arkansas, will be the main speaker for the Pine Bluff District Youth Banquet-Rally, at Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Saturday, Dec. 9.

According to Roy Smith, District Youth President, Mr. Powell will speak on his relationship with Jesus Christ.

Mr. Smith says, "All youth (grades 7-12) and their counselors should make a special effort to attend."

The cost of the meal will be \$1.50, and the menu will feature turkey, dressing, and all the trimmings. Lakeside Church is located at 15th and Olive Streets.

Little Rock Conference Committee on Structure organizes

The organizational meeting of the Little Rock Conference Committee on Annual Conference Structure was held Wednesday, Nov. 1, at the First United Methodist Church in Fordyce. The Rev. George Wayne Martin, Superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, was elected chairman of the committee. Other officers include Frank Thompson of El Dorado, lay leader of the Camden District, as vice-chairman, and the Rev. Fred H. Hausstein, pastor of Marysville and Silver Hill United Methodist Churches, as secretary.

The committee considered at length the scope of its task, and the current organizational structure of the Annual Conference. Two task forces were engaged to make specific proposals to the committee concerning reorganization of the Conference structure.

One task force, chaired by the Rev. David Wilson, of Nashville United

Methodist Church, is to make recommendations from the perspective of the local church. The second task force is to make suggestions towards reorganization of the present Conference structure, including any innovations it deems necessary. It is chaired by William Shepherd of Little Rock.

The next meeting of the committee will be held at the Wesley Foundation Building at Arkadelphia from 10 a.m.-3 p.m. on Wednesday, January 24, 1973. At this time, specific proposals are to be considered and refined. Following this, plans include the solicitation of advice and consideration from lay people and clergy from over the Conference. The possibility of District feed-back sessions is being considered.

The timetable aimed for includes presentation of its report to the next regular session of the Annual Conference.

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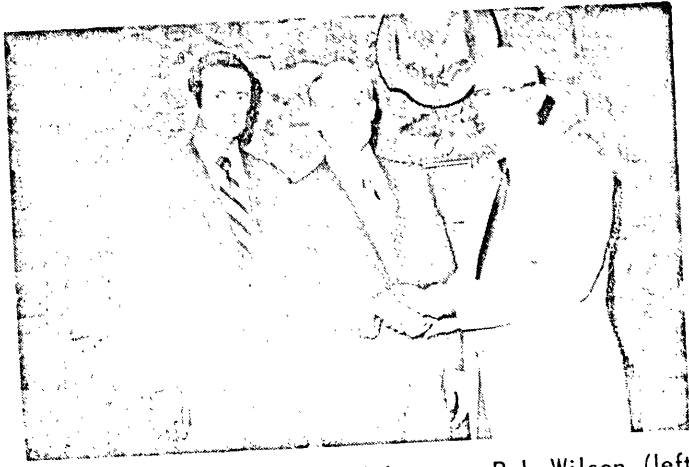
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Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower, now free to worship as their consciences dictate, sign the famed Mayflower Compact before landing in the New World. The Compact was an agreement for the temporary government of the colony by the will of the people and contained a short set of laws establishing certain concepts of religious freedom. The document later became a basis for democratic government in the colonies. (RNS Photo)



J. Gordon Wilson (right), and his son Bob Wilson (left), president and executive vice-president, respectively of Little Rock Road Machinery Co., recently gave a new International Cub Cadet Riding Mower to the Little Rock Conference Camp at Tanako. They are shown in their Little Rock offices presenting the keys for the new Cub to the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, director of the camping program. The elder Wilson has served on the Tanako Board of Trustees for a number of years and was instrumental in selecting the present property. The Wilsons have long been active members of Asbury Church in Little Rock.

Hope District hosts Perkins preachers

Sunday, Oct. 22, and Sunday, Nov. 5, marked the hosting by the Hope District of the Little Rock Conference of the United Methodist Church, of speakers in the pulpits of some 21 churches in the District.

At the invitation of Dr. Mouzon Mann, and pastors of churches in Hope, Springhill, Ashdown, Fairview in Texarkana, First Church in Texarkana, Rondo, Few Memorial, Prescott, Mt. Moriah, Emmet, DeQueen, Foreman, Mineral Springs, Wakefield, and Lockesburg, Perkins School of Theology in Dallas sent Bishop Kenneth W. Pope, the Rev. Claus Rohlf, Dr. Lamar Cooper, the Rev. Jim Gwaltney, and the Rev. Robert Bell to share in the Hope District pulpits.

In addition to the two Sundays, Dr. Lamar Cooper was invited on Sept. 3-8 to hold an evangelistic series of meetings in joint effort of Mena First Church, Old Dallas and Hatfield Churches. Also on Sunday, Oct. 29, the Horatio church invited Dr. Lamar Cooper to be the preacher.

Dr. Mouzon Mann, Hope District Superintendent, in joining with the Rev. Norris Steele, the Rev. Carl D. Diffie, the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr., the Rev. W. Darrell Bone, the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson, the Rev. Guy J. Downing, the Rev. Gerald K. Fincher, the Rev. John L. Prothro, the Rev. John O. Alston, the Rev. A. Richard Poss, the Rev. D. E. George,

The Rev. J. R. Calicott, the Rev. Osborne E. White, the Rev. Autrey Sirmon, asked that the men from Perkins preach only the Gospel of Jesus Christ. There was no promotion of Perkins but a meaningful experience and a closer relationship between the Seminary and the local Church was a by-product, according to a spokesman.

Despite contrary trends, churches overflowing with love, faith and hope continue to live and grow.

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RESOLUTION

In appreciation of the character and ministry of Philander Smith College located at 812 West 13th Street, Little Rock, Arkansas; and in recognition of its urgent need for more financial support, that its mission and ministry might be continued and enlarged during the 1972-76 quadrennium the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church has apportioned for the Black College Fund \$50,618.

BE IT THEREFORE RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) Seventy-five per cent (75%) of all monies raised for this fund in the Conference be designated for Philander Smith College.
- (2) That this information be made known to all the churches of the Conference and to the President, Dr. Walter R. Hazzard of Philander Smith College, and
- (3) That a copy of this resolution be given to the North Arkansas Conference Treasurer, Grafton Thomas, with the instruction that he notify the General Board of Higher Education and Ministry along with the General Conference Council on Finance and Administration of this action.

DALE EVANS ROGERS VISITS OSCEOLA

Dale Evans Rogers made a personal appearance at the community wide youth rally in her home town of Osceola this week. Miss Evans spoke at the high school auditorium Sunday evening, Nov. 19, and at the prayer breakfast in the Presbyterian Church Monday morning. She was guest of honor at a reception held in First United Methodist Church on Monday afternoon. In addition to her singing and acting roles, Miss Evans is known for her Christian witness through her writings. "The Woman at the Well", one of the ten books she has written, was published in paperback edition by Spire Books this summer.

Ray Tribble, director of Aldersgate United Methodist Camp near Little Rock is the new president-elect of the Arkansas Conference on Social Welfare. Pictured with him is Mrs. Sharon Marcom of Perryville, who was elected to serve as vice president. Tribble will become president after next year's ACSW meeting. Marvin Barnes of North Little Rock is the current president. (Arkansas Gazette photo)



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ence. The presentation is expected to be complete with legislative proposals so that the Conference may be provided with the necessary information for full consideration and action.

Other members of the committee are Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, Dr. J. E. Dunlap, the Rev. Everett M. Vinson, Dr. Virgil D. Keeley, E. C. Cobb, Everett Twyford, the Rev. Palmer Garner, the Rev. William A. Robinson, the Rev. David F. Prothro, Dr. John W. Lindsay, Mrs. Leon Ashcraft, Sidney Good, Steve Rounton, Edna Johnson, and the Rev. James Robert Scott.

—Fred H. Haustein, Secretary

EL DORADO CHOIRS ON TEXAS TOUR

The Sanctuary Youth Choir and the Covenant Handbell Choir of First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, are spending this week on a tour of Texas. Their itinerary includes stops in Houston, Austin, San Antonio, El Paso, Juarez (Mexico), Carlsbad Caverns (New Mexico) and Lubbock. In addition to visiting historical and educational sites, they will play and sing for worship services in Houston, El Paso and Lubbock. The 37 young people are accompanied by Directors Gordon and Helen Betenbaugh, plus Mrs. Ann Williams and Ken Oswalt. Dr. Alvin Murray is their pastor.

WRITERS' AWARD WON BY CHARLESTON METHODIST

Emogean Cameron of Charleston tied for first place and received a cash award for an inspirational article in the non-fiction division of the literary contest at the recent Deep South Writers and Artists Conference held at the Louisiana State University in New Orleans. The contest was open to writers everywhere and was sponsored by the Louisiana Branches of the National League of American Pen Women.

Mrs. Cameron is a member of the Arkansas Pioneer Branch of the NLAPW, a member of the First United Methodist Church at Charles-

Thanksgiving Services

HOT SPRINGS COUNTY SERVICE IN MALVERN

The annual community Thanksgiving Service, sponsored by the Hot Springs County Ministerial Alliance, will be held at First United Methodist Church, Malvern, on Wednesday, November 22, at 7:30 p.m.

The Rev. Roy E. Lovett, pastor of Bethel A.M.E. Church, will bring the message, and a combined choir from participating churches will present special music, under the direction of Arthur Honeychurch.

The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft, pastor of First Church is president of the Ministerial Alliance, and as host pastor will preside at the service.

THANKSGIVING SERVICES IN NORTH LITTLE ROCK

The Rev. Earl Carter, pastor of First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the preacher for Union Thanksgiving Services held Wednesday evening, Nov. 22, at First Church of the Nazarene.

Three United Methodist churches were hosts to other Thanksgiving services held on Wednesday evening under the auspices of the North Little Rock Ministerial Alliance. They were: Amboy, Indian Hills and Rose City Beacon.

INDIAN METHODISTS TO BE FAYETTEVILLE GUESTS

A Post-Thanksgiving supper meeting in Wiggins Church, Fayetteville, will have as guests, members of the Stilwell (Okla.) Indian Church. The Rev. Scott Bread of Stilwell will bring the message. The event will be co-hosted by St. James United Methodist Church of Fayetteville. Each group will bring special music. The Rev. Allan Hilliard is the Wiggins minister and the Rev. Lewis Chesser serves the St. James Church.

ton, and is a correspondent and feature writer for the Arkansas Gazette and the Southwest Times Record.

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Editorial

Concerning the Grace of Gratitude

As we consider the matter of gratitude it would seem that there should be a cause and effect relationship between blessings received and gratitude expressed. However, there is a great deal of evidence to the contrary. Perhaps one of our greatest spiritual needs is to find a method by which the seed of gratitude is nurtured within us by the sunshine of good fortune as well as by the showers of unhappy times so that it might become a dominant grace in our personalities.

