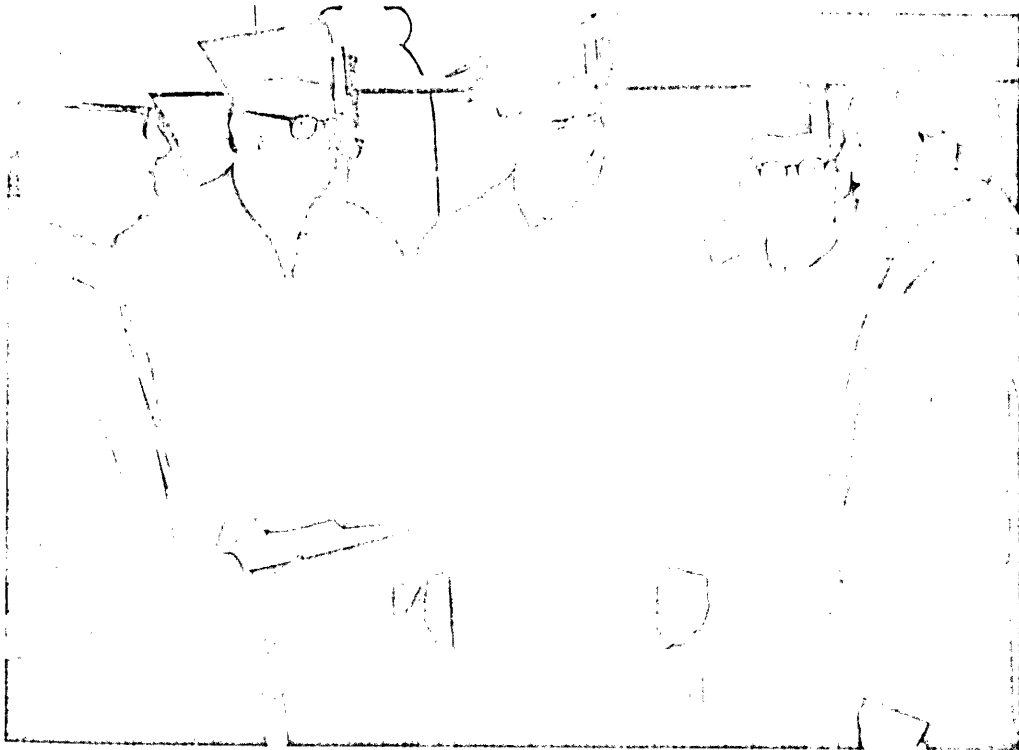


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Bishop Eugene M. Frank (at left), featured speaker for Nov. 28 Convocation at Hendrix College, and President Roy Shilling (right) are shown with three alumni following ceremony at which they were honored with doctoral degrees. Those honored were (left to right): Dr. Charles P. McDonald, superintendent of Fort Smith District; Dr. George Wayne Martin, superintendent of Arkadelphia District, and Victor Zanovich, Little Rock interior decorator and benefactor of Hendrix College.

Bishop Frank speaker for Hendrix Convocation

Bishop Eugene M. Frank accentuated the important place of the Christian college during the recent convocation at which Hendrix College conferred honorary degrees on three alumni.

He said, "A Christian college campus must be a place where youth learn how to accept responsibility in society." He added that the Christian College is an essential extension of the Christian mission.

The honorees were the Rev. Charles P. McDonald, district superintendent of the Fort Smith District of the North Arkansas Annual Conference; the Rev. George W. Martin, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District of the Little Rock Annual Conference; and Victor Zanovich, owner and operator of an interior decorating business in Little Rock.

Dr. Francis Christie, dean of the college, assisted President Roy Shilling as the degree of doctor of divinity was conferred on Mr. McDonald and Mr. Martin and the degree of doctor of fine arts was conferred on Mr. Zanovich.

Dr. McDonald is a native of Fort Smith and has served pastorates in both the North Arkansas and Little Rock annual conferences. He is a graduate of Fort Smith High School, Hendrix College and Perkins School of Theology. His pastorates have included Holly Grove, Ozark, Pocahontas, Dewitt and Central Church, Rogers. He has served as chairman of the Board of the Ministry of the North Arkansas

Conference and as dean of the Arkansas Pastors' School.

