



Bishop Eugene Frank shown during informal presentation at Little Rock District Youth Rally held at Philander Smith College on Tuesday, Nov. 21. He explained the recent shift in much of the decision-making from United Methodism's national agencies to the local congregation, and urged the youth to become involved at all levels in their own churches.



Clayton Hammon (left), associate executive secretary of the General Commission on Religion and Race of the United Methodist Church, met with about 70 youth and adults from the Little Rock District to discuss the work of the Commission and its significance for their district. The Philander Smith Choir performed for the group following lunch in the college cafeteria. The Grand Prairie Sub-District, under the leadership of the Rev. Mike Clayton and the Rev. Bill Robinson, conducted the closing worship and communion service.

Bishop Mathews attending United Methodist Conference in India

Bishop James K. Mathews of the Washington Area, The United Methodist Church, will be in India Nov. 28-Dec. 5 as the official representative of the Council of Bishops at the Central Conference of the United Methodist Church in South Asia. Celebrating their Jubilee year (100 as a Central Conference) the Conference will meet at the Leonard Theological College, Jabalpur, India. Of major importance is the expected vote for Union with the Church of North India, a united church formed of nine denominations in November, 1970. The Methodist Church was established in India in

1856. Also of interest will be the election of a new bishop to replace Bishop A. J. Shaw of Delhi, who is retiring.

Bishop Mathews will be returning to the same Conference which elected him a bishop in 1956. He refused to accept that honor because he felt the church was mature enough to elect a national as bishop. In 1938, he went to the Bombay Conference as a missionary of the Methodist Church. He has kept abreast of the political and religious events ever since, knowing personally the Indian leadership of the world's largest democracy.

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Harrisburg church in building program

Following the final approval by the recent Charge Conference, a building program is underway at First United Methodist Church, Harrisburg. Plans call for an addition to the educational building and a remodeling of Fellowship Hall, according to the pastor, the Rev. Tom Weir.

Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District Superintendent, conducted the conference. The new building will be brick to match the existing educational

building and sanctuary. It will provide a study for the pastor, two nursery rooms, one for infants and one for toddlers, rest rooms and closets. The dimensions of the building will be 23 feet by 40 feet.

Improvements to be made on Fellowship Hall, which is being remodeled to take care of the youth and their activities, include paneling the walls, new ceiling and lighting. The hall will be partitioned at one end for a main assembly room and two smaller classrooms with large doors that can be opened to make room for larger gatherings.

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Dr. Gerald Anderson resigns from Scarritt College presidency

NASHVILLE, Tenn.—(UMI)—Dr. Gerald H. Anderson, president of Scarritt College for Christian Workers here, has announced his resignation effective June 30, 1973.

A Methodist missionary for 10 years, Dr. Anderson came to Scarritt in 1970 from the faculty and administration of Union Theological Seminary, Manila, Philippines.

The 42-year-old president said he had no announcement about his future plans.

Scarritt College is the only institution of higher education owned and operated by the entire United Methodist Church.

Bishop Joseph H. Yeakel, Syracuse, N.Y., chairman of the Scarritt Board of Trustees, said he and the board were "tremendously disappointed" at Dr. Anderson's resignation which was made at a meeting of the Board's executive committee in Nashville Nov. 20.

"Dr. Anderson has done an excellent job and has brought Scarritt through a difficult period," Bishop Yeakel said. "Scarritt invited Dr. Anderson to be president when he knew there were some major questions facing the college including its identity and future mission. Dr. Anderson feels he has accomplished essentially what he

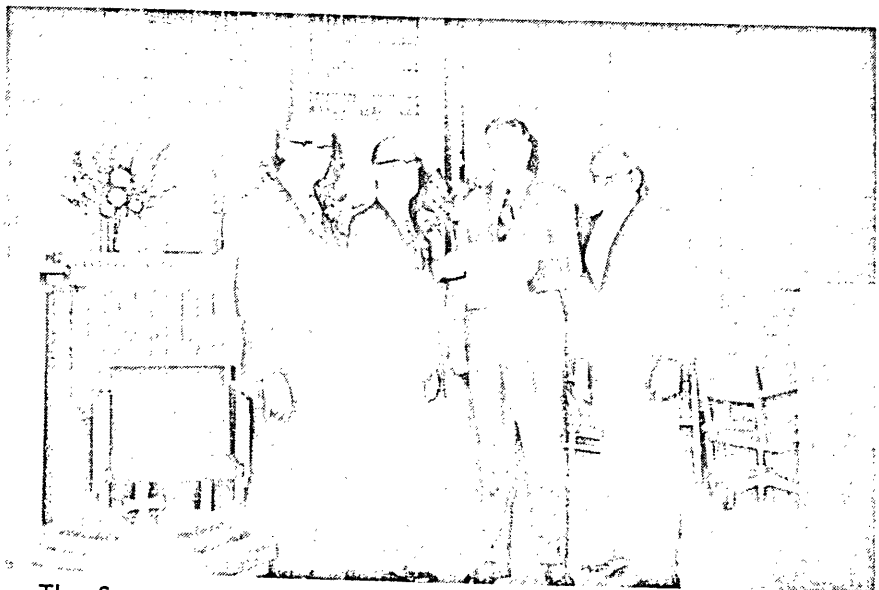
was asked to do and his personal wishes are that other leadership ought to come in to work out the details."

Bishop Yeakel said there is "not the slightest hint of dissatisfaction" within the board concerning Dr. Anderson's work. "The resignation was purely Dr. Anderson's decision. We can only accept it and now we are committed to move on." He said a search committee would be appointed in the near future.

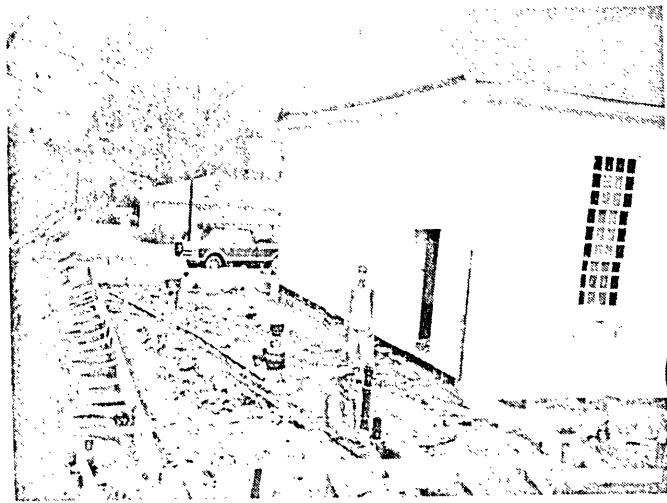
"Serving Scarritt as president in a period of renewal and transition has been a tremendous challenge, an unusual privilege, and a lot of fun," Dr. Anderson said. "Now that a major phase of this renewal process has been completed, I feel it is an appropriate time to make a change. The school is on the threshold of a new era, with a dedicated faculty, a creative student body, and enormous potential for the future," he said.

Under Dr. Anderson's leadership, Scarritt recently completed an intensive study that resulted in trustee action to establish a "flexible cluster of educational functions" including degree programs, continuing education, and a program related to the concerns

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The Service of Dedication was a highlight of the Nov. 20 Centennial Celebration at Danville's United Methodist Church. Participants included (left to right) Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent; Bishop Eugene M. Frank, who preached at the 5 p.m. worship service and officiated at the dedication; Dr. Walter P. Harris, chairman of Administrative Board—shown presenting copy of Release Deed to Bishop Frank, and the Rev. J. Hillman Byram, pastor. The Church was constructed in 1965 with financial assistance from a 20-year loan which was paid off by the congregation in time for the Centennial observance.



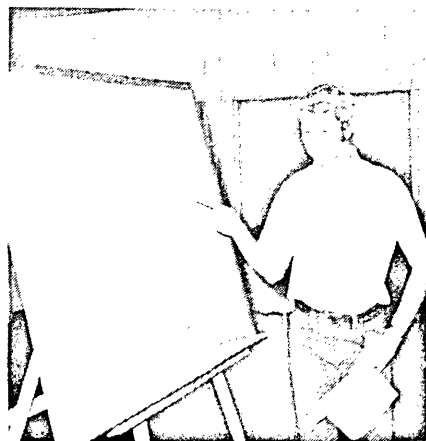
The Rev. Oscar A. Haire (in carpenter's apron), pastor of the United Methodist Church at Strong, Ark. in Camden District is shown with plumbers working on new education unit now under construction. The addition, which will include a pastor's study, kitchen, two bathrooms, and fellowship hall which can be adapted for use as two classrooms, is being added at an estimated cost of \$7,000. Most of the construction is being accomplished by volunteer labor supplied by men of the church. The pastor is filling the dual role of architect and carpenter in the project.

Report from Arkadelphia District YSF Rally

On Nov. 18 First United Methodist Church in Malvern was host to youth of the Arkadelphia District in a fall rally. Scott Davis, who is serving as district president as well as conference youth president, gave the welcome and presented the district council to the assembled youth. He then introduced the REJOICE singers of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, who opened the rally with a program of music.

Little Rock District Youth Council members, Diane Yokem, Steve Darr and James Boswell, president, led the group in an entertaining and instructive game concerning the Youth Service Fund and showed slides illustrating possible projects within the area which might be supported by YSF.

The Youth Service Fund theme was further carried out in a clever skit



Jack Wimer, guest speaker for the Forrest City District YSF Workshop in Marianna, is shown during presentation.

honoring Mr. YSF, enacted by the Arkadelphia District Youth Council and directed by Lee Padgett of Malvern.

Individual UMYs of the district presented their YSF pledges for the year 1973 at the altar as the rally was concluded with worship in the sanctuary. The Rev. David Prothro of St. Andrew United Methodist Church, Arkadelphia, administered the sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Blankets collected by the youth for Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief as a district project were received at the rally.

Thought-provoking artwork viewed by the youth was done by Phyllis Richardson, district council member from Malvern.

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Forrest City District YSF Workshop

by Susan Gladin

Marianna was the setting for the Forrest City District Youth Service Fund Workshop, Saturday, Nov. 11. This event was planned by the Forrest City District Council on Youth Ministries. The guest speaker was Jack Wimer, who attends Tulsa University in Tulsa, Okla. He has been active in the Youth Ministry of the Oklahoma conference for nearly five years, and was president of the Oklahoma Conference Council on Youth Ministry for two years.

The day was divided two ways, with the morning being taken by YSF education, and the afternoon with YSF motivation. A slide program that Mr. Wimer put together himself was shown to further enhance the understanding of YSF, and to motivate others into service through the YSF.