As we look backward we realize that some of the most fervent expressions of thanksgiving, both to God and to man, have come in times of real austerity. In times of prosperity people have had a tendency to feel self-sufficient and nurture a real egotism which turned them away from any sense of indebtedness to either God or the human beings who have gone before them.

Two occasions of thanksgiving stand out in our memories—both of them the direct products of hard times. First of all, the Pilgrims at Plymouth gathered for the first American observance at the end of a terrible year in which more than one-half of their number had succumbed to the rigors of the new land. Even in that austere situation they wanted to express gratitude on behalf of those who had survived. Deep within them was the grace of gratitude, and they wanted to express it. The true symbol for them was not the turkey and a loaded table, but five grains of corn which reminded them of their darkest days.

When the Hebrew people reached the Promised Land, they engaged in a great time of thanksgiving. Although they were at the end of a long time of wandering, they were faced with great challenges and dangers. They were grateful that God was giving them the opportunity to express their gratitude for his leadership and his confidence in them to overcome great difficulties.

There are those among us who find it difficult to be thankful for this world in which we live. They say it is just as absurd to express their gratitude for being alive in this crazy world. They would tell you that it makes no more sense than it did for the Pilgrims and the Hebrews to give thanks in their day. And yet, one of our greatest needs is for

the development of a grace of gratitude.

What are these people saying about our world who claim it is not congenial for the expression of thanks? If we examine their thinking we find numbers of those who say, "Stop the world! We want to get off!" There are marks of madness and insanity about our world, and yet we see through those symptoms to the greatest challenge any people has ever faced. For this we should be truly thankful.

The Gospel of Luke contains the story of ten lepers who met Jesus along a Galilean road and begged for his mercy and healing. After he has assured them of recovery from their dread disease, one of them returned to express his gratitude. Jesus asked: "Were there not ten cleansed? Where are the nine?"

In a world of affluence—among people who have never had it so good—we ask, "Where are the nine?" Where are those who walk among us insensitive to the many blessings which we know. In that story one man was grateful for his cure; the other nine quickly forgot. The one seems to us normal, in the sense that he was moving toward life's true fulfillment; the nine seem abnormal, in the sense that the movement of true life in them was thwarted. How to cure ingratitude? It is a sharp question, for grateful—or normal—people are a small company.

Dr. George Buttrick once said: "A man cannot become what he is not; the seed of gratitude must be in him before it can grow. It is in him; praise is native, and men give thanks for the same reason that birds sing. Praise is man's instinctive response to the creative love of God, the river's flowing back to the sea. Children are taught how to say, 'Thank you,' but they hardly need in the first instance to be taught how to feel it. 'To praise' in the original meaning, means almost to shout—for joy. There is some evidence that Hallelujah, could be translated 'Hurrah for Yahweh.'"

Just how does a man become thankful? By a demonstration of God so clear that we cannot gainsay either his power or his love. This was given to ten men in the gospel story. Where shall we find the sign? In the grace of God as revealed to us through our faith. Mohammedanism and Buddhism sing no hymns of utter joy and gratitude. On the other hand, the

Old Testament and the New Testament are filled with expressions of thanksgiving.

However, it is not enough that the gift of gratitude has been planted within us as part of our being. The seed must also be nurtured by man's response in worship and work. And both of these are essential. Preachers sometimes try to summon thanksgiving by the plea: "See how much more fortunate you are than other people!" a praise that is nearer selfishness than gratitude.

The man who returned to Jesus to express gratitude did not stop there. He went on his way telling everyone he saw about his experience. He shared his cure with others, and thus kept himself in the normality of thankfulness. When we give thanks to God the water of the lake ceases to be stagnant, and flows on in joy to the Sea.

Are you working at the development of the grace of gratitude within you? It can do more than restoring you to wholeness and health than anything you might do.

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"Punctured
Preconceptions"

One of the latest in the contemporary series of books which purport to reflect how churchmen are feeling about their institution is **Punctured Preconceptions**, written cooperatively by Douglas W. Johnson, a trained researcher, and George W. Cornell, popular religion editor of the Associated Press.

Published inexpensively by Friendship Press for \$1.95, the little book is being widely read and will very likely have a great deal of influence on the process planning of American churches in the immediate future.

We have read a number of excellent reviews of this book, but feel you might be helped by the following by James Lollis, Stewardship Secretary of the Christian Church, Disciples:

"**Punctured Preconceptions** is an accurate description of what happens to ecclesiastical barnacles that refuse to let go. Church myths cling and half-truths persist. Estimates are usually more flattering than hard figures. The survey avoids those with an axe to grind and seeks the grassroots. In the process established money tables are overturned but the 'temple' is cleaner."

"An unpurchasable dividend of this loaded book is the flair and freshness of the writing. Dr. Douglas Johnson deserves both credit and praise for structuring the questionnaires into an instrument that gathered the difficult trinity of facts, feelings and truth. As a research director, he is not the equivalent of Flip Wilson but he knows the value of putting a twinkle and a twist in analysis."

"However, if Douglas Johnson is faithful to the facts, George Cornell is wondrously facile with figures and findings. He takes tables, charts and statistics and, page on page, bounces them around in such spritely style that sleepy readers are constantly startled wide awake."

You should read **Punctured Preconceptions**.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Robert Watt, a United Church of Canada minister, told his congregation that the Bible should be re-introduced as a course of study in Ontario's public schools. Reporting to his Toronto congregation the results of test questions on the Bible given to five classes of college-bound Grade 11 and 12 students in Metro Toronto high schools, he said, "Some thought Sodom and Gomorrah were lovers; that the Gospels were written by Matthew, Mark, Luther and John; that Eve was created from an apple, and that the stories by which Jesus taught were called parodies."

Private colleges are needed to balance the public system and to serve as "a safeguard against a monopolistic higher education system," the chairman of the Assn. of American Colleges said. Father Paul C. Reinert, S.J., president of St. Louis University said the private college or university can be value oriented. "It can be concerned with the total student, going beyond pumping information into his head to an interpretation of his environment and helping him to arrive at clear answers to such existential questions as: 'Who am I?' 'Where am I going?' and 'Why?'"

The Holy See in Rome is currently so short of ready cash that it is unable even to help finance international meetings of official Vatican agencies, according to a Religious News Service correspondent. The financial situation grew so desperate at one point, sources disclosed, that last January the Vatican was forced to sell a piece of property in Italy just to "help meet the ordinary payroll of the Holy See."

Father Daniel Lyons, editor of a national Roman Catholic weekly and widely known in this country as a staunch and articulate foe of Communist ideology, said in an interview with a Religious News Service writer that "religion behind the Iron Curtain" is "about 90 per cent suppressed, yet it is not dying out." "When the time comes—when freedom has returned to the Iron Curtain countries—there will be a prompt and vibrant resurgence of religious practice," he predicted. The American Jesuit priest offered these observations following a three-week investigative visit to Czechoslovakia, Poland, Moscow, Rumania and Hungary.

The Christian Life Commission included a variety of social concerns in a report to its parent body, the Southern Baptist General Convention of Texas as it met in Abilene recently. The report sharply criticized the Texas educational system's "abysmal failure to meet the educational needs of the Mexican-American quarter of the population." It urged the 2,800 Baptist messengers to "take family planning seriously," and called for major changes in Texas' criminal justice system. The convention, adopted resolutions commending national leaders "for their efforts to end Vietnam hostilities," called for a re-evaluation of efforts "to support private schools with public funds," and urged more efforts to include qualified blacks, Mexican-Americans, women, youths and members of small congregations on Texas Baptist boards and agencies.

The Commission on Doctrine of the Anglican Church in Australia has recommended that children not be baptized "unless their parents follow the Christian faith." Emphasizing that baptism was "a religious and not a civic rite," the report said, "Some of the motives that lead people to seek baptism for their children bear little relationship to the Christian faith."

Addressing the Fifth Assembly of the North American Baptist Women's Union meeting in Toronto, Canada, Dr. V. Carney Hargroves, president of the Baptist World Alliance, said there has been no other time in history when there was greater need for building bridges of understanding between man and God and between man and man. Delegates attending the assembly, held at five-year intervals, represented women's divisions of the 14 different U.S. and Canadian Baptist conventions affiliated with the Baptist World Alliance.

Holding its third annual meeting at the State University campus at Brockport, N.Y., the New York branch of Americans United for Separation of Church and State expressed disapproval of a proposal for a federal Constitutional Convention to authorize public aid for parochial and other non-public schools. In a resolution, the conference declared that "there is a regular process for the amendment of the Constitution, but to call a convention to rewrite the Constitution for the particular interests of one group seeking public aid for parochial schools could be followed by similar requests from other groups in endless variety seeking special interest legislation."

Vice-President Maurie Webster of CBS Radio Network, has urged Churches to improve their use of radio as a means of communication. Despite television's pre-eminence, he said, statistics show that the time spent listening to the radio has increased 36 per cent in the past five years, compared to a 5 per cent increase for television viewing. The United Presbyterian layman suggested that broadcasting and communications courses be taught in theological seminaries. Webster suggested also that Churches seek out committed Christians who are working in the communications industry and make use of their talents in religious communication.

The possibility of aiding clandestine Christians in China has become a "sales point" for evangelical enterprises, but just how much evangelical effort goes on there is open to question, according to Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, recently returned from an extended stay in Hong Kong. The noted evangelical theologian wrote on "China: The Lonely Remnant" in Christianity Today, evangelical fortnightly published in Washington, D.C.

An appeal for prayers for the recovery of Dr. Kent S. Knutson, president of the American Lutheran Church, has been sent to pastors of the 2½-million-member denomination by ALC's general secretary. Dr. Knutson, a patient in St. Mary's Hospital, Rochester, Minn., has had a "low grade" fever since he returned from a trip around the world in August. Said to be in a "grave" condition he is undergoing extensive tests by Mayo Clinic physicians to determine the cause of his illness.

Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, minister of historic Marble Collegiate Church, New York, and Duane Pederson, Jesus People leader of Hollywood, Calif., are among those receiving 1972 award citations from the Laymen's Nat'l. Bible Committee. Dr. Peale's award is in recognition of his recently published booklet, "One Nation Under God," designed for use as non-sectarian resource material in public, private and parochial schools. Pederson was cited for his organization's success in turning young people away from drugs and to the Bible.