Dr. Martin has also served as a pastor in the North Arkansas and Little Rock annual conferences. He is a native of Conway County where he finished high school. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and of Perkins School of Theology. He was the first pastor of Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. Other pastoral appointments have included associate pastor of First Church, Little Rock; Salem Methodist Church, Trinity United Methodist Church, Little Rock; and First United Methodist Church,

Malvern.

Mr. Zanovich has designed and decorated the interior of numerous buildings and private homes in Arkansas. He has contributed greatly to the beauty of Hendrix, in that he has been the decorator of Trieschmann Fine Arts Building, Grove Gymnasium, Buhler Biology Building, Veasey Hall, Hardin Hall and the President's Home.

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

United Methodism's membership shows decrease, giving sets record

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Membership in the United Methodist Church in the United States is now 10,334,521, the denomination's statistical office said here November 21.

The new official membership figure is a decrease of 174,677 from a year ago. In addition to the full members, there are 1,731,764 preparatory members.

Total giving for all church causes was a record \$843,103,000 for fiscal 1971, on an adjusted basis, an increase of \$23,158,000 from fiscal 1970, or 2.8 per cent. The financial summary is on an adjusted basis because not all the denomination's annual confer-

ences are on a calendar year fiscal period, according to the Rev. John L. Schreiber, head of the statistical office.

Other membership statistics show an average attendance of 3,699,172 at the principal weekly worship service in 39,626 organized local churches, a decrease of 66,628 from a year ago. The number of organized churches is a drop of 428 from a year ago.

Enrollment in church school membership fell 254,515 to a total of 5,380,147. Average attendance in educational programs fell 126,439 to 2,986,134.

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Murfreesboro

Church dedicated

Bishop Eugene M. Frank was the guest preacher for morning worship and officiated at dedication ceremonies at the Murfreesboro United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 12. Dr. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent, the Rev. Ray Burrow, pastor, and the Revs. Robert Johnson, James Shaddox and James Richardson, former pastors, assisted with the dedication.

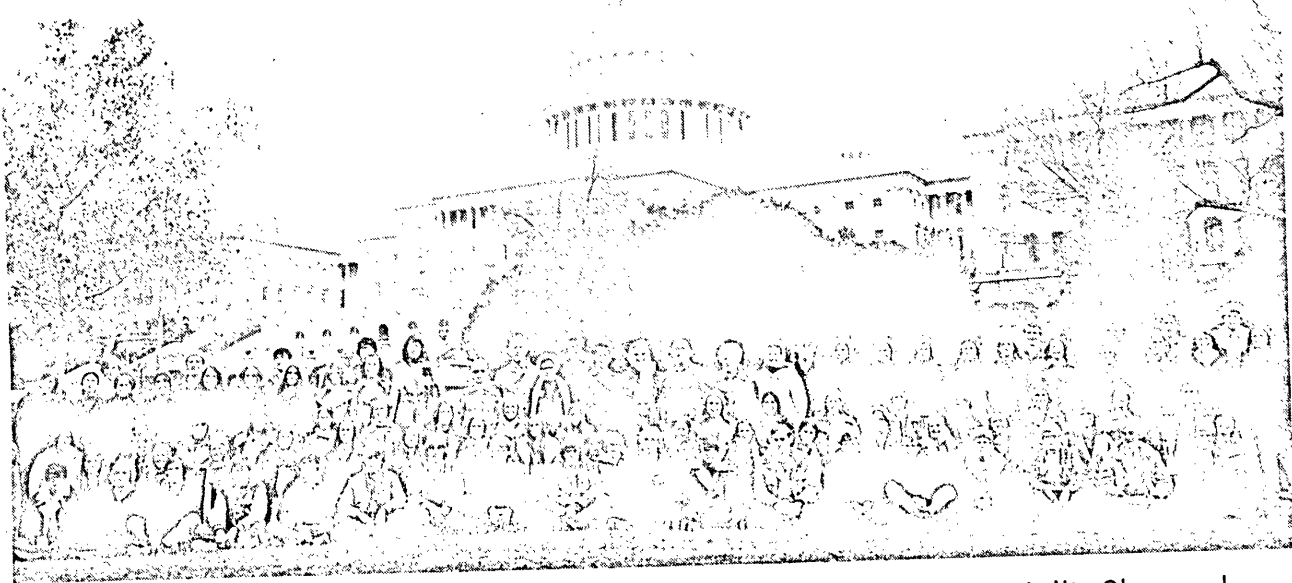
The present church structure of red brick colonial design was completed in 1963. A brief history of the church written by Mrs. Roland Bryant, a member, states that the congregation was "organized in 1841 by the Rev. Jessie Jenkins and the Rev. M. E. Alford with a Rev. Benedict serving as its first pastor." The history continues, "Former pastors serving this church were: Revs. W. W. Christie, B. F. Fitzhugh, M. O. Barnett, J. R. Rushing, C. C. Powell, E. S. Cook, George L. Cagle, J. D. Montgomery, George W. Williams, F. P. Doak, I. A. Love, C. D. Code, A. C. Rogers, George W. Robertson, C. C. Van Zandt, Noel Cross, Eldred Blakely, Omma Daniel, Robert Johnson, James Shaddox, James Richardson, Harold Brent and our present pastor Ray Barrow."