Jack Wimer is available for local churches or any other group looking for a means of YSF education. For additional information contact the North Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry, c/o Susan Gladin, 626 Porter, Helena, Ark. 72342.

Tanako college staff openings for 1973 summer program

by the Rev. Joe E. Arnold

1972 at the Little Rock Conference Camp, Camp Tanako, was a great summer in every way—staff, program, and attendance. There was an increase and/or improvement in all these areas, and for this, the Conference Office is grateful. Work has now begun in looking toward next summer's program and hopefully a continued increase in attendance.

We are now receiving requests for College Staff Applications. The requirements for working on this staff are:

(1) One year of college completed by June 1973.

(2) Be a member of the United Methodist Church.

(3) Be willing to spend 11 working weeks at Camp Tanako.

Persons may write for applications to:

Rev. Joe E. Arnold
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Requests for applications for Permanent Staff are also being received in the Conference Office. This area of work pertains to the four young men who will work in the kitchen, on the camp grounds and buildings, in the canteen, and on life guard duty. Requirements for this job are that the young man be 16 years of age, and a United Methodist; have a Red Cross or YMCA Life Saving Certificate, and willing to spend about 12 hard-working weeks at Tanako.

Two new sessions in the Elementary Age group, (fifth and sixth graders in fall after Camp Season) were added to the Camp Program in the summer of 1972—this is one reason for attendance increase, although we had about 100 more for Middle High and Senior High attendance in 1972 than we did in the summer of 1971.

You will notice in the session schedule listed below that we are planning to continue with all of these sessions, but with some modification on costs and attendance where elementary age groups are concerned.

In the summer of 1973 costs for elementary children will be \$20 each per weekly session, and, because some children attended both sessions in 1972 which prohibited others from attending at all, there is now a one time limit for the Elementary sessions (this does not pertain to the Conference Choir Camp). This means that if a child comes to the first Elementary Session, he or she is not eligible for the second session. Capacity for each of these sessions is 110 children. Registrations will be accepted on a first come—first served basis.

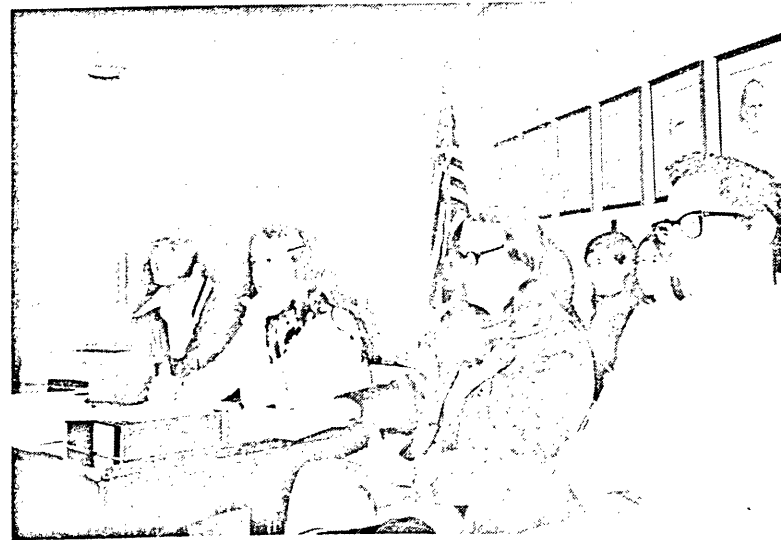
Also, a Junior High Choir Camp will be instigated in the camping program under the leadership of Mrs. Jo Ann Butler, of Ada, Okla. It will be for eighth and ninth graders in the fall of 1973, and will be limited to 125 youth. Registrations for this camp will be accepted in the Conference office on a first come—first served basis also. There are no requirements except the grade in public school and an interest in choral music.

TANAKO 1973 SCHEDULE

June 1-3	Jr. High Choir Camp
4-8	Conference Choir Camp
11-15	Junior High I (LR/M)
18-22	Conference Camp
25-29	Middle High I (LR/H/M)
July 2-6	Elementary I (A/C/PB)
9-13	Junior High II (A/C)
16-20	Senior High Assembly
23-27	Middle High II (A/C/PB)
Aug. 6-10	Junior High III (H/PB)
13-17	Elementary II (LR/H/M)

Initials designate Districts. Once again there will be no District barriers to Camp attendance, although we believe that the majority of enrollees for each camp will come from the Districts designated. If you have further questions, please contact Rev. Joe E. Arnold—Phone 374-5027.

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Members of the Forrest City District Council on Youth Ministry who planned the Forrest City District YSF Workshop. (Left to right) Sam Beard, president; Susan Gladin, president of the North Arkansas Conference Council on Youth Ministry; Suzanne Hughes, council member, and the Rev. Lowell Eaton, district coordinator.

'Democratizing Our Democracy'

Criticism of American society should be balanced by a recognition of the progress that has been made in the advancement of brotherhood, the president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews said in an address delivered at a dinner held in New York during the annual meeting of the NCCJ board of trustees.

"Those who find delight in condemning our nation exclude from their reckoning all good deeds of the past," said Dr. Sterling W. Brown. "I believe we should welcome the complete recital of our country's history. In the view of any fair judge it emerges as a record of a struggle in which beneficial changes have established our right to expect further progress."

"During the past quarter of a century we have made genuine progress in giving credit where it is due to members of all groups," Dr. Brown said.

"The entire process of democratizing our democracy should not be viewed cynically or skeptically or despairingly because the rate of change has not been as rapid as we would wish."

An unwillingness to acknowledge the positive accomplishments that have been achieved, he said, brings discouragement and makes it more difficult to move toward further goals.

"If we deny ourselves appreciation of group accomplishments," he said, "we cannot respect our fellow-citizens, and without respect brotherhood is impossible."

"It may seem more idealistic in the area of civil rights to discount what progress has been made," he continued, "But the resulting pessimism has alienated many who contributed what they could and has estranged the young who, lacking a full perspective, believe that nothing was accomplished before their arrival on the scene."

He expressed the view, however, that the youth of today are "less impatient, less impetuous and less impractical" than those of a few years ago.

Discussing the special concerns of Jews, Dr. Brown deplored the attitude of those who view the situation of American Jews with "hysterical fear."

"All anti-Jewish activity on even a miniscule scale is objectionable," he said, "but there is no good reason to magnify its importance."

In regard to advances made by blacks, Dr. Brown called attention to those who have attained high positions in various areas of government and business. "We no longer need wonder when the first black will become a member of the board of a giant corporation, nor the first American ambassador in the Twentieth Century, nor the first black to serve in many other capacities," he said.

"Recognizing the enormous gap between expectation and realization, I would still recommend that gains already made should not be overlooked," he said. "When I say that the horizon is brightening for American blacks, I mean that as certainly as these new positions were

gained and new heights were reached, there will be no step on the ladder of success in any field where a qualified Negro cannot arrive at the present rate of progress. And I include the Presidency of the United States."

The NCCJ, Dr. Brown noted, has brought more black and Spanish-speaking members onto its governing bodies, and devoted special emphasis to three predominantly-black civil rights organizations in 1971 and to the Spanish-speaking minorities in 1972. The brotherhood commitment program for 1973, he added, will focus attention on American Indians.

Among the problems still facing minorities, Dr. Brown called special attention to "the failure of the public schools to import basic skills to the children whose parents are unable to assist them at home."

In this connection he advocated the "phonic" rather than the "sight" method of teaching reading. "Whereas middle class children are not victimized by the sight word method of teaching beginners to read, because they learn the phonic clues at home," he said, "children of poor black and Spanish-speak-

This week we would like to share with our readers some thoughts concerning gains which have been made in the area of brotherhood, as presented by Dr. R. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Council of Christians and Jews, when he addressed that organization's Board of Trustees recently. The observations came to our attention in the form of a Religious News Service release.

ing homes are baffled and hopelessly confused."

But none of the problems are insurmountable "if we maintain hope, faith and courage while striving to fulfill the American ideal," Dr. Brown said.

"Now in the United States and throughout the world countless millions who dwell in darkness have glimpsed a great light," he concluded. "Our first obligation is to keep that light shining more and more brightly unto the perfect day. That perfect day is still beyond our present reach. But let it never be beyond our vision and our hopes."

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

An editorial in Columbia (Knights of Columbus monthly) chided the nation's news media for presenting a focus on youth that is "both unbalanced and unfair." Editor Elmer Von Feldt, charged that news reports "dwell on the disrupters and . . . ignore the contributors," and suggested that "there is something wrong with public information criteria which rely entirely on the sensational, thus violating objectivity and disregarding the inspirational value of positive example." Von Feldt declared that the young people of America are not trying to "tear down America" but rather are attempting to find their places in American life "and to contribute to the country's growth."

Addressing a WCTU group in Evanston, Ill., Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, president of the Nat'l. Women's Christian Temperance Union, said that the recent national election revealed that the "new morality" is not widespread as first supposed. "In spite of wishful thinking on the part of some special interest groups, our philosophies and goals are not decadent or dead," Mrs. Tooze asserted. "And an intelligent public on the long pull, will not stand idle and watch the nation destroy itself because of moral and physical issues which are within their power to control."

A report from Capetown indicates that South Africa's Anglican bishops have been considering ways of dealing with "government informers" who reportedly are infiltrating the Church. Bishop Philip Wheeldon of Kimberly reported an instance of a lay Anglican who had been offered "a considerable" amount of money to act as an informant. Similar incidents have also been reported by Dr. Alex Borraine, president of the Methodist Church in South Africa, and by Roman Catholic Archbishop Denis Hurley of Durban. "Informing on people just because they have anti-government views is obviously wrong," Bishop Wheeldon said.

The twin-spired Cathedral in Cologne, largest of all German churches and one of the chief monuments of Gothic architecture in Europe, is reportedly seriously threatened by air pollution. The report said the cathedral stone work has been decaying so rapidly as a result of industrial pollution, that the structure may have to be closed to the public. Sixty-six of its 106 main buttresses have been so badly eroded, the report said, that they are in danger of collapse "at any moment."

A United Methodist layman who was raised a Menonite is the new financial manager of the national agencies of the United Presbyterian Church. Delmar R. Byler, who for the past four years has been treasurer of the World Division of the former United Methodist Bd. of Missions, will direct the United Presbyterian treasury, accounting department, management reporting, data processing, purchasing, distribution, legal services, property and office services, and other related responsibilities.

Dr. R. Dean Goodwin, former head of the American Baptist Division of Communication, has been named to the new post of Public Liaison Executive for the American Baptist Churches. He will coordinate and implement top public relations matters, protocol and special communications functions for the denomination, formerly known as the American Baptist Convention.