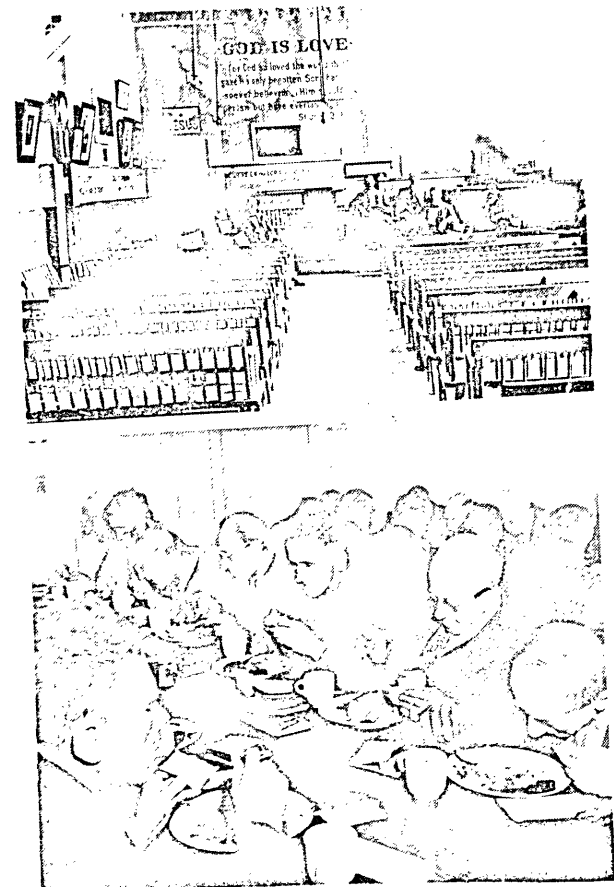
Lutheran Television's animated special "Christmas Is," which within two years has become a classic, will be carried again this year by television stations around the world in December. The 30-minute special featuring Benji and his dog Waldo, will receive overseas coverage in Lebanon, Hong Kong, the Philippines, Taiwan, Brazil, New Zealand, Australia and European nations. "The success that 'Christmas Is' achieved in station acceptance ratings, and with critics, demonstrates that religious programming can compete in prime time when it's a quality product geared to the taste of the audience," said Dr. Martin J. Neeb, Jr., a Lutheran Television executive.

Although "The Church Alive" was listed as the official theme of the Southern Baptist General Convention of Texas, "Unity in Christ" was a major focus of attention, according to an observer. In the opening presidential address, the Rev. Landrum P. Leavell of Wichita Falls suggested that "we declare a moratorium on criticism for one year." As the three-day convention closed, Leavell affirmed that "the closer we get to Christ, the closer we get together."

Funeral services were conducted in Nashville on Nov. 8 for Dr. J. Philip Hyatt, internationally-known Old Testament scholar at Vanderbilt University. The Disciples of Christ clergyman was especially noted for his work on the Old Testament prophets. He was also one of the 16 scholars who produced the Revised Standard Version of the Bible. He was a native of Monticello, Ark.

A spokesman for a group of Rhodesian churchmen—"The Rhodesian Christian Group"—said in Salisbury that his organization, founded early in 1972, "repudiates" the World Council of Churches' "condoning of terrorism" as "morally outrageous." The group formed for the purpose of countering what they called "attempts to use Churches and Church organizations in Rhodesia as instruments of revolutionary policy."

Former Supreme Court Justice Tom Clark and NAACP director Roy Wilkins are scheduled to highlight the 25th Nat'l. Conference on Church and State which will be held in St. Louis Feb. 5-7, under sponsorship of Americans United for Separation of Church and State. The announcement was issued by Dr. Virgil A. Kraft, coordinator of the conference.



NEW YORK—It was in October 1872 that an Irish immigrant named Jerry McAuley opened the world's first Christian rescue mission on New York City's lower East Side. Today, the original McAuley Water Street Mission is gone, but the work continues in a larger, more modern building on nearby Lafayette Street. From the original "skid row" mission, the work that Jerry McAuley began has expanded into the International Union of Gospel Missions (IUGM) with some 350 missions with about 950 individual leaders and other workers. AT TOP is an 1890s photo of the original Helping Hand Mission that McAuley founded on Water Street. BELOW, a Thanksgiving dinner is enjoyed at the newer Mission, which was opened about 10 years ago. (RNS Photo)

NOVEMBER 23, 1972

Program Directors to Local Churches

Follow-up on Budget Work

If you are a pastor or an interested church leader, you know that the preparation of a budget and a good every-member visitation program in the interest of pledging the church budget are very important as calendar items in the life and growth of the local church.

Many variations of the every-member visitation program have been considered and used across the years by thoughtful church leaders. Much success has been experienced as variations have been brought into this aspect of the church program.

For a good number of churches the planning and work thus done has been thought to be sufficient to last the whole year. Other church leaders believe that good follow up procedures are needed the whole year through.

The suggestions which follow may be helpful to you in one or two ways:

- (a) Throw light on your follow-up plans.
- (b) Encourage you to think deeply and come up with even better suggestions.
1. Take your church budget for the year and divide the total figure by 52 to determine the amount your church needs each week. Include all items of the budget.
2. Share information in the church bulletin each Sunday as to the amount received during the previous week and how this compares with the average weekly goal.
3. Have some check-up or catch-up Sundays. Two Sundays before the close of each quarter might be used. Give a quarterly report to the people of the church.
4. At the half-way mark — end of 6 months if your church is behind—let the people know the amount of money that is needed.
 - (a) Encourage the Administrative Board to work out ways to correct the deficit.
 - (b) Check with the United Methodist Women. They get things done and have great

influence in all matters, even financial.

- (c) Urge the young people to help in appropriate ways.
5. Give opportunity for special day offerings.
 - (a) Easter season (2 Sundays) — include several items in your appeal.
 - (b) World-wide communion — this offering is designated but money left at other communion services might at the direction of the Administrative Board be used for Advance Specials.
 - (c) Christmas season (two Sundays). Remember the Children's Home.
 - (d) Last Sundays of the year. Many who have honored their pledge may be willing to give an extra gift.
6. Preach "Stewardship" — one sermon on this aspect of Christian living each quarter will not be too much.
7. Preach on tithing — how long has it been since your people heard a challenging message on tithing?
8. Distribute literature on stewardship and tithing. Sow some seed. Challenge children, youth, and adults to begin tithing now.
9. Pray for your people and ask God to help them to be good stewards of their time, talents, and treasures.
10. Serve your people ("tend my sheep"). Share their joys—their illnesses and their deep concerns.
11. Publicize what your church is doing in the local press, in news sheets, bulletins, posters, and by word of mouth.
12. Do your best 12 months out of the year by living the Christian life, serving people, and trusting God to bless the church, her members and her ministry.

Outcome? — Only the Lord knows — but you shall see and you shall rejoice.

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During a recent series of four "Nights For God" at Wesley Church, Russellville, a special youth night program featured (left to right) Ben Allen, Jr., Mrs. Vicky Allen and Jeff Rettig, all of First Church, Little Rock. Following the theme, "A Place For All God's Children," music was presented by the two young men, both seniors at Hall High School. Jeff is president of the UMYF at his home church. Mrs. Allen, director of youth activities there, presented the message on "The Youth Scene."

Dr. Paul Hardin inaugurated as SMU's sixth president

Historic ceremonies marked the inauguration of Dr. Paul Hardin as the sixth president of Southern Methodist University Thursday, Nov. 16.

Dr. Hardin officially assumed his duties at SMU July 1, after leaving a similar post he had held for four years at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S. C.

Symbolizing the significant part which the faculty, students, national educational community, governing bodies, and alumni and supporters play in the life of the University, some 600 representatives of those five segments marched to the event in full academic regalia and participated in the inaugural litany.

Responding for "the Academy at large" (learned and professional societies and the national educational community in general) were distinguished alumni and high-ranking officials representing 196 institutions of higher learning, including 56 who are presidents or chancellors of their respective institutions.

Chancellor Willis M. Tate joined individual representatives of the students, faculty, and trustees and Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio as a representative of the United Methodist Church in presenting various insignia of the presidential office to Dr. Hardin as symbols of their respective covenants with him and the University.

Bishop Slater, who currently serves as president of Methodism's Council of Bishops, presented the Bible given to Dr. Tate at his inauguration as SMU's president in 1955, to Dr. Tate's successor to symbolize the University's religious foundation and "the ties of mutual interdependence between Southern Methodist University and the United Methodist Church."

SMU's new president was the first choice of the 23-member search

Townsend Wolfe art exhibit at Hendrix

Hendrix College will present a one-man art exhibition by Townsend Wolfe, director of the Arkansas Arts Center, Nov. 20 to Dec. 8.

Wolfe has worked as an instructor in numerous cities including Atlanta, Pine Bluff, Little Rock, Memphis, Scarsdale, N. Y., and New York City. He taught art at the Arkansas Arts Center from 1960-64 before becoming executive director in 1968.

The artist has entered national juried exhibitions in Alabama, South Carolina, Louisiana, Indiana, Tennessee, Oklahoma, New York, Ohio, Florida, Missouri, Mississippi, North Carolina, and Pennsylvania. He has won 17 major art prizes in his career, and has works in several public and numerous private collections.

Don Marr, chairman of the Hendrix art department and a noted artist himself, recently said of the artist, "Townsend Wolfe is one of the premier painters in the state, in addition to being one of the most significant people on the Arkansas arts scene."

The exhibition will be open to the public from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in Trieschmann Fine Arts Building on the Hendrix campus.

group after a nation-wide, four-month screening of 172 candidates last winter.

Dr. Hardin was born in Charlotte, N. C., on June 11, 1931. He earned his baccalaureate degree in English and election to Phi Beta Kappa at Duke University in 1952 while maintaining good standing on the varsity golf team. Two years later he received his doctor of jurisprudence degree from Duke's School of Law, where he graduated first in his class.

From 1954 to 1956, he served with the Army Counter Intelligence Corps and then for the next two years was associated with the law firm of Bradley, Arant, Rose, and White of Birmingham, Ala.

In 1958, Dr. Hardin joined the Duke University law faculty, where he rose to the rank of full professor during his ten years of teaching. He was a visiting professor at the University of Texas at Austin in the summer of 1960 and at the University of Pennsylvania in 1962-63.

In 1968, he left his professor's post at Duke to become president of Wofford College, a Methodist-related institution founded in 1854.

Dr. Hardin currently is president of Methodism's National Association of Schools and Colleges and of the Church Related Colleges of the South. He is a director of the Southern University Conference and a Duke trustee.

He is an active member of the United Methodist Church and has been a delegate to the denomination's General Conference, as well as jurisdictional and annual conferences.

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LEWIS E. SMITH, SR.