The Nov. 12 ceremonies featured special music by the Chancel and Youth Choirs under the direction of Dr. C. F. Shuckers. The congregation and visitors gathered in the church's fellowship hall for dinner following the dedication.

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CHRISTIAN CIVIC FOUNDATION MOVES OFFICES

"The offices of the Christian Civic Foundation were moved on Nov. 13 from the location in the Walden Building, which they had occupied since 1959, the year of organization, to 1007 Donaghey Building, directly across Seventh Street. The move was made necessary because of the location of Blue-Cross Blue-Shield Medicare program on the third floor, and their need for additional space. The new quarters in the Donaghey Building are slightly smaller, but more modern, convenient and more adaptable to our needs. In addition, there is an important saving of \$15 per month in rent. The telephone number is the same, 372-0318. We would welcome mail and visits at the new address from all of our friends."



The nation's Capitol provides the dramatic backdrop for the 82 youth and 10 adults shown above who comprised the Little Rock Conference United Nations Tour group sponsored by the Conference Council on Ministries Office (five of the youth were from North Arkansas Conference). Adults who accompanied the youth on the Nov. 18-26 tour included the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, conference coordinator of Youth Ministries, and Mrs. Arnold; the Rev. David Hankins, tour guide, and Mrs. Hankins; Mr.

and Mrs. J. B. Johnson; Mrs. Lillie Olson, and Mrs. Blanche Scruggs - all of Little Rock, and Mrs. Allen Bonsall of Magnolia. The tour was highlighted by visits to many widely known places of interest in the Washington and New York areas, a Broadway play, Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, and en route home the group stopped overnight at Nashville, Tenn. where they viewed The Upper Room Chapel and attended the Grand Ole Opry.

Hendrix College Choir to present annual Candlelight Carol Service

The Hendrix College Choir will present their annual Candlelight Carol Service in Greene Chapel on the Hendrix campus Dec. 3, 5 and 7, under the direction of Robert Gill. The service will be presented at 4:30 and 8 p.m. Sunday and at 8 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday.

The presentation is the story of Christmas in scripture and song. The procession of the 56-member choir singing "Once in Royal David's City" has become a tradition as they have presented the service throughout the state and because of public demand four times on the Hendrix campus.

The music in the service is comprised of familiar and less familiar carols from many nations as well as choral literature drawn from great composers of the last three centuries. Selected choir members read from the scriptures telling of the birth of Christ while the congregation is drawn into the service in the singing of several hymns.

Prelude music will be played by Lynn Killgore, a junior organ major from Fayetteville and the service will be played by Mary Jane Goss, a senior organ major from North Little Rock.

McGill came to Hendrix in 1962 as teacher of organ and choral conducting, and director of the choir. Since then he has organized the Madrigal Singers, which also tour with the Choir, and the Hendrix Chorus of over 120 voices. Under his leadership the Choir has traveled extensively throughout the Midwest, and in the summer of 1970 spent five weeks on a European concert tour through six countries.

McGill has organized and directed a number of choral workshops and festivals; he is widely known as a conductor and adjudicator for regional choral and all-state events. He has given organ recitals at both state and regional conventions of the American Guild of Organists.

During the summer which the Choir spent in Europe, it received numerous accolades: "This choir sings with compelling power and with an almost instrumental tonal structure." Heidelberg, Germany *Tagblatt*; "That in the New World the old music, with professional joy and knowledge, is being kept alive, was proved conclusively by the Hendrix College Choir." Linzer Volksblatt in Linz, Austria.

'Faith at Work' Conference is planned

The 1973 "Faith at Work in Arkansas" Conference is planned for Jan. 12-14 at the Royale Vista Inn in Hot Springs, according to the brochure prepared recently by the planning committee.