The Baptist Standard (Texas publication) said in an editorial that it may be time to create an "Award of Nausea" to be shared by the three television networks for "striking down the so-called 'old taboos.'" The editorial urged Christians to protest objectionable programming by writing cards or letters to local stations and to the Federal Communication Commission, 1919 M St., Washington, D.C. 20554, and to identify the offending program since the networks are not under FCC control. "And, best of all, write the companies whose advertisers support the programs . . . Skip the church and class resolutions. A half dozen letters scrawled on brown paper will sound the alarm," the editorial said.

The Texas Department of Public Safety has issued statistical information under the caption "War and Peace" listing the number of Americans who died in all U.S. wars from the Revolutionary War period in 1775 through 1971 as totaling 1,186,057 compared with the 1,886,740 total of Americans who died in U.S. highway accidents from 1900 through 1971.

Archbishop Humberto S. Medeiros of Boston, told a Mission Conference of the Roman Catholic Church that bringing the "Good News of Christ" to the billions of peoples who still have no knowledge of it is the great challenge of these times. Christians must "respond generously" to the urging of the Holy Spirit "to lessen mankind's widespread poverty and oppression," he said, "and to witness personally to the saving words and acts of love of Jesus Christ." He noted that "we are entering a new missionary period in the history of Christianity, a new era in which nothing less will suffice than a global vision of the missionary Church."

Britain's Parliament will soon be asked to loosen the bonds tying the Church of England (Anglican) to the state. Decisions made at sessions of the Church's General Synod called for greater freedom in the control of doctrine and worship. The Synod agreed that Parliament should be asked to give the Church power to determine its own doctrine and to order its own worship. Observers said that if the measure is approved it will give the Church of England immense liberty without going so far as "disestablishment."

The stained glass window, installed four years ago in St. John's Methodist church in Levin, New Zealand and a 17th Century painting of the Nativity are featured on Christmas stamps issued this year by the New Zealand Post Office. The window shows the risen Christ offering himself to the world, while in a lower panel his followers take the sacramental bread and wine. The painting is "Virgin and Child" by the Spanish artist, Bartolome Murillo.

The United Methodist church at Grosse Pointe, Mich. has dedicated and opened a memorial burial garden for the cremated. Ashes will be worked into the soil of the "English garden" featuring azaleas, rhododendrons, shrubs and seasonal flowers. No plaques will be placed in the garden, which was suggested by the Rev. Perry A. Thomas who was an exchange pastor to England in the early 1960s. The garden was built by 75 church members under the direction of the Rev. David Kidd, United Methodist chaplain at Wayne State University. Mr. Kidd has a degree in horticulture.

Organized under the theme, "Unity Among Diversity," an inter-religious, interracial Festival of Faith in Charlotte, N. C. attracted about 32,000 persons. Co-sponsored by Church Women United and the Charlotte Area Clergy Assn., participants included members of the Southern Baptist, AME Zion, United Methodist, Southern Presbyterian, and Moravian Churches and a great number of Roman Catholics. Dr. James Fogartie of Myers Park Presbyterian church said the festival had been organized because "thoughtful Christian leaders in Charlotte have agreed that despite denominational differences we have a unity in Jesus Christ."

More than a hundred Spanish-speaking families in northern New Mexico will receive clear title to their land through a land transfer prepared by the United Presbyterian Church. The denomination's Ghost Ranch Conference Center will deed its Ghost Ranch Museum and an adjacent 350 acres to the U.S. Forest Service. The Forest Service in exchange will give the denomination's board 41 tracts totaling about 1,060 acres in the Carson and Santa Fe Nat'l. Forests. The Presbyterians then will convey the land to the families who have been living on it but have never been able to acquire legal titles. Ancestors of current residents lived on the land before the U.S. acquired New Mexico after the Mexican-American War.

Interviewed at San Clemente, Calif., by Garnett D. Horner of The Washington Star-News, President Nixon said he hopes to promote "a new feeling of responsibility, a new feeling of self-discipline." He compared the average American to "the child in the family. You give him some responsibility and he is going to amount to something. He is going to do something. If, on the other hand, you make him completely dependent and pamper him and cater to him too much, you are going to make him soft, spoiled, and eventually a very weak individual."

Bishop Charles Helmsing of Kansas City, Mo., issued a special plea to bishops attending the Nat'l. Conference of Catholic Bishops in Washington, D.C., urging their leadership in fostering the "revival" of total abstinence from alcoholic beverages. The prelate said that not only would such abstinence from liquor be "fruitful personally" to individual Catholics but would give a "good example to youth" so urgently needed in today's world.

Church-sponsored youth-oriented activities in the northern Yugoslav "autonomous region" of Vojvodina appear to be flourishing, according to a recent Belgrade Radio report. The broadcast said the churches are turning their attention "more and more" to students, and organizing "discussion groups" for them. In addition to classes in religion, it said, various types of other courses, as well as forms of entertainment and athletic competitions were being organized on church premises.



An informal welcoming committee from Christ United Methodist Church, New Rochelle, N.Y., greets Abdul Rasul Visaram and his three children as they arrive to make their new home in America. The Visarams were among 100 Asian refugees from Uganda who arrived at New York's Kennedy International Airport Nov. 14 for resettlement. About 50,000 Asians have been ordered out of Uganda. The 32-year-old bicycle shop-owner, Anwar, 1, Mehboob, 8, and Zinatelli, 6, made the journey without their wife and mother. She had died a short time earlier, victim of a heart attack suffered after Mr. Visaram was arrested by police of Uganda's military ruler, President Idi Amin, and taken off to jail. The United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) coordinates resettlement, arranging with churches to serve as sponsors for refugees. (United Methodist Missions photo by Toge Fujihira)



Sketch by Diana Doran

Our Forgotten People

by Jean Elrod, Mission Chairman,
St. Andrew Church, Little Rock

On a cold winter day in December, the Sioux Indians were gathering to hear a disciple preach the Message of the Spirit Dance. Wovoka, prophet of the Spirit Dance, had sent this disciple to preach a message, avowedly following the teachings of Jesus Christ, which promised peace and serenity, if they would abstain from loose living, whiskey, fighting and such.

One of their bands, led by Big Foot, had assembled to hear the Message. Being cowardly and apprehensive, the Indian agent assumed that the forthcoming Spirit Dance was that of a War Dance, therefore sending for the soldiers.

Upon arrival of the soldiers, the Indians were informed that if they would refrain from their War Dance and surrender their guns, their needs, especially that of food, would be taken care of during the long winter ahead. Being a trusting people, they agreed.

Suddenly, as the Indians had turned in their last guns, they immediately without warning, became engulfed in death. The army regiment began firing explosives, upon the men first, then turning the fire of shells upon the women and children. A total of 370 Indians were massacred on that day, a large number being women and children.

Thus, we take our thoughts back into history to perhaps the most atrocious massacre ever to take place on American soil. With sadness, we remember this dark event as The Battle of Wounded Knee. This nightmare of terror took place in South Dakota on December 29, 1890, ironically, only four days following the birthdate celebration of Jesus Christ, the Prince of Peace.

This fateful episode brought to a close an era of Indian resistance to the power and authority of the white man. Throughout this period, the Indian people were herded to areas of unwanted land that are known in America today as Indian Reservations—a total of about 200 located in 26 states.

Today, injustice and cruelty to the Indians still exists in many ways. In some areas they continue to be despised by the whites. We find many are in poor physical health and large numbers suffer from poor mental health as well.

Pride in their culture and heritage has been reduced to a very low ebb. Politically, we find them without much power or rights.

Unemployment for the average Indians rates extremely high in comparison to the rest of the nation. On an average, they have to live within the \$30 weekly range, with white and black families earning somewhere within the range of \$75 to \$100 weekly.

For the Indian people, housing is a serious problem. It is most deplorable to find that about 90 per cent live in "homes" that are only scanty brush type shelters, shacks or huts. Some have been known to live in old useless automobiles that have been abandoned.

The old saying, "Life begins at forty" may be true for the white man, but not for the Indian. The average age of death is in the early forties. This cannot begin to compare with the life span of the Caucasian race.

Death rates are higher among the Indian people due to pneumonia, flu, and especially dysentery. Many children on reservations are permanently deaf

because of ear infections, and many suffer from blindness due to a type of infection rarely heard of outside the reservations.

It is true that an unknown number of Indians have successfully fitted into the pattern of the white man's way of life, with some having income deriving from oil leases or possibly land payments, but all in all, the plight of most American Indians remains bleak.

Few Indian congregations are in a position to pay full support for a pastor or to build even a modest church. Many of their buildings need repairs and additional classrooms. Educational buildings are needed with facilities that are conducive to learning, and to provide for a ministry within the community and beyond. Still another great need facing the Indian church is that of trained leadership.

With much pride, we find that Methodism and its mission with the American Indians dates back to 1735, when John Wesley came to Georgia to preach Christ to the Cherokee Indians. Our missionaries were with the Cherokees during another dark event in history—the year 1838. Known as the "Trail of Tears" or "the trail where they cried" they were forced to move on westward beyond the Mississippi, leaving their beloved land which included parts of Georgia, North Carolina and Tennessee.

Before learning of Christianity, the Indian people had laws and teachings very similar to those of the ancient Jews. Strong was their faith in a great power that they didn't quite understand, many times referring to it as the Great Spirit. Genuine religious feeling permeated from deep within their beings.

The Indians share with us their fine art of perception and expressive ability as found in much of their poetry and many compositions. As we face the complexity of ecology and environmental problems today, we look with admiration upon the Indian because of his deep and abiding love of the earth and the harmonious way in which he lived with nature. Their many gifts to us are rich indeed.

In conclusion, let us not forget nor neglect any race in need, but may we take a closer look and be more sensitive to the needs of these Forgotten People of our land, the American Indians.

The great commandment of Christ, "Love thy neighbor as thyself," is just as relevant to us today as it was when spoken nearly 2000 years ago.

Dr. Otis Young retires from Publishing House staff

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A graphic testimonial to the Wesleyan tradition of an itinerant ministry was packed away here this autumn.

When the Rev. J. Otis Young vacated his office Nov. 1 as an associate publisher of the United Methodist Publishing House, one of the items he took with him was an air lines plaque attesting to more than 1,000,000 miles in the air.

Born in Ripley, Ohio, Nov. 11, 1902, Dr. Young received his education at Cedarville College and Garrett Theological Seminary here. He also holds several honorary degrees.