The funeral service for Lewis E. Smith, Sr., 65, postmaster of Cabot, was held Nov. 7 by the Rev. Braska Savage and the Rev. John Workman. Mr. Smith had died on Nov. 5 at his home.

Mr. Smith was known widely in the United Methodist Church and in the Postal Service. In his church he had served as lay delegate to annual conference, as treasurer of the Official Board, as a Church School teacher and as a lay speaker.

He was a native of the Mount Tabor Community, son of the late William Harrison Smith and Margaret Tray McKay Smith. He lived all his life in the Cabot area. He attended Hendrix College and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II.

Mr. Smith served as a coach and teacher in the Cabot School system, prior to entering the Cabot Post Office in 1935 as postmaster, a position he filled until his death.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Vestal Smith; a son, Lewis Edward Smith, Jr. of Nashville, Tenn.; two brothers, Austin C. Smith of Ardmore, Okla., and Tom F. Smith of Atlanta, Ga.; and one sister, Mrs. John H. Wilson of Magnolia.

Active pallbearers were Dr. James H. Garrett and Dr. J. D. Kinley, both of Beebe, and B. D. Jenkins, Allison Owen, Jake P. Lowman, J. M. Park, J. D. Wood, and H. A. (Chick) Whitely, Jr., all of Cabot.

NEW C NOTES

IN THE ABSENCE of the Rev. James Chandler, the Huntington Avenue Church pulpit in Jonesboro was occupied by the Rev. George L. McGhehey, retired minister of Jonesboro, Nov. 12. Mr. Chandler was on the Methodist Heritage Tour of England.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT United Methodist Men will meet in First Church at West Memphis on Tuesday, Nov. 28, at 7 p.m. Bishop Eugene M. Frank will be the speaker at the supper meeting. Wives are invited. The Rev. Ben Hines is the host pastor.

FISHER STREET CHURCH, in Jonesboro held a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of Nov. 3-5. Coordinators were Mr. and Mrs. David Binkley of Little Rock. Thirty-eight laymen from four states led the mission. The Rev. Pharis Holifield was host pastor.

FREEMAN HENDERSON, Murfreesboro layman, was the speaker in Grand Avenue Church in Hot when the congregation observed Laymen's Day on Nov. 12. In addition to teaching a youth class and serving as treasurer in the Murfreesboro Church, Mr. Henderson preaches in a small church every Sunday. The Rev. Ralph E. Hale serves the Grand Avenue Church.

DR. FRANCIS CHRISTIE, Hendrix College dean, was the speaker at the Nov. 13 meeting of Phillips County Ministers' Fellowship. He led the ministers in a study of Galatians and 1 Corinthians at the Redeemer Lutheran Church.

DR. ALBERT F. ROSENDALE, a psychiatrist, Chief of the Forensic Service Section of the Arkansas State Hospital and Associate Professor of Clinical Psychiatry, University of Arkansas School of Medicine, was the guest speaker at the 11:00 worship service Sunday, Nov. 12, at the Primrose United Methodist Church, Little Rock. For many years Dr. Rosendale has specialized in working with problems underlying drug and alcohol abuse. The Rev. Shelton Kilgore is the pastor.

IN TRIBUTE to the late John T. Erwin, the new furnishings for the library in First United Methodist Church of Crossett were dedicated recently. Friends gathered on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29, for the dedication led by Joe Bridgforth, chairman of the Commission on Education. The Rev. Everett Vinson, Monticello district superintendent, led the invocation. Participants in the service included Mrs. John T. Erwin, R. P. Meredith, lay leader, and the Rev. Ferris Norton.

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MT. NEBO WAS THE SETTING for the retreat held by members of the Council on Ministries of First Church, Russellville, Sunday, Nov. 12. Preaching at both morning worship services was Lu Hardin, president of the Student Senate at Arkansas Tech, while the Rev. Charles E. Ramsay led the retreat.

A LITERACY WORKSHOP, sponsored by the Literacy Council of Pulaski County, was held at North Little Rock, Nov. 13, 14 and 15, in the Park Hill Baptist Church. Mrs. John Harp, tutor-trainer, was the leader.

FIRST CHURCH, WYNNE, held a series of special services, Nov. 5-9, with Dr. John Lindsay, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Pine Bluff, bringing the messages. The Rev. William Wilder is the Wynne pastor.

THE JACKSON COUNTY Association of Ministers sponsored the Thanksgiving service held in the First United Methodist Church at Newport, Nov. 22. The Rev. Lawson Anderson, rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church was the speaker. The Rev. David Conyers was host pastor.

THE DeWITT UNICEF drive by the Senior and Junior UMY groups and the fifth and sixth grade Sunday school classes of First United Methodist Church, netted \$233.27. A snack supper was served afterwards by the parents at the church. The Rev. Thurman Masters is pastor.

AN EXCHANGE OF VISITS was made by two congregations in Hot Springs recently. The members of the Haven United Methodist Church visited the Fountain Lake Church with the Haven Choir furnishing the program a few weeks ago. On Sunday, Nov. 19, the Fountain Lake members and choir returned the visit. The Rev. O.W. Hoover is pastor at Fountain Lake; the Rev. Loyd Smith is the Haven Church minister.



Dr. Lindsay Pherigo, professor of New Testament at St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City, taught a Bible course on Acts, in First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro in October. Churches cooperating in the three-day school were St. Paul, Fisher Street, Huntington Avenue and Nettleton. The enrollment was 190. Host pastor was the Rev. Worth Gibson.

THE ASHDOWN CHURCH had as guest speaker on Sunday, Nov. 19, Dr. Herbert Wren, Texarkana physician and First Methodist Church layman. The Ashdown congregation, of whom the Rev. Carr Dee Racop is pastor, was observing Laymen's Day.

THE FORDYCE CHURCH had as guest performers on Sunday evening, Nov. 5, members of the Handbell Choir of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. The group is directed by Mrs. Ed Matthews, wife of the Lakeside minister who is a former Fordyce pastor. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells is the present pastor at Fordyce.

THE REV. SAM JONES, campus minister at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR), was the Sunday evening speaker in Asbury Church, Little Rock, Nov. 19. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is pastor of Asbury.

SEARCY UNITED METHODIST Men of First Church held a potluck meal on Monday, Nov. 6, with Sam Davis of Judsonia as guest speaker.

DR. CLINT BURLESON, minister of First United Methodist Church in Camden, spoke to United Methodist Men in the Fairview Church at Camden on Thursday, Nov. 2. The Rev. George Tanner was host pastor.

THE REV. LOWELL EATON, pastor of the Augusta United Methodist Church, was the speaker at joint Thanksgiving services held in Augusta at the Church of God of Prophecy, Nov. 22.

LAY WOMEN were in charge of a recent service in First United Methodist Church of Waldron. Mrs. Jewel Vest gave the message. Participating in the worship service were Mrs. Leora Watts, Mrs. Joan Black, Mrs. Winnona Jones, Josephine Bethel, Mrs. Minnie Priest, Mrs. Carolyn Clemmons, and Mrs. Avis Bivens. Paul Whittington, lay leader, arranged the service. The Rev. Frank Clemmons is 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. 26—Sunday	Mark 2:1-12
Nov. 27	Mark 2:14-22
Nov. 28	Mark 2:23-28
Nov. 29	Mark 5:1-20
Nov. 30	Mark 5:21-34
Dec. 1	John 16:19-28
Dec. 2	John 16:29-33
Dec. 3—Sunday	Num. 6:22-27

THE NEWPORT DRUG ABUSE Council sponsored the program in First United Methodist Church in Newport, Sunday evening, Nov. 12. Panelists included Bill Millis, Mike Loos and Gwen Watson of the Northeast Arkansas Mental Health Clinic, and Woody McDowell, who told of the two-week seminar on drug abuse which they attended in Miami, Fla.

NEW CHOIR DIRECTOR for First Church, West Memphis, is Albert Berthouex of Memphis. Mr. Berthouex received his Bachelor of Arts and Bachelor of Music degrees from the University of Iowa, and his Master of Music from Louisiana State University. He was Wesley Foundation director at the U. of Iowa for two years. He will be working with the Rev. Ben Hines.

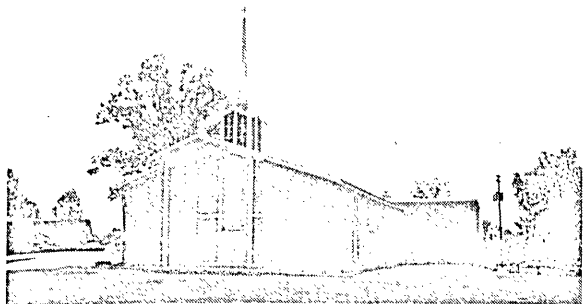
THE CAVE CITY CHURCH was host to United Methodist Men of the Batesville area on Tuesday, Nov. 14. Robert M. Gannaway, layman of First Church, Little Rock, was the guest speaker. Neil Wilkins is president of the area men's group. The Rev. Gerald Martin was host pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, VAN BUREN, held a revival the second week in November with the Rev. Merle Johnson, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs, bringing the messages. The Rev. Arvest Lawson was host pastor.

THE OAK FOREST CHURCH pulpit had guest ministers with the Rev. David Hankins was with the conference youth tour group New York, Washington, and Nashville. Preaching at both morning services Nov. 19 was the Rev. Richard Ludden, Methodist minister who teaches at the Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind. The Rev. Edward W. Harris, executive director of the Christian Citizenship Foundation, will bring the messages at both morning services, Nov. 20.

JOINT THANKSGIVING Services were held for the Bay area at First Baptist Church, Nov. 22 at 7: Churches participating were: United Methodist, pastor, the Rev. Jack Skelton; First Baptist, pastor, the Rev. Milton Wilson; Assembly of God, pastor, the Rev. B. Moore. Special music was by the Youth Choir of The United Methodist Church under the direction of Sue McMasters, with B. Turman as accompanist.