Conference leadership will include: Bob Herlong, executive director of Halawaka Spiritual Retreat Center, Columbus, Ga., who is conference leader; and Creath Davis, executive director of Christian Concern Foundation, Dallas, Tex.; Clyde Knight, ministerial student, Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; and Chris Knight, youth department of First

United Methodist Church, Jonesboro. The registration fee for adults is \$7.50 and for youth it is \$5. Registrations are being sent to Bill Brown, 1111 Robin Road, Jonesboro, Ark. 72401.

Double rooms at the Royale Vista are \$18.00 for double occupancy and \$13 for single occupancy. Meals will be \$8 per day for 3 meals, or \$16 each for the entire conference. Youth room arrangements are being made available at \$6 each per day (four in a room.)

The conference begins with supper, Friday, Jan. 12, 6 p.m. and concludes with lunch Sunday, Jan. 14.

Only 350 people can be accommodated, so it is important that registrations be sent in as soon as possible. Reservations will be made in the order they are received. Meetings will be open only to those who have registered.



Bishop Eugene M. Frank (second from left) shown officiating at Nov. 19 dedication of the Dover Parish parsonage. Assisting were (left to right) Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent; the Rev. J. C. Wright, pastor, and Levi Cummings, master of ceremonies. The charge includes St. Paul, Moreland and Dover churches.

Arkansas' share in HPI Capital Fund drive \$125,000

Herbert H. McAdams, chairman of the board and chief executive officer of Union National Bank, will be the general chairman in Arkansas for Heifer Project International's Capital Fund Drive.

The world headquarters of HPI, a charitable, non-sectarian organization is in Little Rock. The 1200-acre Fourche River Ranch in Perry County is HPI's facility for collecting, raising and distributing animals worldwide.

McAdams said, "The international humanitarian aspects of HPI's self-help program for the world's needy are most impressive. Here at home, we want to help HPI achieve full equity in the Fourche River Ranch, their international base of operation. That's the objective of our Arkansas campaign to be launched next spring. Our goal as the host community is to raise \$125,000, which is one-sixth of the national goal of \$750,000."

Pointing out Arkansas' rapidly expanding role in the international field, McAdams said, "Heifer Project International, home based in Arkansas is another program that is turning the eyes of the world on our state. In addition to help from HPI, the peoples of the world will benefit from the information evolving from the program now underway at the National Center for Toxicological Research near Pine Bluff; this great research effort will reveal to all countries the safety factors involving the chemical substances in man's food and drugs-and in his total environment."

Commenting on the around the world activities of Heifer Project International, McAdams expressed confidence that Arkansas will give their wholehearted support to help HPI gain full ownership of the ranch in Perry County. "I believe we will all be proud to contribute to this modest HPI Capital Fund Drive. HPI's main operation is in Arkansas, and the project demonstrates its concern for the world's needy through living gifts of animals that keep on giving. Every family receiving an HPI animal gives the animal's first offspring to a needy neighbor."

Editorials

Counseling with a distinctive flair

During a recent symposium a Menninger Foundation psychologist called on pastors who doubt the efficacy of their own roles in counseling in comparison with other helping professions to take heart and make more use of the tools that are distinctively theirs.

Dr. Paul W. Pruyser of Topeka, addressing clergymen and their wives attending a symposium on pastoral psychology at Lutheran Hospital of Milwaukee, said that heavy exposure to technical-psychological teaching, thoughtless copying of health and social workers, and a degree of superficiality in appropriating psychiatric knowledge had all contributed to what he called "the current crisis in authentic pastoral work."

"And to the extent that many of my colleagues and I have contributed to this situation," Dr. Pruyser said, "it is time to say *nostra culpa*. But I think I cannot leave things merely with this expression of corporate guilt. I think I should use my professional knowledge now in calling attention to the riches pastors have, and challenging them to their conscious and decisive use."

Pastors have something nobody else has, Dr. Pruyser said. He cited "the psychological and social right to take pastoral initiative in calling, visiting and making contact," whether for consolation or exhortation. "This traditional pastoral right stems from the minister's combined roles as shepherd of the flock, worship leader, unifier of community, and concerned critic of the ways of sinful man," he went on.

Too often, however, except in abject crisis situations this right of pastoral visiting tends to be ignored, Dr. Pruyser said. And when it is carried out, it carries the risk of lack of a clear goal and "an innocuous, indistinct style."