For 24 years he was a pastor and district superintendent in western Ohio, including five years as pastor of Westwood Church in Cincinnati, and six years as superintendent of the Cincinnati District. From 1953 until 1957 he was administrative assistant to Bishop Hazen G. Werner, and in 1957 he joined the publishing house staff and was assigned to Chicago.

If he wasn't out of town on publishing house business, he was likely to be away on work for the World Methodist Council or related agencies, his denomination's Family Life Committee, planning or helping conduct a

General Conference, attending to a Council of Churches responsibility, working for the Deaconess movement of the church, or serving in his role as chairman of the board of trustees of Ohio Northern.

(And if none of these, or other, church responsibilities claimed his time, he's been known to grab a few hours at the ball park cheering the Cincinnati Reds or Chicago Cubs and toasting their success with a glass of buttermilk!)

Although now officially retired, Dr. Young still holds major responsibilities in the World Methodist Family Life movement, the Commission on the General Conference, Ohio Northern, and other interests.

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QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The issue confronting the church today is not statistics — it never was — the issue is who is doing the works of love as set forth by the example of our Lord. Not who is singing and praying about love, but who is doing the work of love." — Bishop Roy C. Nichols.

Program Directors to Local Churches

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Program Bulletins and Family Worship Services

Much can be told through a picture. Many churches use the colorful program bulletins for the Christmas Season and for New Year's.

Many churches even mail worship services for Christmas and New Year's to the church families and ask that these be used at an appropriate time for family worship.

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Christmas Plays

The Division of the Local Church, Board of Education has started a new service for local churches. At intervals each year, reviews of selected plays will be made available for use by local churches interested in drama as a form of worship and celebration. The first four play reviews have been

written by James H. Warren of Scarritt College for use during the Christmas Season. The titles are:

A Christmas Carol, The Business of God's Government, Emanuel, and Christmas in the Market Place.

Order as many copies of each that you want at 10¢ per copy from the Service Department, Board of Education, Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

Candlelight Services

This year the United Methodist Church through Cokesbury offers three unusual candlelight services entitled:

"Christ, The Light of the World"
"Service of Lights and the Great Light"

"The Light of Men"

The first two are designed for the Christmas Season and the third may be used for the entire church for Christmas and the New Year.

Participation in a candlelight service can be a meaningful and worshipful experience.

NEWS and NOTES

STATE REPRESENTATIVE Bernice Kizer was the speaker at the Cavanaugh United Methodist Men's Ladies Night, Nov. 6, which was held in Bowen's Town and Country Restaurant, Fort Smith.

EL DORADO VARSITY TEAMS were guests when former Razorback football star Bill Burnett was guest speaker at the Nov. 29 supper meeting of Methodist Men in First Church, El Dorado.

FIRST CHURCH, SPRINGDALE, noted in a recent bulletin that it is blessed with retired ministers, wives and widows. Members of the congregation are Mrs. Harold Ginther, Mrs. C. A. Harvison, Mrs. Ed Kaetzel, Dr. and Mrs. A. W. Martin, and the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Whiddon.

NEW OFFICERS of United Methodist Men in Central Church, Fayetteville, are Lt. Col. Ralph Treat, president; Victor Schoonover, vice-president; and R. W. Willis, secretary and treasurer.

IN JONESBORO, over \$1,100 was collected for UNICEF. Two hundred young people from 15 churches worked during the collection. Mrs. Bill Cox was general chairman and coordinator of the citywide campaign.

DeWITT UMYF members were in charge of Youth Sunday, Nov. 12. On Sunday morning, Keith Mooney, president of the Senior UMY was in charge. Mrs. Vicki Allen of Conway, Youth Coordinator of the Little Rock District, was the speaker. In the evening service Vicki Tuthill, Junior UMY president was in charge. A group of young people from the Welsey Foundation at U. of A. at Monticello were the speakers. The Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.



At Huntsville, WSCS President Mrs. Louise Sumner presented this piano "to be dedicated for the glory of God and in memory of our Loved Ones." The Rev. Jerry Yarbrough, shown with Mrs. Sumner at the piano, officiated at the dedication during church services Sunday, Nov. 19.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT YOUTH ORGANIZE FOR ACTION

United Methodist Youth of the Paragould District met in Walnut Ridge, Thursday, Nov. 16. The Rev. James Meadors was host pastor. The 73 young people attending elected the following officers to serve on the District Council on Youth Ministries:

President, Jim Crider of Hoxie; Vice-president, Gayla Howard of Christ Church, Paragould; Secretary-Treasurer, Joyce Newton, Piggott; Member-at-large, Scarlet Pillow of First Church, Paragould; Member-at-large, Dennis Walker of Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould; CCYM (Conference Council on Youth Ministries) member, Beverly Holifield, Rector; CCYM member, Jeff Cranford, Rector; Counselor, Mrs. Anne Snapp, Walnut Ridge; Coordinator, the Rev. Wayne Jarvis, Rector.

The District Council will have its first meeting on Sunday, Dec. 10, at two o'clock in First United Methodist Church of Paragould.

The Rev. Elmo A. Thomason is the Paragould District Superintendent.

HIGHLAND CHURCH in Little Rock is climaxing a period of Discipline and Discovery this weekend, Dec. 1-3. Howard Clark is serving as general chairman of the program and B. F. Albright was in charge of training THE FORTY, all local church leaders. The Rev. Bryan Stephens is the Highland pastor.

MEMBERS OF BRADFORD United Methodist Church celebrated the Thanksgiving season with a potluck dinner following Sunday morning worship services, Nov. 19. The occasion was sponsored by the Women's Society, of which Sandra Malott is president. The Rev. Jewell Holland is pastor.

THE UNICEF DRIVE in First Church, Benton, was headed by Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Johnson. The young people gathered at the church to count their collections (\$452.04) and for a party and refreshments.

DOVER PARISH DEDICATES PARSONAGE

Bishop and Mrs. Eugene Frank of Little Rock and District Superintendent and Mrs. Ralph Clayton of Conway were guests of the Dover, St. Paul and Moreland United Methodist Churches Sunday afternoon, Nov. 19, when Bishop Frank dedicated the new debt-free parsonage at Dover.

W. L. Cummins of the Dover Board of Trustees introduced Dr. Clayton, who, in turn, introduced Bishop Frank. John Page burned the mortgage.

Refreshments were served by ladies of the parish in the Dover Church fellowship hall. Visitors were present from Russellville and Moreland. The Rev. J. C. Wright is pastor of the Charge.

RONALD BALLARD, organist at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, will give a concert on Sunday, Dec. 3, at 5:30 p.m. Preceding his concert, various departments of the church school will participate in the "Hanging of the Greens."

AT BLYTHEVILLE, Methodist Men of First Church were hosts to the men of the Baptist Brotherhood of First Baptist Church at a 7 p.m. dinner in Wesley Hall, Nov. 29. L. D. Harris, superintendent of Blytheville Schools, spoke and showed slides on his recent trip to the Scandinavian countries which he made in October with a group of 13 American educators, sponsored by the American Association of School Administrators. The Rev. William Watson was host pastor.

THE AUGUSTA UNITED Methodist Youth Fellowship will be hosts for the Dec. 4 meeting of the White River UMYF Sub-District. Topic of the program will be "Christmas Facts and Fancies." The Rev. Lowell Eaton will be host.

ESTON H. WILLIAMS, Jr., of Little Rock who is a student at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas, was guest speaker in First Church, Malvern, on Sunday morning, Nov. 26. Paul Hankins, youth director, assisted in the worship service. The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft is pastor.

THE MOUNTAIN HOME Wesleyan Service Guild abandoned their custom of personal gift exchange several years ago. Instead, the members started bringing gifts to be sent to the Navajo Methodist Mission at Farmington, N. Mex. Recently the group sent the annual Christmas box, and the value was estimated at \$275.00.

THE HENDERSON AND GEYER Springs Wesleyan Service Guilds had a Thanksgiving potluck dinner and program together in the Geyer Springs Church at Little Rock, Nov. 21.

THE ASBURY WSCS "In Gathering" program was held on Nov. 21, with Mrs. Vada Lipscomb reviewing the book "Hiding Place". The luncheon meeting was in Asbury Church, Little Rock.

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.

Dec. 3—Sunday	Num. 6:22-27
Dec. 4	Isa. 52:7-10
Dec. 5	Isa. 60:1-11
Dec. 6	Isa. 60:15-22
Dec. 7	Rom. 10:12-18
Dec. 8	Acts 11:19-26
Dec. 9	Acts 13:32-37
Dec. 10—Sunday	Psalms 85:8-13

RETIRED MINISTER REMAINS ACTIVE

The Rev. Herston Holland of Beebe, who retired during the Little Rock Annual Conference in May, writes that he considers himself "minister at large", rather than retired. "This means" he writes, "that as long as the Lord gives me strength, I am ready to serve anywhere I am invited. Although I need money, I make no financial demands other than expenses and whatever the church members want to pay."

His record during the five months since retirement is: preached a total of 31 times in these nine churches—Beebe, Carlisle, Sheridan, Hamilton, Sixteenth Section, Hickory Plains, McRae, and Apple Hill Baptist; preached in three revivals, with four persons joining the church; conducted two funerals; conducted one wedding.

Mr. Holland's mailing address is: P.O. Box 42, Beebe, 72012. Phone: 882-3330.

WHEN THE ASHDOWN WSCS made a study of Africa under the direction of Mrs. Eugene Cobb, one of the speakers was a former missionary to the Congo, Miss Norene Robken of Texarkana. Speakers at the second and third sessions were Mrs. Harvey Nelson of Texarkana, and Mrs. Winston Montgomery, who presented slides she had made on a safari in Africa.

THE BENTONVILLE Women's Society had a recent program on the "Struggle Against Poverty", at which time Mrs. Glen Householder was moderator of panelists: the Rev. Kenneth Nesbitt, Mrs. Edmond Wilson, Miss Margaret Spencer and Mrs. Dexter Jones.

MRS. EUGENE FRANK, wife of the resident bishop of Arkansas Methodism is being honored at a coffee sponsored by the Women's Society of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, Nov. 30.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE Guild of Central Church, Rogers, had as speaker at the Nov. 20 supper meeting, the Rev. Bill Sawyer, director of Church Activities at Central Church.

A CHRISTMAS BAZAAR will be held in Searcy, Dec. 8, in the Angel Building of First United Methodist Church.

THE PARAGOULD First Church WSCS is sponsoring a bazaar on Wednesday, Dec. 6.

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Giving by women increases this year

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UMI) — At the three-quarter mark in the year, giving by women in the United Methodist Church for missions and other causes is running slightly more than 1 per cent above the same period last year, the national treasurer said here.