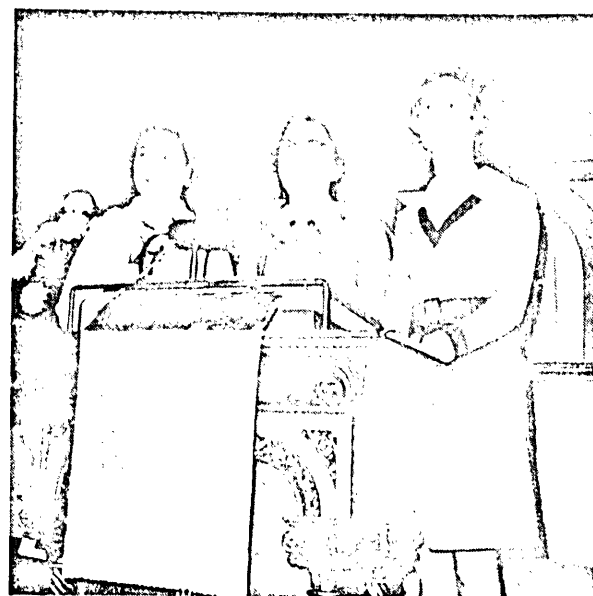
NOVEMBER 23,



This picture of the Geyer Springs Church, in color, is now on their church bulletins. The engraved plate and 10,000 copies were presented to the church by Mr. and Mrs. George McCroskey in memory of her father, the Rev. Walter Parker and his wife, and her step-father, Carl Tunnell, and in memory of Mr. McCroskey's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. David McCroskey. The Rev. Rayford Diffie is the Geyer Springs pastor.

AT RIGHT:

The "Ingathering" program of the Women's Society of First Church, Little Rock, is one of the most important programs of the year. Mrs. Donald Weir, at right, was chairman for the day, Nov. 6. Dr. Pearle McCain, center, former missionary to Japan, was the featured speaker. Mrs. James Rice, Jr., at left, is WSCS vice-president and program chairman. Mrs. Winston Faulkner is president.



Greetings from Bolivia

Casilla 175
Cochabamba, Bolivia
November 15, 1972

Dear Fellow-workers in Christ,

"As therefore you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so live in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught, abounding in thanksgiving." Colossians 2:6

Just a note of joy and thanks, because during this Thanksgiving Season, I not only give thanks to God for His loving care over me this year, but to each and all of you for your prayerful and economic support personally and for the projects of the Church in Bolivia. The Pediatric Wing of our Methodist Hospital is progressing nicely with the help of all your paid up pledges. That deserves a special THANKS!

Spring is in "full bloom" and the gardens of our school are very beautiful. The last boarding students leave this week after their graduation exercise. But the campus still rings with joy and laughter as the Social Service Department is operating a day camp for 160 malnourished children.

GRACIAS with love,

Helen B. Wilson

Aldersgate Camp MEMORIALS

(to be continued)

PHILIP A SHRIDER

by Mr. & Mrs. Earl Armbrust
by Ray & Betty Tribble
by Bill, Lew & Luanne Elmore
by Mrs. Marie T. Harris
by Hughes, Vroman, Bueter Assn.
by The Ted H. Crabtree Family
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe H. Roussel
by Jeffrey Roussel
by Jean & Judy McDermott
by Mr. & Mrs. Fred Poe, Sr.
by Jean & Paul Wendler
by George Stapf
by Mrs. W. E. Rice
by Mrs. John Lardner
by Esther & Bernard Heim
by Mr. & Mrs. Robt. K. Marble
by Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Dixon
by Winfield Sanctuary Choir
by Mr. & Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw
by Dr. & Mrs. Kelsy Caplinger
by Mr. & Mrs. J. C. Whisnant
by Mr. & Mrs. Norman R. Shrider
by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph D. Shrider
by Mr. & Mrs. Currey A. Bishop

by Mrs. J. I. Lyon
by J. O. & Daisy Albright
by Lt. Col. J. I. Saubers, Ret.
by Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Lock
by Mrs. John Q. Schisler
by Mr. & Mrs. E. S. Toadvin
by Mrs. J. E. Dunlap
by Builders Class, Winfield Methodist
by Circle #4, Winfield Methodist
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Williams, Jr.
by Aldersgate Board of Directors
by Aldersgate Staff
DR. E. D. JERNIGAN
by Aldersgate Board of Directors
by Ray & Betty Tribble
by Dale & Ruth Hunter
by Joe F. Hudson
by John W. & Kathryn Baker, Earl, Suzy and Peter
by Mr. & Mrs. C. R. Sawrie
by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Sawrie
by Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Jones
by Dr. W. R. Alstadt
by Officers & Directors of Union National Bank
by Mrs. W. E. Ducker
by Col. & Mrs. Geo. C. Jernigan, Jr.
by Mildred R. Fawcett
by Ed and Sarah Galloway
by Mr. & Mrs. Wm. P. Ball
by Mrs. C. K. Wilkerson
by Streepy Fox Sunday School Class,

EXECUTIVE SOUGHT FOR WOMEN'S COMMISSION

NEW YORK (UMI) — The newly-organized United Methodist Commission on the Status and Role of Women has announced it is "in the market" for candidates for Commission executive secretary.

Qualifications and other factors related to the office have been set forth in a letter seeking applications and suggesting that the person "must be open to new styles of operation which characterize the whole Commission." The person chosen "may well serve as a model for a new concept of professional leadership in the church," the letter adds.

Barbara Thompson, Silver Spring, Md., president of the Commission on Status and Role of Women, said applications are to be submitted by December 1 to the secretary, the Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers at: Commission on Women, Room 1373, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

The process for employing an executive secretary, as outlined in the letter, includes interviews with applicants for final consideration and a mail ballot by which the 43-member Commission will make a final choice. The executive secretary would begin work about February 15.

Rather than working from a precisely defined job description, the woman will be expected to familiarize herself with issues related to women in all parts of the church . . . be a liaison between the Commission and other bodies in the church . . . be a trouble shooter in matters related to sexism, and very importantly a visible symbol of the emerging power and participation of women at all levels of the church."

In reference to remuneration, the Commission personnel committee's letter says: "Indicative of this style is the manner with which the Commission has dealt with the budgetary item for salaries. \$20,000 has been allocated for salaries and benefits. It is expected that this 'package' will include the executive and staff assistance."

Applicants are invited in the letter to tell how "you would envision your own gifts and limitations," to describe "experience and concerns you have had about the church and issues which relate to women," as well as providing other data such as work and educational experience.

DISTRICT GUILDS CONVENE AT WAYLAND SPRINGS

Paragould District Wesleyan Service Guilds held the last annual meeting at Wayland Springs Methodist Camp on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 29. Mrs. Dalton Henderson of Imboden, who has served three years as district chairman, presided and at the close of the meeting, was presented a Special Membership. Mrs. Pat Chaney of Walnut Ridge made the presentation.

WOMEN'S NEWS

THE PRIMROSE WSCS had a successful Christmas Bazaar Saturday, Nov. 4. Many people participated by making and donating needlework, floral arrangements, Christmas decorations, ceramics, woodcraft projects and other novel and useful items. The Arkansas State Hospital had a booth of handicraft items made by the patients. The profit from the sale of these items will be used to buy additional materials for their handicraft therapy.

MRS. BEULAH KOZEL of the Fort Smith Mental Health Office was the speaker for the Women's Society of the Cavanaugh Church, Nov. 8.

THE RECTOR Wesleyan Service Guild had a program on the social agencies in the community, during the Oct. 24 meeting, with representatives from each agency describing their work. Mrs. Clifton Mack was program leader.

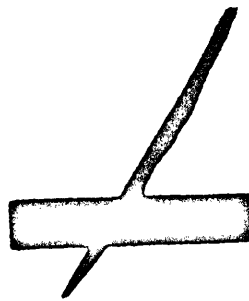
JACKSONVILLE WSCS members will have a Christmas bazaar at First Church on Saturday, Dec. 9.

MRS. JOHN HARP, tutor-trainer with the Literacy Council of Pulaski County and member of the Parkhill Baptist Church, was guest speaker at the Nov. 8 meeting of the Women's Society in Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock.

IN LITTLE ROCK, the St. Luke Women's Society held the Nov. 21 meeting under the leadership of the treasurer, Mrs. Edna Ogden, who was assisted by the district treasurer, Mrs. James Ogilvie for the pledge service. On October 17, St. Luke women heard a talk on "U.S.-China Relations" given by Joel Anderson, assistant professor in Political Science at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR DECEMBER 3: A Man For The Hour

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: 2 Chronicles 36; Jeremiah 1: 36

MEMORY SELECTION: Be not afraid of them, for I am with you, says the Lord. (Jeremiah 1:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To find a basis in Jeremiah's own witness for our call to serve as God's spokesmen today.

This is the first of a series of thirteen lessons in which we study four prophets who represented the God of hope and judgment in the struggles of people of another era. They are Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Haggai, and Zechariah. Hope and judgment; we cling to the one and dread the other but both qualities must be recognized as present in the very nature of God. And there must be interpreters of his nature, persons who dare to speak forth.

This is an age of many voices. They eagerly and persistently seek our attention. They tell us about goods to be bought, services to be performed, ideas to be pondered. There are descriptions of numerous opportunities for us to be improved, informed, guided. They often remind us of our duty and they attempt to convince us of what somebody expects of us.

The man of the hour was one Jeremiah, the strongest and surest voice heard in his day in condemnation of the prevailing trend of conditions in Judah. He often expressed the supreme tension: man fearful of godliness and wanting God to leave him alone. In seeing the refusal of his countrymen to accept his voice as being that of God he agonized for them and despaired of their turning to the one he served. His was a "tragic foreboding" (Stephen Zweig's term) of doom upon such a people therefore.

The prospect was saying that God is also involved in human history and in personal living, and that to pursue destiny without God is to live without hope of victory and peace. The clarity of the message and the fundamentals of his plea could not be misunderstood though the spokesman's presence and persistence could be.

IT WAS A DIFFICULT TIME

Several generations after the complete defeat of the sister people of Israel to the north some climatic issues erupted among the people of Judah. Assyrian domination had meanwhile given way to two massive new powers, the Babylonians to the east and the Egyptians to the south. Each of these nations was only several hundred miles from Jerusalem. Jeremiah's nation was hurled into an era which would test the basic drives and convictions of the Jews as they weighed the options which opened before them.

Twice the Babylonians invaded the nation during the prophet's lifetime. Twice the Babylonians sought complete acceptance of their control, each time besieging Jerusalem. In 587 B.C. the city finally capitulated but only after it was severely damaged, the palace ruined and the temple mostly demolished. Many captives were taken back to the land of the invaders. Judah became a vassal state.

During these terrible years Jeremiah spoke forth as a prophet of God. He was a spokesman for God in a long line of such voices from the time of

Samuel in the days of Saul the Jews' first king. Jeremiah remained on the scene after witnessing the profound humiliation of his nation's defeat and destruction, and continued to proclaim the God of hope and judgment to those still there. Ironically after a time he was taken by well-meaning friends to Egypt where his safety seemed more sure, only to die there after several years, according to tradition being stoned to death.