"Pastoral conversations," he said, "may be as bland as chit-

chat about the weather, out of misplaced fear that people do not want to engage in weightier discussions, that they hate to be confronted and resent being taken to task."

"Pastoral calls are often minimized, or merely take the form of passive availability for decorous or friendly dinner invitations, on the assumption that people really do not want to be visited unless they themselves do the inviting."

Dr. Pruyser asked pastors to be aware of two things:

"One is that pastoral conversations, if properly conducted require considerable skill and form a distinct art, the perfection of which should rank very high among the pastor's many functions. He should never consider conversing a waste of time or feel guilty for spending much time and effort on it.

"The other is that most people are lonely and harassed enough, and sufficiently discontent with themselves, to appreciate being visited by a man who is sincere in seeking a human encounter and symbolizes by his presence, invited or uninvited, the more enduring of all relationships."

Dr. Pruyser is a frequent contributor to Pastoral Psychology magazine, and is the author of numerous works on the relationship of religion, psychiatry and psychology.

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Ecumenism at the grass roots

The heads of national and regional Roman Catholic Ecumenical Commissions from more than 70 nations recently gathered at Vatican City to try to find out why the Christian unity movement has not seeped down to the grass-roots level as rapidly as the Vatican thinks it should have.

The major emphasis of the eight-day meeting was on the synthesis of reports on the situation submitted by the Commissions over the last several months and expressing their feelings on what order of priority should be followed in stepping up ecumenism among the average Catholic man and woman in the pew and the local clergyman.

This was only the second international meeting of the Commission heads since ecumenical groups were ordered set up by Vatican II. The first meeting was held in 1967.

A spokesman said, "The Commissions have submitted a great batch of recommendations for consideration and from these we hope the delegates here will be able to select a list of the major ideas that we can in some way pass along in the future to help the movement."

He noted that an official Vatican Ecumenical Directory already exists and is being used throughout the world as a general blueprint for Christian unity action.

"This directory deals with the ecumenical movement at the grass-roots level but not in the detail which we feel is necessary. We find that the people just don't want any more rules and laws or any addition to the directory in the form of legislation."

Instead, the official said, "the people today want facts, ideas

and above all, inspiration. Therefore, we must listen to what these delegates come up with and then try what looks good and solid and see if it proves out from a practical standpoint."

But, he said, the Secretariat is set against "getting stuck with more laws that will be outdated by the movement in less than ten years." He said some of the avenues suggested by the commissions included a master plan for the formation of laymen for teaching the fundamentals of ecumenism at the parish level.

There is a probability, the official noted, that there will be some discussion about "the workability and practicality of cooperation with other Christian churches on the publication of religion-oriented newspapers and other journals of information.

In 1967 such a meeting centered its attention on the possibility of Catholic Church membership in predominantly Protestant councils of churches throughout the world.

"Today there are about a dozen areas in the states where the Catholic Church has full membership in the state Council of churches or city councils," one spokesman noted. "The same is true in other parts of the world, and there still is the matter of the Church on the international level one day becoming a full member of the World Council of Churches."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Some 200 Christian radio and television communicators representing a broad spectrum of religion in North America met last week in St. Petersburg, Fla. to "assess the impact of the mass media on the lives of all people." The theme of the Nov. 27-30 sessions for the North American Broadcast Section of the World Assn. for Christian Communication was "Persuasion in a Pluralistic World." The Rev. Charles Swann, chairman of the steering committee, said the importance of the organization is that "it is an ecumenical group of Americans and Canadians coming together around a concern for communication . . ."

A Harris opinion survey which polled a national cross-section of 1,648 households regarding confidence in religious leaders, showed that 30 per cent of those questioned have "a great deal of confidence" in them this year compared with 27 per cent in 1971. Analyzing the results, Harris commented that religious leaders "have their biggest problem among affluent groups." He concluded that "people are looking for much better leadership to emerge within the major institutions in our society, and this demand can make the seats of power rather precarious in the years ahead."

The American Bible Society has made available a large print edition of "The Psalms for Modern Man" in Today's English Version. The new editions were published in response to numerous requests from individuals, clergymen, homes for the aged, nursing homes and hospitals. One of the newest innovations of the printing industry—an automated printing process—was used. Collated books were delivered as complete units at the rate of 2,000 per hour.