Income through Sept. 30 for the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries total \$7,232,852, which was \$73,629 above the 9-month report for 1971, according to Florence Little, New York. She is treasurer of the Division, which is the national policy-making body for 1,500,000 members of United Methodist Women in 36,500 local units.

Pointing out that virtually all income is from giving by United Methodist Women members through their pledge to missions and other channels, Miss Little said: "We at the national level must continually be grateful for all the women who send their money that the Christian message may be presented around the globe through our Board of Global Ministries." Last year's income was \$13,218,471.

At the annual meeting held here the last week of October, four top leaders of the Women's Division projected their hopes and concerns for United Methodist Women and the Division in the next four years. Mrs. Harold Quickel, Lancaster, Pa., vice-president, said she hopes the Division at national level will "really listen" to local women and respond to them, that the day may come when there will be enough money to send every qualified missionary candidate, and that every United Methodist woman "will grow in faith in Jesus Christ and in sharing and living it daily."

Mrs. Harvey Winn, Trenton, N.J., vice-president for Christian Social Relations, expressed her concern that "this country seems to have lost its feeling for life and humanity; we listen and read about terrible things people do to each other, but we haven't the courage to act. My hope is that United Methodist Women will find this courage."

Mrs. Lowell Sohl, Colorado Springs, Colo., vice-president for Finance, saw a continued sound financial base as essential and perhaps some new channels for giving. She said the Division must "go deeper into our social responsibility in relation to our investments." Mrs. Carlton Carruth, Brunswick, Ga., vice-president for Program and Education in Christian Mission, said her hopes are for closer cooperation by United Methodist Women on the local level with other churchwomen and for "even better preparation for action" in Division-sponsored summer schools for Christian Mission.

The Women's Division voted continued cooperation with the World Federation of Methodist Women in sponsoring interns for orientation in the work of the United Nations. During the last four years, three World Federation women interns spent several months at the United Methodist Office for the UN (UMOUN) in New York. Under a revised program, 14 women will have opportunity for UN-related experience in the next four years.

The Division's Committee on Ecumenical Relations reported it had

elected officers including Mrs. Edgar Lashford, Shavertown, Pa., as vice-chairperson, and Miss Evelyn Beason, Dayton, Ohio, as secretary. Mrs. Quickel is committee chairman by virtue of her office as Division vice-president. On recommendation of the committee, the Division elected four official visitors to the National Council of Churches Assembly in Dallas in December: Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings, Dixon, Ill., Division president; Mrs. Quickel; Mrs. John Eby, Auburn, Wash.; and the Rev. Perri J. Jackson, Galveston, Texas.

Because of a report of possible merger of a United Methodist congregation with a United Presbyterian in a flood area of Pennsylvania, the Division agreed to work on setting up guidelines for possible merger of women's groups across denominational lines at the local level.

It was announced that four Women's Division representatives will go to India in November for three weeks at the invitation of the All-India Women's Conference of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia. They are Mrs. Gerald Heilman, Williamsport, Pa.; Mrs. Thomas P. Green, Louisville, Ky.; Mrs. H. F. Meier, Jr., Waxahachie, Texas; and Miss Ann Eaton, New York; also Mrs. Rose Catchings, an executive staff member of the Board of Global Ministries World Division.

News in Brief

THE FIRST CHURCH WSCS in Hot Springs held a "Christmas in November" sale, and report that in four hours they made over \$1,500.

Aldersgate Camp Memorials and Camperships

(Continued from last week)

IN MEMORY OF

DR. E. D. JERNIGAN

Pulaski Heights U M Church
by Circle #2 WSCS, Pulaski Heights
by Rev. & Mrs. Alfred Knox
by Mr. & Mrs. Duane King
O. D. LONGSTRETH

by Ray & Betty Tribble
by Aldersgate Board of Directors

MRS. BERNICE ROGERS

by North Arkansas Conference
Executive Committee, W.S.C.S.
by Mrs. John B. Hefley

MRS. BAXTER GATLIN

ANTHONY SCHMIDT

BECKY DAVIS

by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wimberly

MRS. A. H. PERLITUS

JAMES BROWNLEE

by Mr. & Mrs. Garrett Brown

BURTON E. VAUGHAN

JOSHUA K. SHEPHERD

by Mrs. W. R. Harrison

FRED TERRY

by Mrs. John H. Rule

JAMES COOK WALTON

by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Williams, Jr.

CAMPERSHIP MEMORIALS

JAMES COOK WALTON

by Elementary V-VI Teachers
and Secretaries of Pulaski Heights
United Methodist Church

MRS. CLAYTON HOSTS CONWAY DISTRICT WIVES

Ministers' Wives of the Conway District met Nov. 16 at the district parsonage in Conway with Mrs. Ralph Clayton as hostess.

Mrs. Britt Cordell gave a Thanksgiving meditation. She reminded all that giving comes before receiving in the verse from the Bible that states: "Give and it shall be given unto you", and that it is an act of faith to give thanks before receiving. She closed with the poem "It Takes a Heap of Living in a House to make it Home."

The group shared Christmas ideas and traditions. Many handmade items were displayed. Several described activities of their families at Christmas which are repeated until they become traditions and are looked forward to with anticipation.

Mrs. Ira Brumley and Mrs. Gerald Hammett were remembered with cards. The noon thanks and the closing benediction were said by Mrs. A. L. Chaffin.

The 17 members present went to the Ramada Inn for a dutch-lunch.

MRS. DON GILBERT, treasurer for the Women's Society of First Church, Jonesboro, reported a net profit of \$1,148.92 on the recent bazaar and luncheon.

A "MADONNA PROGRAM" will be given at the Nov. 30th luncheon meeting of the Women's Society of First Church, El Dorado. Guest speaker is Mrs. Alfred Freeman of Houston, Texas, wife of a former El Dorado pastor.

D. AREY V. BOOE

by Smith Booth Sunday School Class,
Pulaski Heights United Methodist

MRS. DELLA GODWIN

MRS. NORA COBURN

JO KATHRYN TOOMBS

by Mrs. N. M. Minton

MRS. RUTH LENHART

MRS. DOROTHY BOYETTE

by Mrs. C. R. Waites

MRS. ANNIE BUCHANAN HANKINS

by Mrs. C. E. Wilkens

O. D. LONGSTRETH

by Mr. & Mrs. Richard Jones

CAMPER HONOR GIFTS

IN HONOR OF:

MRS. ANNIE MAUDE SEGLER

by Wesleyan Service Guild, College

Hill Methodist, Texarkana

RAY & BETTY TRIBBLE & RUTH

HUNTER

by Mr. & Mrs. Curtis Packard

by Mrs. John E. Buxton

by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Williams, Jr.

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First Methodist, Hot Springs

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Dr. Kelsy J. Caplinger

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Wesleyan Service Guild, First

Methodist, Batesville

Louise Pope

CAMDEN DISTRICT WOMEN MET IN STEPHENS

The fourth and final Annual Meeting of the Camden District Women's Society of Christian Service was held at First United Methodist Church, Stephens, with Mrs. Allen Bonsall, president, presiding.

The Rev. John Ross, host pastor, gave the devotional, after which business was conducted.

Emphasis for both the morning and afternoon sessions was on the new organization, United Methodist Women. The Conference President, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, and Secretary, Mrs. Louis H. Fish, talked about the new structure and answered questions concerning it.

Dr. Roy Bagley, district superintendent, recognized the district officers for their services.

Mrs. J. T. McQuade conducted Moments of Memory for deceased members of the last year.

The District Service of Celebration was announced to be March 18, 1973, in the First United Methodist Church, El Dorado.

Mrs. W. F. Kizzia is president of the host society. The 78 persons attending represented 19 societies.

HOXIE METHODIST WOMEN STUDY NEW STRUCTURE

The new structure for organization of United Methodist Women was the topic for discussion recently when Hoxie United Methodist women held a joint evening meeting. Paragould District presidents of Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Christian Service were the guest speakers and resource persons.

Members of the Buna Cooper Guild, Geneva Burton Guild, and Women's Society of Christian Service met for a fellowship supper followed by the joint assembly led by Mrs. Sherman Ragsdell, WSCS president. The Rev. J. D. Lawrence, pastor, made some opening remarks about the important role of women in the life of the church.

Mrs. Ragsdell introduced Mrs. Rudy Stark of Paragould, president of Paragould District WSCS, who explained the structure for the new all-inclusive organization of United Methodist women. Mrs. Dalton Henderson of Imboden, WSG District president, spoke during the last part of the session and conducted a question-answer session.

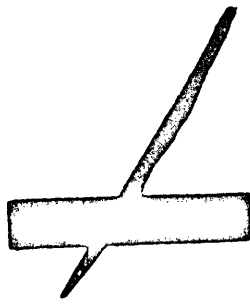
Another interesting feature of the program was a poem presented by Mrs. J. D. Lawrence which amusingly related the story of Methodist women's reluctance in giving up the revered name of the Ladies Aid. Mrs. Lawrence presented also her own authored sequel to the poem.

Three generations of Methodist women were represented in two families of the Hoxie group. Mrs. Dessie Longmire, Mrs. Betty Welch, and Mrs. Lida Tinker comprised one of the families. The second family was Mrs. James Rogers, Mrs. Frances Tennison, and Mrs. Ances Glidewell.

President of the Buna Cooper Guild is Mrs. Pam Kapales. Mrs. Gail Riggs is president of the Geneva Burton Guild.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR DECEMBER 10: A Nation Against God

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 2:1-19; 3:6 through 5:31

MEMORY SELECTION: My people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns, that can hold no water, (Jeremiah 2:13)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To consider the outcome for a nation when its people turn from God and fail to heed his Word by applying it to personal living and community wellbeing.

It is difficult to understand why one rejects a really good thing. The good may be sacrificed when it seems to require too high a price to obtain and hold it. A child may feel that the study of music demands too much time from play and calls for too much monotonous practicing to master a piano or violin. Young people often shun study of the Bible because it seems to them to be complicated and somehow not too closely related to their most pressing wants. We adults are prone to neglect many such opportunities and duties because for varying reasons they are not on our list of favored options.

Last week our study revealed the role of the prophet or spokesman of God. The scripture selection today tells the focal point of his message. He transports the reader to a lofty plane in the superbly written poetic section, Jeremiah 3:6-5:9. What an appealing means of getting his point before the people! Israel had strayed from God and was destroyed. Judah is guilty of unfaithfulness or spiritual adultery (3:8). The drama heightens in a representation of God pondering these sins of the nation. He reflects on his many pleas to Israel to repent and seems to imagine the people in plaintive confession of their wrongs and reasserts his love of them and speaks of his desire to be their eternal Father. He thinks of the time, indeed, when they and the Jews and all people will worship him in Jerusalem, the eternal city of righteousness.