Throughout the events in Judah the saddened prophet articulated the spiritual foundations upon which both nations and persons must build if they were to prevail. Truly, he said, God must be trusted and the centuries-long covenant must be honored afresh. To rebel against him and the ancient covenant would surely result in total humiliation. When the leaders of the nation turned to the "saving device of non-aggression pacts with outside nations they turned away from the one power who could really save them and their people. Their covenant was with destruction rather than with hope. They chose to consort with opposing nations rather than to have rich fellowship with God. Expediency was the national policy rather than the way of holiness. Rebellion replaced earnest worship.

ONE CALLED TO SPEAK

Though the prophet sometimes protested his inadequacy to speak for God, he witnessed powerfully. This reminds one of the initial reluctance of Moses to go forth to bring the Hebrews from Egypt, and of Isaiah's exclamation of his spiritual insufficiency (Isa. 6:5). But then they went ahead and followed orders magnificently. Jeremiah was empowered and then spoke forthrightly as God's interpreter to the people, standing between the eternal one and the passing scene, mediating God's will to man and pointing his countrymen Godward. He was sensitized to spiritual principles and viewed the stubborn practicalities of men as utter folly. So potent was his God given message that he could not keep it to himself though he sometimes tried, but God's message was a fire burning in his bones, as the King James Version renders Jeremiah 20:9.

The sheer improbabilities of a young man of humble background and insecure confidence gathering the means of such spiritual fortitude and wisdom can be resolved. We recognize the sure ground on which he stood in the words of the memory selection: "Be not afraid of them, for I am with you, saith the Lord." These words surely gave the prophet renewed vigor and determination. Often he must have reminded himself that he not only was under orders from God but was also under his guiding love.

There have been many sweeping movements through human history the genius of which rested upon such a confidence. The early disciples of Christ went forth resolutely in his name. The Protestant Reformation emphasized a personal faith relation between the believer and God. Our Declaration of Independence contains many allusions to personal belief in God through whom man has freedom.

SPEAKING FOR GOD

Shouldn't we believe that God spoke to Jeremiah, having determined to call him as a spokesman? Doesn't he call certain ones today to do special service? Aren't there many of us who have discovered what God wants us to be and do in our own separate and sometimes unusual ways?

Many a humble person finds a positive sense of direction for his living. Many individuals obsessed with deep feelings of insecurity—how common this is today!—discover a sturdiness and sureness of inner strength. Large numbers of our youth are experiencing new spiritual poise and assurance while others of their age wander through wastelands and despair.

But much can happen to the God transformed life. The missionary William Carey once wrote: "Attempt great things for God. Expect great things from God." One observer was recently quoted in the press as saying that there would be a transforming surge of new purpose and enthusiasm among the people currently trying to effect world peace if Jesus Christ sat at the head of the negotiating table and all would heed his words.

A part of our personal dilemma as we confront the role of spokesman for God rests upon our uncertainty about the role of God himself in man's doings. Perhaps a part of our problem is failure to look beyond the current situation. We should also seek the wider view of history. It is something like driving along the highway and identifying our immediate location as we see the local signposts and then checking a highway map which reveals both where we are and how it relates to the larger trip plan. Only in the longer look can we really discern the design of God's patience and positive justice today. Or, considering another thought about this, ponder the new perspective of man and his earth obtained by astronauts who from a vantage point far out in space see this globe as a large round spot in the distance against the background of innumerable planets and stars much, much farther beyond it. The view God must have of us humans is akin to this. Realizing this, we are better able to cope with the scope and meaning of God's forbearance, his strong love, and judgment directed toward the end that some day man will accept his proffered love. The ultimate realization of the will and power of God to love us is that his Son came to hold forth a means of personal and national redemption.

WE MUST GO FORTH

So many pleas today challenge us to a total commitment: to good and desirable goals such as ecological balance, racial cooperation, peace mindedness and so on. But we resist "total" anything. It sounds so devoid of possible joy and seems to promise only self-sacrifice and self-denial. Actually, we tend to shy away from whatever calls for declared loyalty and dedication without reserve.

Note that the prophet's lift for living depended entirely upon his full surrender to whatever God wanted him to do. So it is with us. We are important to God; he is important to us. Certainly in this pressure-packed time the calm derived from a firm faith keeps one secure and unflustered in the face of today's demands upon us. And the spokesman for God can speak most forcefully out of an earnest sincerity born of unwavering commitment.

Our orders from God include the telling forth of the nature of his judgment. God does not and indeed cannot forget man. Not only does he extend his love to man but we are or may be extensions of that love. We also must tell of his judgment as a positive rather than negative fact of life, for he must administer judgment if God is to be true to his full nature. There comes that time when he must sadly but surely destroy rather than condone continuing rebellion.

We must also proclaim that the smiting God is the loving God. We rightly lean on his mercy but perhaps to the point of justifying our own weakness. The prophet saw this as he exhorted his people to repentance so that then God could endow the nation and its citizens with goodness and hope. This is not the vindictive, ego-centered deity some may refer to, but the loving Father whose nature is love and who wills that each person should enjoy the full fruits of that divine outpouring.

Consider the mighty chorus lifting above man's ills if the people of God were individually and in unison to affirm their positive faith anew in our day! God wanted this in Jeremiah's time; he wants it in our day as well.

NOVEMBER 23, 1972

Jurisdictional Mid-Winter Conferences to meet in Oklahoma City this year

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMI) —Two South Central Jurisdictional mid-winter conferences for United Methodist clergy and lay persons usually held at Lake Murray in Southern Oklahoma will be held in January at the St. Francis de Sales Center for Christian Renewal in Northwestern Oklahoma City.

"Key 73: The Word Alive for You and Me" will be the theme for both conferences. The conference for the laity will be held from 5 p.m. Friday, January 12 to 10 a.m. Sunday, January 14. The conference for clergy, husbands and wives included, will be held from 3 p.m. Tuesday, January 16 to 10 a.m. Friday, January 19.

Leaders who will be included in both conferences will be Dr. and Mrs. Ira Gallaway, Nashville, Tenn.; the Rev. Richard W. Jenkins, Jr., Ft. Worth, Tex.; Dr. Irving L. Smith, Oklahoma City, Okla., and Dr. M. Buren Stewart, El Paso, Tex.

Dr. Gallaway is the general secretary of the Evangelism unit of the Board of Discipleship; Mr. Jenkins is pastor of Boulevard United Methodist Church in Ft. Worth; Dr. Smith is pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City; and Dr. Stewart is superintendent of the El Paso District and was chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism during the past quadrennium. Mrs.

Smith will also be a resource leader for the laity conference.

Additional resource leaders for the clergy conference will be the Rev. W. Maurice King, Nashville, Tenn., dean of the Upper Room Chapel; and Dr. and Mrs. John M. Vayhinger, Anderson, Ind. Dr. Vayhinger is professor of psychology and pastoral care at Anderson School of Theology.

Brochures with registration costs and detailed schedules may be ordered from Dr. Virgil D. Morris 201-203 Bixler Bldg., 2400 N.W. 23rd St., Oklahoma City, or from any Conference Program Council Director in the Jurisdiction.

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Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

Helen Steiner Rice begins her poem "A Thankful Heart" with this inspiration... "Take nothing for granted, for whenever you do, the 'joy of enjoying' is lessened for you." And she concludes with the same thought... "For the joy of enjoying and the fullness of living, are found in the heart that is filled with thanksgiving."

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is a time of deepest living.
A time of soul's release —
the thankful tranquil season,
When the love for one's own fireside,
family,
and friends,
becomes a precious interest.

We are thankful for the change of seasons.
For their symbol of resurrection,
and perpetuation of life.
For the excellence and beauty of the earth
that is full of the glory of the Lord.
For green pastures and still waters.
For restoration of soul.
For leadings into paths of righteousness
for his namesake.
For the oil of loving kindness,
the cup of sweet words,
that smoothes the rough and stony places.

We thank Thee, Lord.

We give thanks —
for the forefathers of early day
who first set aside a Thanksgiving.
For the lovely laughter of little children
playing in their world of make-me-believe.
For the youth of our land
who want to love the best.
For the graciousness of...
homey old-fashioned friendship... with
all its kindly ministries and good cheer.

-by Tom J. Love

Thanksgiving

Thanksgiving is more than just one day...
It is found in deeds of kindness done.
It is lifting hearts along the way,
and sharing God's gifts with everyone.

A thankful heart will do all these things;
It's joy is found in the happiness it brings.
God's storehouse is full, and is ever near —
To share with loved ones throughout the year!

-by Margie King

CEF Conference attracts 650

BOSTON, Mass. (UMI) — Church meetings come and go but few of them do so with as much excitement and enthusiasm as the biennial conference of the Christian Educators Fellowship (CEF).

The six-day 1972 CEF Conference in Boston attracted 650 participants who were quickly confronted with a bright blue packet bulging with more than 125 option cards. The cards offered a wide array of programs, workshops, group discussions, tours, etc.

Among the most popular option cards was a special concert of the Boston Pops Orchestra. Following a third encore and a chorus of bursting balloons the vivacious 78-year-old conductor Arthur Fiedler aptly caught the spirit of the event by observing, "And a good time was had by all!"

The conference closed October 11 with another popular option which had more than 450 persons boating to Nantasket Beach for a clam bake.

All orientation and advance materials for the conference stressed that the entire Boston area, not just the

hotel, would be the site of the conference. Despite cold weather, CEF members could be found throughout the city visiting well-known educators, observing special local church ministries, talking with individuals representing unusual and specialized groups, and simply taking in the sights of a city rich in religious heritage.

The ecumenical nature of the CEF membership was also reflected in the options offered. The Medical Mission Sisters, a popular group of singing nuns, were enthusiastically received during a morning session at the hotel. Later in the day the Sisters led a celebration beneath the statue of Paul Revere at Old North Church.

In a session examining the techniques, philosophy, and resources for contemporary celebrations, Ken Fansler, Corning, N.Y., said it is time for people to put more "whoopie" language in their worship. However, he added, it is the attitude of worship, not the words, that is important. "That's the way Charlie Wesley got started," he quipped.