Seven Lutheran campus pastors and seven Lutheran military chaplains, representing two of the church's most controversial ministries met in San Francisco recently to discuss changes in the institutions they serve. After 24 hours of intensive dialogue they agreed that they had changed opinions about each other's ministries, and they suggested "pulpit exchanges" or other methods by which similar conversations between the campus and military communities might produce similarly successful results. The Rev. Jerry Pederson of California State University said after the conference, "I see our mutual task as helping to create a climate for healing."

"The Joy of the Christian" will be the theme of the 1973 Worldwide Week of Prayer sponsored Jan. 7-14 by the Evangelical Alliance, according to an announcement in London. The Week of Prayer, originated in Britain in the 19th Century, is observed in many countries in the world.

An agreement designed to improve relations between the Lutheran and Methodist Churches in East Germany has been signed by their respective bishops. The two bishops have endorsed an agreement that recognizes each other's baptisms, confirmations and weddings, declares readiness to share each other's church facilities, and outlines regulations for transferring membership from one Church to the other. The Lutheran Church of Saxony has a membership of about 2,750,000. East German Methodists, most of whom are concentrated in Saxony, number about 37,000.

Father Morris Flick, S.J., long-time professor of Dogmatic Theology at Rome's Gregorian University, said that Pope Paul's recently publicized address on the reality and pervasive influence of the Devil was "important" and "opportune" in its reminder that there is no obstacle to salvation that cannot be overcome "through Christ the Savior." "One of the great needs of our time is a defense against the evil we call the Devil . . . We know from the Gospels that he is a living, spiritual being . . . truly existing and still acting with treacherous astuteness," the pontiff said as he reminded his listeners that union with Christ, the Savior, was the best defense against "the Prince of this world."

According to a survey of 105,000 high school juniors and seniors, listed in the 1971-72 Who's Who Among American High School Students, subsidies for parochial and private schools were opposed by a margin of 57 per cent to 38 per cent. This level of opposition is said to be roughly the same as that of adults, as registered in opinion polls and referendum elections.

The United Methodist Office for the United Nations is expanding its program to the West Coast. For a one-year experimental period, a series of seminars on peace, justice and international issues will be organized from a San Francisco base, according to Mia Adjali, director of the denomination's U.N. work. The U.N. program is jointly sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Church and Society and the Women's Division of Global Ministries.

The most pressing question before U.S. Churches is whether they are prepared to take up the cross of Christ and "die in the struggle to make life more human," Dr. Philip A. Potter, new head of the World Council of Churches (Geneva-based) said in New York. The black Methodist, born in the West Indies, made the statement as he addressed 410 persons at a dinner honoring him and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, the retiring general secretary. It was his first public appearance in the U.S. since his election as chief executive of the WCC, which has 262 Protestant and Orthodox member Churches.



NEW YORK — Dr. Jerome H. Holland (left), former U.S. Ambassador to Sweden, is given the National Conference of Christians and Jews' Eighth Charles Evans Hughes Award for "courageous leadership in governmental service" by former Ambassador Robert D. Murphy, NCCJ national co-chairman. Amb. Holland, the former president of Hampton Institute and Delaware State College, and the first black director of the New York Stock Exchange, was honored by the NCCJ for his courageous and unprecedented leadership in the promotion of good human relations during his service as Ambassador to Sweden. (RNS Photo)

The first bishops of Maryland of the Roman Catholic, Episcopal and Methodist Churches are depicted on a new stained glass window in the Washington (Episcopal) Cathedral. Archbishop John Carroll, founder of Jesuit-related Georgetown University, Episcopal Bishop Thomas Clagett, and Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury are honored in the window which is about five feet tall.

Peace has become part of the normal pattern of life for the first time in 17 years as an increasing number of refugees return home to Southern Sudan—some from neighboring countries and many more who have come out of hiding in the bush. Following an agreement reached in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia, in March 1972, between the Sudan government in Khartoum and Anya-Nya forces in the south, reconciliation has moved ahead. The All Africa Conference of Churches and the World Council of Churches were instrumental in bringing about the peace agreement, according to a Religious News Service correspondent.

The Rev. William V. Longbrake, executive of the United Presbyterian Synod of Wisconsin, is slated to take a similar post in the Synod of the Rocky Mountains. The Wisconsin Synod will go out of existence in January and become part of the newly-formed Synod of Lakes and Prairies, composed of six states with headquarters at Minneapolis. Longbrake has been nominated as interim executive of the Rocky Mountain Synod, which is also new and which covers Colorado, Utah, Wyoming, Montana, and the western tip of Nebraska. It is anticipated that he will be elected at a synod meeting Jan. 3 in Denver.