But Israel did not behave this way and Judah is repeating the same errors which will bring it to the same conclusion. This is reminiscent of the lament of Jesus over the refusal of the city to accept him: "O Jerusalem, Jerusalem! How oft I would have but you would not!" The parallel circumstances are noted also in the way the Gospel writers record Jesus' indictment of the Jews of his day: "What an unbelieving and perverse generation!" (Mark 9:19)

We need to state the spiritual principle again that a nation itself does not sin against God. Who is the nation? That need not be a disconcerting question since a nation is not a thing but people. If the two hundred million of us were removed from these fifty states the nation as such would cease to be. Jeremiah tried to get this meaning across to his countrymen but they would not heed his inspired words. In one significant interpretation the church also is people. In both instances people like us are the means of promoting godliness and peace. The lesson next Sunday will point us to this vital role of the citizen and the Christian.

THE SOVEREIGNTY OF GOD

Some suspect that God created things and left them all alone to run down (the "alarm clock" theory) and then take unreasoned comfort in assuming that God no longer matters, that each man is his own master. This idea acknowledges the orderliness of the universe but denies the One who did the ordering. It also implies that man maintains it by himself. The place of God and then of man is thus the crucial problem in the issue of his sovereignty.

"You shall call me Father and never cease to follow me" is the statement in Jeremiah 3:19, and

is God's estimation of his role. But when the people learn about the advancing Babylonians, instead of an instinctive turning to God they exclaim in panic, "Let us fall back on the fortified cities." (4:5)

Turning away from God is to turn on him. It is not enough just to "like him; one must seek his likeness. One orders his life after God's own nature or it becomes disordered. To ignore God's healing is to risk being a spiritual cripple or a tragic spiritual statistic.

To turn from God is to turn to something less, and to something which will fail at a critical time. It is like making cisterns which crack and let out life-giving water in a time of drought instead of turning to the One who offers truly life-giving water! The memory selection dramatizes this deep truth.

Perhaps the ever-presence of God dulls our sensitivities toward him. Is it necessary for him to knock at the front door each morning to make us aware of his uninterrupted concern for his children? Must we verbalize our inadequacies to call upon him to be sure he hears us each time we approach him about our needs?

Thinking about God is not the same as recognizing his sovereignty, however. To the man who vowed to lay up much goods for his soul's comfort (Luke 12:20) God's response was, "Thou fool, this night thy soul shall be required of you." The moral order is: God is. Can you imagine this statement: "This nation without God shall have a new birth of freedom . . ." There is a resounding response, if one is needed, in the pronouncement, "I have made known my purpose; I will not relent or change my mind." (Jeremiah 4:28) The essence of that purpose of God's is goodness. It doesn't honor evil and it becomes less than goodness if compromised by our evil. One is foredoomed if he foregoes goodness. Evil dilutes the good, neutralizes it.

TAKING GOD FOR GRANTED

All religions have some good in them, we are often told. This may be a commendable attitude of tolerance but it approaches a danger point for that person who is seriously determined to pursue his own salvation. With some the statement means that therefore it matters little which religion one lives by. This is a saddening error! It is not enough to "respect" others' gods; one must love God. This is not narrow thinking for the Christian; it is right thinking.

To assume God and then assume that no other step is required of man is repeating the error of the ancient Hebrews. They went on to water down true belief with inferior ideas and customs assimilated from their alien environment among the Canaanites. In Jeremiah's time the Jews sought strength and stability from Egypt and Assyria, going to them for the "water" of peace and reassurance instead of to the God of life-giving water (2:18).

Sometimes we are referred to as a generation of the uncommitted. In our society are those who want to remain flexible and don't want to be "fenced in" by religious restraints. Others think they are doing very well just as things are right now. Some believe they carry their share of the human load. Some prefer to have somebody else assume the burden.

The folly of these attitudes is readily seen. Inferior standards are accepted as reasonable for man. Peace is fervently hoped for without paying the price of establishing personal peace with God. Redemption is viewed as a matter of working hard at whatever one does. This is squarely put by the prophet: "Pursuing empty phantoms and they themselves becoming empty." (2:5) An earlier declaration puts the accent where it belongs: "Thou shalt have no other gods before me." The word "before" suggests that no other allegiance shall be prior to that toward God.

"God does not take us . . . by force. We have to give ourselves." This statement appeared in a

church's recent mailing to its members about their stewardship responsibilities. Giving ourselves to him, we give of what he has shared with us. This means taking God seriously and earnestly committing ourselves to his way of holiness.

A TIME TO DO AND DARE

This is a time made for productive living. Our machines lighten manual chores, help us organize our work, enhance our effectiveness. They give us a mobility and freedom of movement man has never enjoyed so fully before. Many aspects of the total sphere of our living seem almost to be under our direct control.

The danger in all this is to infer man's greatness. It would be better to affirm, "God wonderfully shares with us!" With all our newly acquired aids in our work and play we should also be more efficient workers — spokesmen — for God also.

The exaggeration of our accomplishments coincides with the attitude of taking God for granted. We may become so engrossed in enjoying the products of our ingenuity that we blur the distinction between duty and desire. We may gloss over what is required of the child of God. We may lose the power of forgiveness. We may forget the joy of right living. We may mingle too much with the wrong people. Of this general attitude and manner the prophet reveals God's thoughts: "My children are fools, they know nothing of me . . . they are clever only in wrongdoing, and of doing right they know nothing." (4:22)

The uncommitted person has his ready response. God, he says, cannot really be mean to good people! Or, God is too big and too busy to notice me! And, God only maintains the physical universe, keeping everything in order and tidying up the corners like a cosmic janitor! But it is fatal to dwell on God's good-naturedness in view of the fact of his good nature and the fact of his judgment on the evil, sinning ones. Whatever all of us may feel about massive complications in today's living, these facts are easily sorted out and identifiable.

To be casual about God and his call to righteousness, furthermore, has the effect of lowering him to our level. This does not enhance God's presence, it debases it. It exalts the mediocre performance of the "maybe" Christian. It replaces sincerity of witness with expediency of action. It shifts our gaze from the long view toward today and tomorrow, and robs our being of vital faith in the majestic Other, God.

THE PROPHET SPEAKS TO US

Soon we will be singing, "Come to my heart, Lord Jesus, there is room in my heart for thee." If these remain only words from the pen of a poet and leave no deep imprint upon us, we will have missed some of the point of Christmas. Surely if Jeremiah were speaking to us at this season he would remind us that God seeks out man and wants him to honor the One sent as Redeemer. There is Christmas! And Easter! The Church! The Christian!

A fine artist one day said that all he did was manipulate his fingers and the violin bow, and God made the music. The violinist's talent is extended as he feels the participation of God in what he does. The mystery of radiated godly influence is a key point in Christ's parable of the tiny mustard seed, and of his feeding the multitude.

God can extend the influence of his children as they seek with him to resolve some of our prevailing needs today. There is the uneasy transition from rural to city to suburban living, the persistent ugliness of poverty, the shallowness of the faith of so many, and our failure to seize all opportunities to engage in "speakership" for God! The pains we feel as social beings as we recoil from injustices and wastefulness are "alert" signals about wrongs which must be corrected and ameliorated.

Let us refer again to the prophetic role. The prophet is not a mere purveyor of gloom and doom but also is a shining beacon, a light shining in the gathering darkness, offering the consolation of the ultimate triumph of righteousness. He distinguishes between the world that is and the world that is to be under God's full control. And he shows men what they refuse to believe about themselves. He speaks to us!

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Plans for United Methodist National Center again delayed

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI)—In a 12-year succession of "new plans" and "deferred action," this is a year of deferment for the idea of a United Methodist Church national center here. But there are new reasons for the delay approved here Nov. 6:

★ Property taxes on the 11.8-acre site will jump in 1973 from some \$21,000 to \$56,718 per year.

★ Restructuring of denominational agencies has led to a study of the total housing needs for national boards.

In its first meeting of the quadrennium, the Methodist Corporation decided to request the Council on Finance and Administration (CFA) and the Council on Ministries (COM) to "raise a special study committee to determine the long-term property needs of The United Methodist Church and all of its general agencies, leading to recommendations to this corporation for future planning." This ties in with a study of headquarters space needs already launched by CFA, in which it was felt COM must be involved as the program coordination agency.

The corporation, which was held the northwest Washington site since 1960 for possible development, recently got a tax bill from the District of Columbia that nearly tripled its taxes, after boosting the assessed valuation from \$489,000 to \$1,708,000. The directors decided to explore the possibility of easing the sudden escalation, but not to contest the new appraisal.

Projections indicated that the taxes and other expenses (the 1973 budget was set at \$73,768) would just about eat up all the corporation's liquid assets over the next four years. The assets include \$165,000 in savings, plus interest, \$10,000 annually from adjacent American University for parking privileges on part of the land, and one year of rent from a firm building apartments on adjacent property.

One expense will cease after March 31—the \$10,000 yearly salary to Dr. Hurst R. Anderson, since 1969 the corporation's executive director. He

took the post after retiring as president of American University, and asked to be released. He will be on call as a consultant.

Bishop James K. Matthews of Washington, presiding over the corporation for the first time, noted that "the corporation has legitimacy only as it serves the whole church."

Other officers, who were chosen last April at Atlanta, are Bishop James Thomas of Des Moines, vice president; the Rev. A. Dudley Ward of Washington, D.C., secretary; and Thurman W. Dodson of Washington, treasurer.

The Washington property was purchased in 1957 by the former Board of Temperance and transferred in 1960 to the corporation, as trustees for the denomination. Sales to other church agencies have reduced the original 19 acres to 11.8, although five acres are owned by the General Board of Church and Society to be developed as part of the total.

The annual conferences contributed \$705,156, and the general church through World Service funds has provided more than \$1,100,000 for land purchase, interest and taxes. The land became debt free in 1967.

At least three development plans have been advanced. In 1963-64, a building projected by the Board of Christian Social Concerns (now Church and Society) foundered on a zoning restriction. In 1966 the suggestion of an auditorium-office structure was found to be too expensive. In 1968 a field house auditorium in conjunction with the university was proposed. In 1970, after extensive study by Dr. Anderson, the corporation directed a new planning process for gradual development, but this was held in abeyance pending the restructuring proposals then being prepared for the 1972 General Conference.

No date was set for the corporation's next session, on the bases that no action is possible until the requested study is completed and that the \$3,500 cost of an annual meeting can be saved.