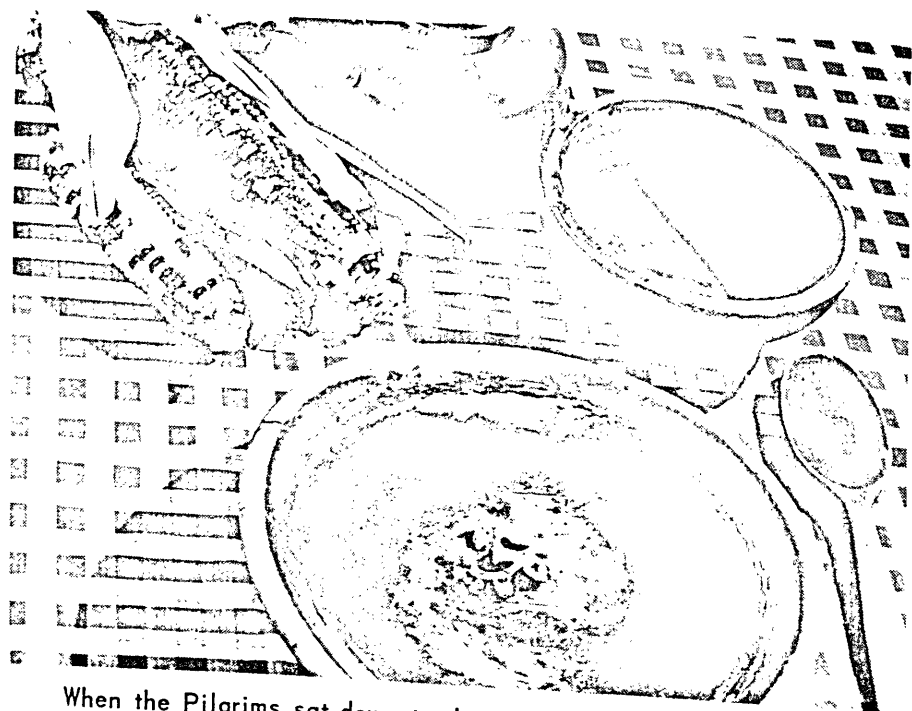
Dr. Malcolm S. Knowles, professor of education at Boston University, was another popular option. Within the church, Dr. Knowles said, "there is a growing shift from seeing education as a set of activities to a new emphasis which sees church as a total educational environment in which persons can ask questions about everything that is happening." All aspects of the church's life from the sermon to a committee meeting can be seen as a potential source for learning, he said.

At a Quaker Meeting House within a few blocks of the Massachusetts State Capitol, Ed Lazar, staff member of the American Friends Service Committee, spoke to a group of CEF'ers about non-violent social change.

The complex economic involvement of the United States in the affairs of other countries through multi-national corporations was the subject of another group led by Tom Bamat of the Maryknoll Project for Justice and Peace, and Tom Fenton, a Roman Catholic authority on Chile.

"Persons in the United States must

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When the Pilgrims sat down to their first Thanksgiving Feast in 1621, they found five kernels of parched corn on each plate. This served as a reminder of the hardships they had endured during the previous year in Plymouth when rations had been reduced to five grains of corn daily for each person. (RNS Photo)

Ecumenical congregations under study by Global Ministries office

NEW YORK (UMI) — Research into emerging styles of ecumenical congregations is a new project on the agenda of the Office of Research and Survey of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

The study, to take at least a year, is expected to aid in planning for possible future ecumenical congregations and what might be done to improve cooperative work. The research follows discussion by church strategists at a recent Workshop on Ecumenical Congregations at the Louisville (Ky.) Presbyterian Theological Seminary. The study will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Ezra Earl Jones of the Research and Survey staff, with participation of executives of cooperating denominations.

Purpose of the workshop was to bring together people involved in ecumenical ministries, at local, state and regional levels, to begin to look at how ecumenical congregations are faring. Present were Presbyterian, United Methodist, United Church of Christ, Episcopal and American Lutheran Churchmen.

Believed to be the first of its type, the gathering was sponsored by the Strategy/Screening Task Force on Church Development of the Joint Strategy and Action Committee (JSAC), a consortium of 10 denominational home mission agencies. The group started to design ways to initiate, develop and broaden the base of ecumenical congregations.

Workshop participants defined an ecumenical design as "any organized fellowship of people representing, initiated by, organically related to and/or accountable to two or more denominations or Christian associations, which covenant together for mission, worship, nurture and service." This is expressed, they said, in at least three valid styles: organizationally integrated congregations, coordinated congregations and cooperating ministries.

Ecumenical ministries are not new,

but are growing in number and style. They may spring up out of new church development, or from existing churches in a deteriorating situation that pool their resources for survival, or even among viable churches that could go it alone, but are convinced that they would enjoy an even stronger and broader ministry by moving into a cooperative arrangement.

United Methodist elected president men's organization

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—Charles P. Kellogg, Sr., an executive of the United Methodist Board of the Laity here, has been elected president of the North American Conference of Men's Work Secretaries.

Dr. Kellogg is scheduled to assume the post January 1 for a two-year term and will be the first United Methodist and the first black to hold the post. He is an assistant general secretary of the Board of Laity in the Division of Lay Life and Work.

Some 23 denominations in the United States and Canada are related to the conference which, among other things, conducts research in the men's work field and develops themes and materials for annual Laity Day observances in local churches.

Dr. Kellogg will succeed the Rev. Elby Roosinger, Indianapolis, Ind., men's work secretary of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ.)

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CEFs

understand that if the United States is guilty of oppressing people in other nations then we all share the guilt," Mr. Fenton declared. "We must not be afraid to ask how the Gospel and capitalism square, particularly when the emphasis in this country is so strongly on profit and materialism."

A smartly dressed Catholic nun, Sr. Elizabeth Thomas, from the Franciscan Communication Center in Los Angeles, was among many persons displaying educational resources at the conference. "Where did we ever get the idea that films don't belong in the church," she asked as she proceeded to show how they could be creatively used in a variety of educational settings.

The Rev. James H. Holmes, director of the Metropolitan Ministries for the Memphis (Tenn.) Conference was chairman of the six-member design team for the conference.

The CEF includes 954 members who have responsibility for local church education. Most are United Methodists although Roman Catholic, Jews, and educators from nine other Protestant denominations are included. CEF chairman is the Rev. Donald E. Barnes, Dallas, Tex.

The Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Education, is the CEF executive officer.



Eyes for the needy

When you're six years old, the world can be a wonderful place—if you can see it.

Tommy couldn't. He lived in a world of blurred images. School is tough enough when you're six. But it's even worse when your friends are learning to read, and you can't keep up.

To Tommy, letters were merely blurs; so were baseballs and faces. Because Tommy's father had long been out of work, glasses were simply out of the question—until this year.

The boy's glasses were paid for by a volunteer organization hundreds of miles away, called New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., of Short Hills, New Jersey.

New Eyes, as it is familiarly known, has earned the reputation of being one of the most effective sight-saving charities in the world. It has helped many thousands of needy people obtain glasses—here and abroad—and it has never asked for a cent in donations.

Since its inception, almost 40 years ago, New Eyes has asked only for used eyeglasses and precious metal articles such as old watches, jewelry (real, costume and antique), good or damaged silver and dentures.

The eyeglasses and glittering clutter are sent to New Eyes for the Needy, Inc., Short Hills, New Jersey 07078. Thousands of packages from all over the United States arrive in the neat stucco headquarters every year. There, volunteers, mostly housewives, sort out the glasses, separating those in plastic frames from those in metal frames.

Many of the 250 workers have learned to operate complex optical grading and testing equipment. They help fill specific orders from missions and hospitals in foreign countries where plastic framed glasses and sunglasses are sent.

The metal framed glasses have their uses, too. Through refining, they yield precious metals that are sold, along with the jewelry, to finance New Eyes funds in over 100 hospitals and health agencies throughout the United States. The money in these funds buys glasses for people who have nowhere else to turn.

In addition to these funds, arrangements have also been made in 48 states through health and welfare agencies whereby New Eyes purchases glasses for carefully screened persons, to whom no other private or public funds are available.

Last year 8,000 people were helped under this program. Tommy was one of them.

But, as public response has grown throughout the years, so has the volume of requests. Therefore, New Eyes needs more discarded jewelry and eyeglasses to do its job. As one New Eyes volunteer put it:

"The wonderful thing about New Eyes is that we can ask people to send us things they no longer need."

And these gifts can bring vision to a little boy, like Tommy.

'Restraint' asked in Philippines crisis

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. (UMI)—A statement calling upon Americans to seek understanding of the magnitude and complexity of the crisis in the Philippines was issued during the annual meeting of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries here in late October.

Cautioning against "judgments made in terms of narrow American self-interest," the statement drafted in the board's World Division emphasized the need for "disciplined restraint" on the part of American business and government. The Philippines has been under martial law since September 21.

In a report heard by the World Division, an ecumenical group of missionaries in Chile, including United Methodists, has sent a "pastoral letter" to a reported 4,000 church leaders in the U.S. which heavily criticizes U.S. big business and its connection with the government and churches.



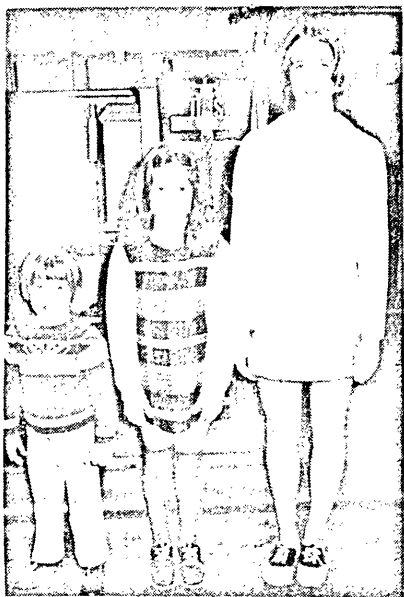
Dr. Marshall Steel (at right, back row), a former pastor at First Church in Carlisle and immediate past president of Hendrix College, returned to the Carlisle Church on Oct. 8, along with Mrs. Steel (shown beside him) as the featured speaker for the fourth annual Golden Age Banquet at that church. The banquet honored those members who are past 70 years of age. The Rev. Carlos E. Martin (second from left, second row) is pastor.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

Following people gave memorial to the Methodist Children's Home in October as tribute of their sympathy, and respect of a one or friend. A memorial has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

ELIZABETH MCCOY ANDERSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Wilburn Smith
Ila Lou & Emmett Smith
EY BORNER
by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stricklin
by Mr. & Mrs. Alan Weaver & Family
EY BEASLEY
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Self
MILTON W. BYRON
Henry E. Peacock
DAYTON BREWER
Michael Fullwood
HA HOLDERBY BOYNTON
Mrs. R. H. Holderby
FRED BOLLS
Martin Guthrie
BENNETT
The A.M. McKennons, Sr.
MYRTLE BULLARD
by Mr. & Mrs. Garvis Pollard
S. S. BEATTY
by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Farrell
Miss Frances Farrell
R. E. BULLARD
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Parrish Robbins
BERRY
Mrs. A. C. Erwin
EMMETT L. BYRD
by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Steadman
Miss Robbie Lafferty
by Mr. & Mrs. Everett W. Couch
by Mr. & Mrs. H. H. Schwab
by Mr. & Mrs. Lewis Polk
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Stewart Erwin
Lizzie Jamerson
Mrs. B. S. Sebastian
Mrs. Jas. H. Erwin
Mary Lou Douthit
by Mr. & Mrs. Jon East
by Mr. & Mrs. Kenneth Wolfe
by Mr. & Mrs. Gene Cook
Mrs. Doris Darnell
First American National Bank
by Mr. & Mrs. Grover Best
P. I. Robertson & Employees
by Mr. & Mrs. Ben Johns

by Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Williams
by Mrs. Floy Lafferty
by Mrs. James E. Sparks
by Mr. & Mrs. Cecil Munnerlyn
by Wesleyan Service Guild, Lakewood
by Little Rock Racquet Club
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack C. Barnett
by Lewis S. Ranton, Georgetown of Little Rock
by Mr. & Mrs. R. H. Gates
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe W. Dodson
by Mr. & Mrs. James P. Taylor
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by Mrs. A. S. Rosen
by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Kempf
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by Mr. & Mrs. J. Stewart Erwin
MRS. MILDRED BROCKMAN