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Strip Mining Regulation Asked

ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. (UMI)—Regulation of strip mining to protect ecology was supported here October 31 by the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries' National Division.

The division asked its Appalachian Development Committee to "lobby the state legislatures in mining areas, and also the national Congress, to enact fair laws for the regulation of strip mining to protect the ecology of the area." The board unit also said it will inform any companies engaged in mining without safeguards, in which it owns securities, of its stand.

In another action, the Section of Specialized Services took several measures designed to encourage and assist information of new United Methodist congregations. Included is a referential interest rate to such groups to aid them in putting up the first unit of a building.

Six United Methodist Governors

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Six of the nation's governors in 1973 will be members of United Methodist churches, as a result of November elections. This is the smallest number in at least 15 years.

Two of the group will continue current terms — George C. Wallace of Alabama and Winfield Dunn of Tennessee. Two were re-elected — Dale Bumpers of Arkansas and Arch A. Moore, Jr. of West Virginia. Two are newly elected—Daniel Walker of Illinois and Sherman W. Tribbitt of Delaware.

All but Walker and Tribbitt were among the 10 United Methodists serving as state executives at the beginning of 1971, but the other six either completed terms or ran for other offices. Louie B. Nunn of Kentucky and John McKeithen of Louisiana were defeated in Senate candidacies.

According to Religious News Service, next year's governors will include 12 Roman Catholics, six Presbyterians, six Baptists, five Episcopalians, three "Protestant," three United Church of Christ, three Lutheran, two Disciples, two Jewish, one each Unitarian and Latter-day Saints.

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Religious Groupings in Senate Surveyed

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Senators with Episcopal and United Methodist affiliation will form the largest religious groupings when the 93rd Congress convenes in January, according to a Religious News Service post-election survey.

The United Methodist and Episcopal groupings number 18 each. There were 20 United Methodist Senators in the 92nd Congress, and 17 Episcopalians. Other groupings in the 93rd Congress will include 15 Presbyterians and 14 Roman Catholics.

Since gubernatorial voting November 7, more Roman Catholics—12—will lead states than members of any other church. Six governors or governors-elect are United Methodist, six Presbyterian and six Baptist.

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ASSOCIATED CHURCHES SUPPORT MERGER BY NARROW MARGIN

CHRISTCHURCH, N.Z. (RNS) — The annual conference of Associated Churches of Christ approved a five-denomination merger plan here by a vote of 35-31.

With its approval, the Associated Churches became the second of the five denominations involved to give the plan its official approval. The plan has been endorsed by a majority of "rank-and file" members of all five Churches involved, but the Presbyterian General Assembly has been the only other denominational body to give it official approval.

Annual assemblies of the Congregational and Methodist Churches will vote on the plan in the future, and the Anglican General Synod that convenes in 1974 has the item on its agenda.

Delegates noted that some congregations of the Associated Churches have already entered into local unions with other denominations involved in the merger plan.

Church tries "learning center" approach

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The "learning center" approach, a relatively new concept in education being used in many public schools, is now catching on with enthusiasm in the church, according to the Rev. Richard E. Monroe, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship's Section of Local Church Education.

First United Methodist Church of Williamsville, N.Y., recently hosted the first non-graded elementary laboratory training event utilizing the learning center concept. Thirty-four adults from seven states and 60 Williamsville children participated in the event which was sponsored by the Western New York Conference in cooperation with the Board of Discipleship's Section of Local Church Education.

The characteristics of a learning center—open classroom, independent study, community building, and thematic activity—are extremely suitable for use in local church education, Mr. Monroe believes.

"Teachers in church schools which have small enrollments find the learning center valuable because all the children can be put in the same educational environment," Mr. Monroe observed. "Also, teachers like the fact that each child can move at his own speed."

At a recent national meeting of Christian educators in Boston, sessions on the learning center approach were among the most popular options offered. A second laboratory school for non-graded elementary children using the learning center approach is scheduled for April in Lincoln, Nebr.

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Council of Secretaries holds last meeting

by Arthur West

NEW YORK (UMI) — Going out of business with a song of rejoicing rather than a dirge of lament, the United Methodist Council of Secretaries held its final meeting here Nov. 13.

There is no provision in the church's **Book of Discipline** for continuing an association of top executives in such a group as the Council of Secretaries.

In his final remarks as Council president, Dr. Roger Burgess of Evanston, Ill., cited past accomplishments of the Council, whose history goes back in the church and its predecessor bodies to 1940. Dr. Burgess, who is associate general secretary of the Board of Global Ministries in charge of its Division of Health and Welfare Ministries, has served for the past two years as head of the Council.

Looking hopefully ahead, Dr. Burgess said, "We rejoice because our work will continue in the hands of more representative bodies."

"The transmittal of our minutes and records to the Council on Ministries is more than just a mechanical process," he said. "The new council represents a partnership of the 'grass roots' and the bureaucracy. We have high hopes that this new mix will set priorities and coordinate programs in careful response to the true needs of the world, as well as of our churches and our people."

He said the Council members "are glad to be a part of a changing world. God continues to reveal himself to his church. New times demand new structures and new ways of doing things."

"We affirm as a Council that the church can change, in response to its people and its Lord. Anyone who thinks it can't should listen to the new voices and new names that people our general boards and agencies. The Browns, the Joneses and the Smiths are joining with the Kajawaras, the Nietos and the Roughfaced to forge a new church—more sensitive, more free and more in mission."

COCU Plan Used as Basis for Merger

KINGSTON, Pa. (UMI) — The draft Plan of Union developed by the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) is being used as the basis of organizational structure for the merger of Presbyterian and United Methodist Churches here.

By a unanimous vote, congregations of both churches have agreed to unite in the 1,400-member parish to be known as Church of Christ Uniting. The new church will be governed by a parish council comprised of leaders of both churches to be known as presbyters. Both present buildings will be kept in use, one for worship and Christian education and one as a center to meet community needs.

Proposals for projects to be funded by the United Methodist Church's Minority Empowerment Fund through the Commission on Religion and Race must be received by the commission by Jan. 26, 1973, it has been announced.

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"Noon Prayer Call" to begin Key 73 evangelism effort

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Millions of persons representing most communities in the United States and Canada are gearing up for the launch of Key 73, according to Ronn Kerr, director of communications for the United Methodist Board of Discipleship's Evangelism Division and chairman of the Key 73 Phase One Task Force.

The first step in the launch of the mammoth evangelism effort will be a "Noon Prayer Call" emphasis Christmas through Epiphany followed by a "Launch Television Special" near the first of the year.

In addition to calling persons to prayer, Kerr said the Noon Prayer Call is designed to call attention to the beginning of Key 73, a mammoth ecumenical effort involving 150 denominations and Christian groups in the U.S. and Canada.

At noon daily, Christians will be urged to stop what they are doing and pause to pray "that millions will be led to Christ" through the efforts of Key 73.

Participants are being urged to ring church bells, sound sirens, form noon hour prayer groups, utilize the mass media, and establish meeting places for prayer in homes, schools, and factories.

At the end of the Noon Prayer Call period, Saturday, Jan. 6, Key 73 will be officially launched with a half-hour color television special entitled "Faith in Action." The documentary will feature an assortment of Christian lay persons witnessing in a variety of ways to their faith in Jesus Christ.

Key 73 planners are preparing a special printed study guide to help persons interested in watching and discussing the television special in small groups.

Kerr said hundreds of persons across the U.S. and Canada are calling on television stations to place the program in prime or fringe-prime time Saturday, January 6.

"Against unbelievable odds we are having exceptionally good response from stations which are making free time available to Key 73," Kerr said. TV placements will be announced through the public press and denominational channels.

A package of materials including a wide selection of planning, promotion and implementation resources to help communities and individual congregations participate in the launch pro-

grams has been prepared by Key 73. Many basic promotion items such as billboards, radio and television spots, bumper stickers, posters, newspaper ads and stories are available along with a wide selection of in-church planning and implementation items. Kerr reports that more than 7½ million items have gone out to local churches in the past few weeks.

Focusing on the theme "Calling Our Continent To Christ", Key 73 is the "broadest cooperative venture in the history of North American Christianity," Mr. Kerr said. "The movement involves United Methodists, Roman Catholics, the Salvation Army, Southern Baptists, most pentecostal denominations, nearly all of the National Council of Churches and National Association of Evangelicals groups, several peace churches and dozens of evangelistic associations, such as the Billy Graham Association, Campus Crusade and the American Bible Society." Kerr predicts that "by the beginning of the new year, nearly 90 per cent of the Christians in the United States and Canada will be involved in Key 73 through their denominations."

In addition to the Key 73 launch activities, there will be hundreds of other cooperative events throughout the year including continent-wide Bible distribution and study, massive lay visitation programs, several more mass media events, and literally thousands of crusades, state fair events, and state and community programs.

The launch activities have been planned and are being supervised by a 40-member interdenominational planning team headed by the Rev. Ronn Kerr, Nashville, Tenn., a United Methodist. Chairmen of the major launch sub-committees include the Rev. Robert Yawberg, Ft. Wayne, Ind., Churches of Christ — Christian Church; the Rev. Everett Cury, Los Angeles, Calif., American Baptist; the Rev. Charles Hamilton, Indianapolis, Ind., Disciples of Christ; Dr. David Augsberger, Harrisonburg, Va., Mennonite; and Major Ernest Miller, Chicago, Ill., Salvation Army.

A colorful brochure entitled "Launching a Movement" which outlines the basic materials for Key 73 has been mailed to 350,000 ministers and priests across North America.

Social action magazines of two churches merge

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Merger of two churches' social action magazines — **engage** of the United Methodists and **social action** of the United Church of Christ — was announced here Nov. 13.

The January 1973 issue will be the first of the combined monthly **engage/social action**.

One of the reasons for the merger, according to the Rev. Allen R. Brockway, of **engage** and continuing as editor, is that "when it comes to social issues, the Christian faith is not denominational." He pointed out that both publications have "treated similar or identical issues—frequently in the same month" and that both serve readers "who are deeply concerned for the influence of the churches in the life of the whole society."

Negotiations toward the merger have been pursued for five or more years because of this mutuality. Action was spurred because both publications have struggled financially. Current circulations are approximately 8,000 for **engage** and 4,000 for **social action**.

The new magazine will continue in the pocket-size format of both publications, with six editions yearly devoted to extensive discussion of a single social issue.

Published since 1968, **engage** is the successor to earlier magazines **Concern** and **Contact**, which began in 1959. Dating back to 1935, **social action** is one of the oldest church publications devoted to social issues and church involvement. Both have won awards for excellence from Associated Church Press.

While the present **engage** staff will edit the new periodical, Brockway said "columnists and other contributing editors representing specific concerns of the United Church of Christ will begin appearing regularly." He added that it would be "no less" for either denomination but a broader resource for both.

The Rev. Huber Klemme, UCC editor since 1968, has taken a pastorate in North Dakota but will continue as a contributing editor.

The merger announcement was made by Bishop James Armstrong, president of the UMC Board of Church and Society, and John C. Shinn, chairman of the UCC Council for Christian Social Action. The publisher will be the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the UMC board, with Tilford E. Dudley, acting executive director of the UCC council, as cooperating publisher. Both are in Washington.

James Wall becomes Christian Century editor

CHICAGO (RNS) — The Rev. James Wall, editor of the *Christian Advocate* for nine years, has been named editor of the ecumenical weekly, *Christian Century*, and president of the Christian Century Foundation.

A United Methodist clergyman, he succeeds Dr. Alan Geyer who resigned last Spring to take a teaching post. Mr. Wall has served as editorial consultant with the *Century* since June while he was campaigning as the Democratic nominee for the U.S. House of Representatives in the Illinois 14th District, which campaign he lost.

The new editor joined the staff of

Christian Advocate in 1960. Earlier, he was a sports writer for the *Atlanta Journal* and an Air Force public relations officer. He is a clergy member of the Northern Illinois United Methodist Conference.

Educated at Emory University, Atlanta, and the University of Chicago, Mr. Wall is considered one of the leading religious authorities on films. He is the author of two books on religion and motion pictures, and his view on movies are frequently cited in *Variety*, the show business paper.

He is editorial consultant for Film Information, the publication of the Broadcasting and Film Commission

of the National Council of Churches. He has taught on religion and cinema at several seminaries.

Asked about the editorial stance of the *Century* in the immediate future, Mr. Wall said that he did not think the term "liberal" will be appropriate for the *Century* in the future, although he does not anticipate a "conservative" direction. He said he found all such terms irrelevant at the present time. He said that "open" is the key word for the immediate future of the *Century*.

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A native of Pennsylvania, Dr. Anderson has a B.S. degree from Grove City College, Pa., and the S.T.B. and Ph.D degrees from Boston University. As a Fulbright Scholar he did post graduate work at the University of Marburg, Germany. He has also studied at Geneva, Switzerland, and Edinburgh University, Scotland. He is the editor and co-author of nine books.

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Bishop Mathews will be bringing morning devotions to the Conference on Wednesday, Nov. 29. On Dec. 5, he will bring the consecration sermon for the new bishop. He will also deliver two lectures on "The Dimension of Missions in Theological Education" at Leonard Theological College on Nov. 27.

Bishop Mathews will return to the United States on Dec. 7 and attend the General Assembly of the National Council of Churches meeting in Dallas, Texas, Dec. 7-9. He is a member of the new general board's executive committee.

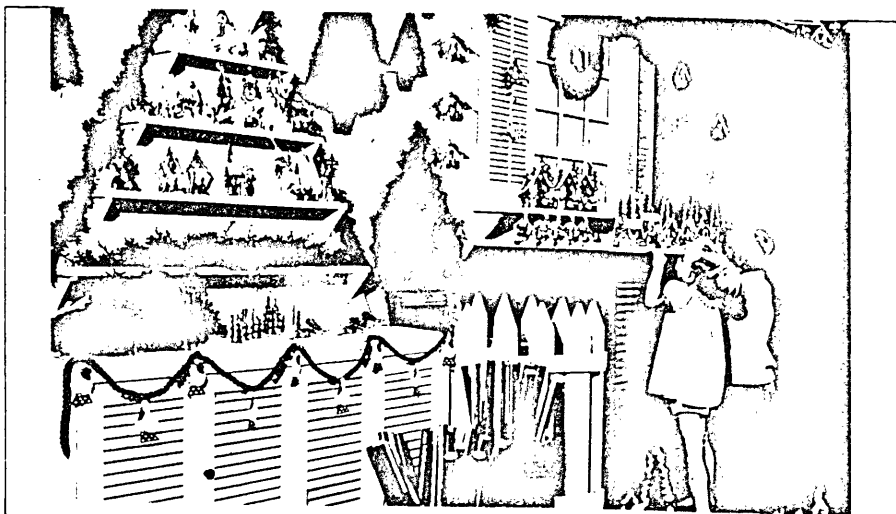
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Astronaut and Madame Chiang exchange Christian greetings

TAIPEI, Taiwan (RNS) — Former astronaut James Irwin and his wife and daughter exchanged Christian greetings here with Madame Chiang Kai-shek during a 25-minute visit.

Mr. Irwin, who joined the staff of the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission after retiring from the space program, has been on a month-long tour of Asia and the Pacific sponsored by the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board.

During the visit, Madame Chiang who, like her husband, is a Methodist, asked Mrs. Mary Irwin what her thoughts were when the astronaut was on the Apollo 15 lunar mission last year. Mrs. Irwin said she had "just turned it over to the Lord and had assurance that Jim was going to return."

According to Joseph B. Underwood of the Baptist World Alliance, who has been accompanying the Irwins on their trip, Madame Chiang responded, "Now that's wonderful. We were talking in our prayer meeting last week about burdens and worries, and someone observed that if we go to the Lord in prayer, (we can) lay our burdens at the foot of the cross and then pick them up again on our way out."

Mr. Underwood thanked Madame Chiang for her life as a Christian, and conveyed the gratitude "of the Christians of America for her remarkable Christian testimony."

In response, Madame Chiang asked the Baptist official to tell American Christians that she appreciates their prayers, and added, "We have problems and difficulties so great that only God can solve them. Please keep praying for us."

MCSA expected
to reconsider merger
with North India Church

NEW YORK (UMI) — Indications are growing that the Methodist Church of Southern Asia (MCSA) may, after all, become a part of the Church of North India (CNI), with some projecting a tentative date of June, 1973, for merger.

The MCSA, which is officially the Southern Asia Central Conference of the United Methodist Church, participated in 40-year negotiations with 6 other denominations which were to have culminated in November, 1970, with formation of the new united church. There was a culmination, but minus the MCSA which voted at the last minute, in August, 1970, not to merge. That meant that almost half of the projected CNI members would not, in fact, be joining at that time. The MCSA has about 600,000 members; the six other churches in the CNI have about 700,000.

Whether the MCSA actually will merge with the CNI presumably will depend on final and decisive action by the Central Conference which is scheduled to meet in regular quadrennial session Nov. 28-Dec. 5 in Jabalpur. Legal questions as to MCSA merger, particularly one arising out of the 1970 action, were cleared by a decision of the Judicial Council, United

Madame Chiang also thanked Mr. Irwin for his Christian witness to the youth of her country during his stay on Taiwan.

He has addressed thousands of students at several colleges and universities in the Republic of China, including an appearance before 3,600 people at the Dr. Sun Yat-Sen Memorial Hall, when more than 100 persons responded to his invitation to make a commitment to Christ.

SOUTHEASTERN JURISDICTION COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES ORGANIZES

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (UMI) — The re-structured Southeastern Jurisdiction Council on Ministries completed its organization here Oct. 26-27, including the selection of officers and the employment of its first black staff member.

Named to the staff is the Rev. Israel L. Rucker, Starkville, Miss. He will have assignments as counselor for town and country, church and society, parish ministries and economic development for the nine-state region. The Rev. Robert F. Lundy, Atlanta, Ga., heads the jurisdiction staff which also includes the Rev. H. T. Maclin, Atlanta.

Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, Richmond, Va., was elected council president. Other officers include Mrs. W. S. McLeod, High Point, N. C., and the Rev. Francis T. Cunningham, Spartanburg, S. C., vice-presidents; and C. R. Hager, Nicholasville, Ky., recording secretary.

SOUTH AFRICA'S METHODISTS BACK WOMEN'S ORDINATION

PORT ELIZABETH, South Africa (RNS) — Ordination of women to the ministry has been approved "in principle" by delegates to the Methodist Church Conference here.

According to the Rev. Peter Storey, a conference spokesman, a committee will be appointed to draft specifics of women's ordination for presentation later during the conference.

The committee's recommendations will have to be adopted before the ordination of women can receive final approval, he said.

QUOTABLE QUOTE

"The Gospel cannot be reduced simply to preaching, or to education, or to agricultural techniques. But each of these may be channels through which the Good News of Jesus Christ is conveyed. It is through these channels (and others) that we see the possibilities that all of us may be set free from unnecessary limitations to achieve our full humanity which we see and experience in the life of Jesus Christ."

— From a letter of Rev. James and Nancy Gulley, United Methodist missionaries in Sierra Leone.

Methodism's "Supreme Court," last April.

Poetry Panorama

By Barbara L. Mulkey

True gratitude never flows from a compassionless heart, and sincere thankfulness is usually followed by penitence. "Lord, forgive us for looking at the world with dry eyes."

Charade

Bring me no baskets on Thanksgiving Day,
No canned goods on Christmas Eve;
Buying yourself and your corporate conscience
A three-hundred-sixty-four day reprieve.

You've entered my home each holiday season
Laden with food for the day.
You've eyed the holes in the walls and wondered
Why humans would live this way.

You've come bearing toys for nameless children,
And seen their barefeet on cold floor,
And marvelled how people survived such surroundings...
Backing steadily out the front door.

You've yelled "Merry Christmas" and waved from the yard
To those who have helped play the game;
Then reported next month that the club helped a family,
But you don't remember the name.

When I say it's not worth it, you won't understand,
I doubt if you ever could.
But I'm tired of the annual charade that we play...
Being grateful that you can feel good.

-by Barbara L. Mulkey

Gratitude

Father, we thank Thee from our hearts,
In humble gratitude
For all the blessings Thou has given —
For shelter, clothes and food;
For life and health and liberty,
And freedom in our land,
And all the big essential things —
Gifts of Thy lavish hand.

And yet there are some smaller things —
Some beauties, simple, rare,
That fill our hearts with thankfulness
That they are always there:
The swallow flying high and lone,
The sunset's mellow glow,
The murmured song of meadow brook,
The virgin white of snow.

The blaze of color in the sky
Ere darkness then enfolds
A long long night of blissful rest —
A new-born day that holds
Music of their carefree laughter
When happy children play;
A deep content and happiness
That we could pass this way.

So Lord, we thank Thee from our hearts
For every gift from Thee,
And bow our heads in gratitude
And breathe a hope that we
May show our love and thankfulness
In every field we can
By spreading brotherhood and love
Unto our fellow man.

-by Etta Caldwell Harris