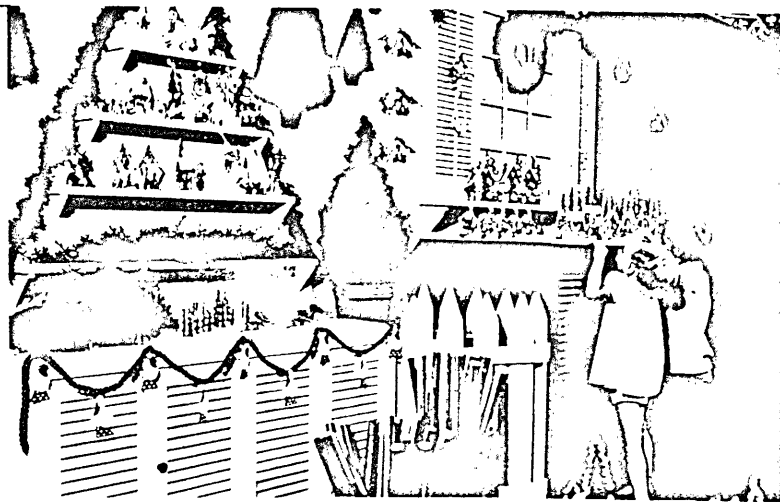


Receiving perfect attendance pins at Imboden United Methodist Church recently were (left to right) Jay Shanks, aged 3, three-year pin; Kellie Shanks, 7, six-year pin; and Sandee Shanks, 12, nine-year pin. They are the children of Mr. and Mrs. C. Shanks. Jay has missed one Sunday in church school the first Sunday after he was born.

by Mrs. A. H. Dickman
JESSIE BOVAY
by Maude S. Williamson
HESTER BELL
by Mrs. L. Thomas Grumbles
MRS. EMMA BOWDEN
by Mrs. L. Thomas Grumbles
MRS. MARTHA BRADSHAW
by The Sunshine S.S. Class, Camden
MISS BUCKIE BEENE
by Mrs. L. H. Nutter
JAMES A. BRANDON
by Col. & Mrs. Elliott A. Stoddard
JOE BENNETT
by Olivia E. Varnell
MRS. MATTIE BIRKHEAD
by Olivia E. Varnell
JOHN FAIR BANKS
by Mrs. C. H. McClinton & Family
FRANK C. BIVINS
by Mr. & Mrs. M. H. Hopson
WALLACE COWAN
by Mr. & Mrs. Nathan Gordon
by Mr. & Mrs. John Carpenter
by Mr. & Mrs. Ward Ramsay
by Mrs. W. A. Baldwin

JOHN CRUTHIS
by Mrs. Alma Bull
by Roc-Roc Ruritan Club
MRS. RAYMOND COOK
by Mr. & Mrs. Paul Stricklin
MRS. E. E. CANERDAY
by Lucille E. Hull
R. L. CHAUSLAR
by Mr. & Mrs. J. Stewart Erwin
HENRY S. CECIL
by Mr. & Mrs. Chas. H. Rowland
MRS. FRANK CLEVELAND
by Mr. & Mrs. John Carpenter
P. B. CRAIG
by Henry E. Peacock
MRS. AVA CROW
by Mrs. W. G. Rye
by Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Robinson
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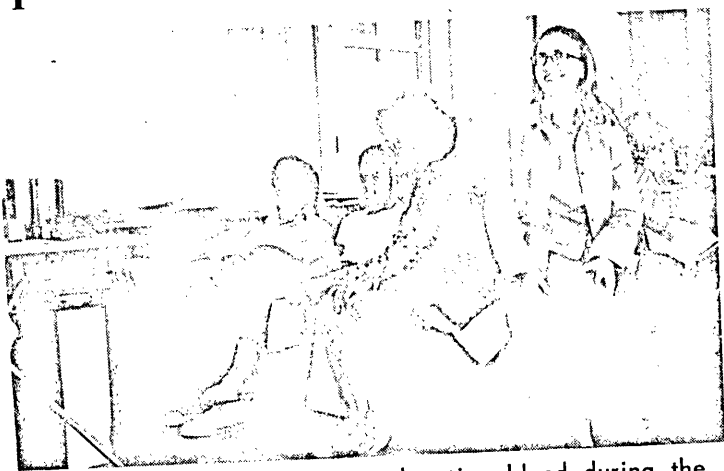
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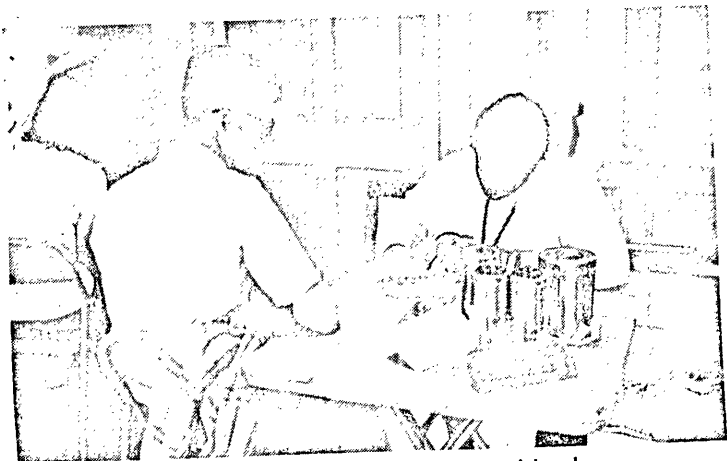
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U.A.M. Wesley Foundation sponsors Bloodmobile



Students await their turn at donating blood during the Nov. 8-9 Red Cross Blood Drive at Wesley Foundation, University of Arkansas at Monticello. The Bloodmobile presence is sponsored each semester by the Wesley Foundation. The Rev. Thomas Abney is Wesley Foundation director.



Student preparing to donate blood.



A donor in horizontal position!

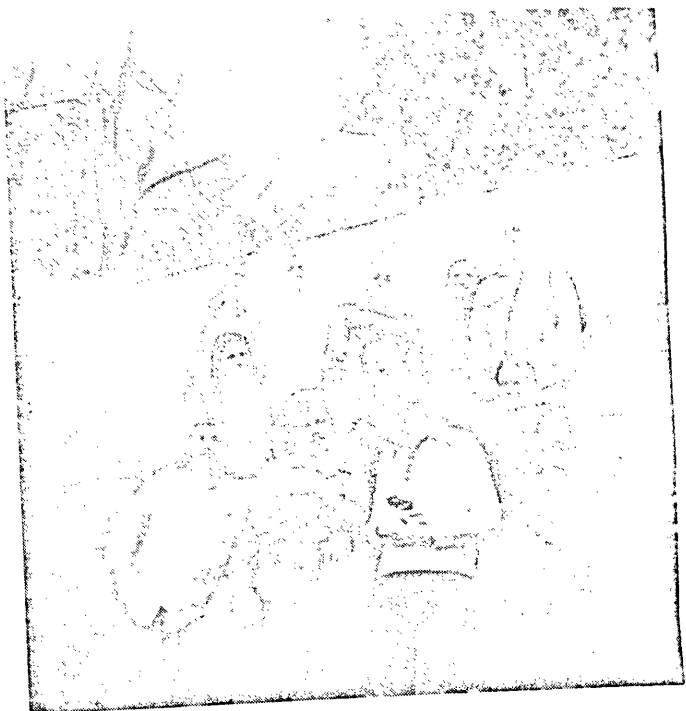


A canteen provided nourishment for contributors of blood. One hundred and thirty-four pints of blood or approximately one day's need for the State of Arkansas were contributed in the drive.

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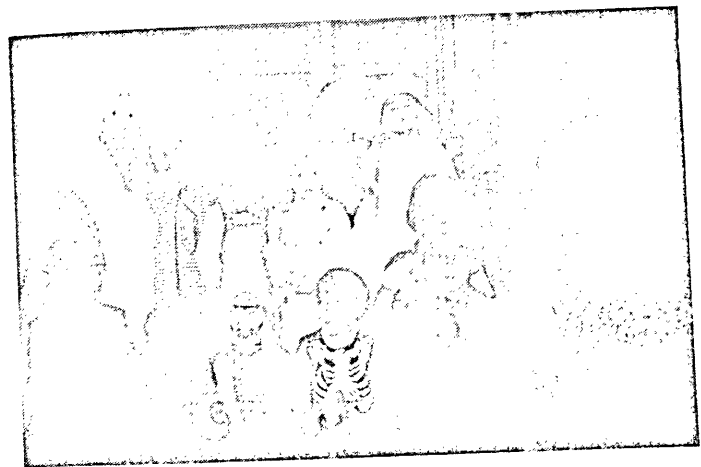
Representatives from the University Fellowship Class of Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, during annual fall planning retreat held at White Rock Park, deep in the Boston Mountains. Dr. Joel Cooper and the Rev. Robert A. Boyd Clanton are the pastors of Central Church.

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The laymen shown here were among those who helped prepare the annual "fish fry" supper for Wesley Church in Russellville on Oct. 29. (Left to right) James Ford, Milton Rackley, Gene Rankin, Tommy Hipp and Harvey Miller. Following the meal a musical program was presented by the "Oak Grove Singers." The Rev. Herschel H. McClurkin Jr. is pastor.

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ABOVE: Some of the 40 Junior Choir members of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Little Rock recently honored with a Halloween party at their church. Adult workers with the children's choirs are Mrs. James Lowry, Mrs. Tullis Elrod, Teresa Bumgardner, Mrs. Joe Arnold, Mrs. Jullis Erwin and Debbie Porterfield. BELOW: Children who received "best dressed" awards at the St. Andrew's party. The Rev. Charles O. Walthall is minister.



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