The Old Testament books of Proverbs and Ecclesiastes have been published by the American Bible Society in Today's English Version. The paperback volume containing the two books known as "wisdom literature" is part of a translation project which in 1966 brought out "Good News for Modern Man," the best-selling version of the New Testament. A complete Old Testament volume is expected to be ready for release in 1976.

Georgia Baptists celebrating their 150th anniversary as a state convention in conjunction with their annual meeting in Savannah, also approved the merger of Mercer University in Macon, founded in 1833, and Atlanta Baptist College, which opened for classes in 1966. Mercer has about 2,000 students on its Macon campus and another 300 in the Southern School of Pharmacy of Mercer, in Atlanta. The Atlanta Baptist College has about 400 students and has struggled with financial difficulties from its beginning. Leaders called the annual meeting the most "inspirational and harmonious" of the Georgia Baptist Convention in recent memory.

"When we get to middle age we have not reached the Promised Land," the Rev. Frank A. Kostyu—a United Church of Christ minister and pastoral counselor says in his new book *How to Spark A Marriage When the Kids Leave Home*. "To discover ways to make a marriage in the middle years more flexible, happy and enduring is not easy unless you've been working at it all along," he writes. "Anything worthwhile requires and demands effort."

A Governor General's Youth Award has been presented to the Methodist Youth Movement in Palmerston North, a provincial center 90 miles north of Wellington, New Zealand. Governor General Sir Arthur Porritt, made the award in recognition of service rendered in two projects—making regular visits to mentally handicapped people at a hospital and training school, and operating a "drop-in" social center for young people. About 20 of the 80 members of the youth group drive 35 miles at least once a month to show their concern and interest at the hospital and training school.

Methodist Community in Estonia (USSR) comes to light

NEW YORK (UMI) — In an apparently heretofore unpublicized telegram, the head of the Methodist Church in Estonia, Russia, said he is "glad that the connections between the USSR and the USA are growing better." He also expressed his hope for peace through negotiations, especially in "much-suffered Vietnam" and wished President Nixon well in his May visit to Moscow.

An article in the November issue of *World Parish* by the Rev. A. Kuum, Estonian superintendent, told of a Methodist community in a city in the Ukraine, far to the south of Estonia where all of Russia's Methodists were thought to be located. So far as can be determined, the existence of this outpost was not known to U.S. United Methodists before Mr. Kuum's reference. In the same article, he reported Estonian Methodists celebrated their 65th anniversary last July and membership stands at 2,300, highest in the small church's history.

World Parish is the monthly news/information journal of the World Methodist Council. It is published at the Council's offices at Lake Junaluska, N.C. Editor is the Rev. Russell L. Young, Jr., of the Council staff. The circulation is international.

In telling of the church in the Soviet Union, Mr. Kuum described the Estonian church and then wrote: "At Uzhgorod, Trans-Carpathians, there is living a group of Methodists. They have stayed there from the time of the war. Some of them have visited Tallinn (capital of Estonia.) April 7-9 Supt. A. Kuum and deacon A. Tikenberg visited them."

Uzhgorod is an industrial city of about 47,000 in the western Ukraine, on the border of Czechoslovakia. The existence of a Methodist community there has not been reported in America heretofore, so far as is known. It is possible Methodists migrated from Estonia. There are small Methodist Churches in Hungary and Czechoslovakia, and in recent years Uzhgorod has been in both countries — in Czechoslovakia until the Nazi takeover in 1938 when it went to Hungary. It was absorbed into the Soviet Union in 1945.

Methodist work began in northern Russia in 1889 and flourished until the 1920s, when contact was lost. When Estonia and the other Baltic states became part of the Soviet Union in 1940, those in Estonia were believed to be the only Methodists in Russia — until Mr. Kuum's current report.

Of the Estonia church, he said it has reached 2,300 members, 700 more than his reported pre-World War II high of 1,600, of whom half "perished or were scattered during the war."

"God has shown mercy," the superintendent wrote in *World Parish*, and there are now 15 churches, including a congregation of 1,170 in Tallinn where "for lack of space," services are held at 8 and 10 a.m. Sunday and at 5 and 7 p.m. Tuesday and Thursdays. The Tallinn church has 24 deacons who "without salary are helping in the work of preaching and taking care of souls." There are seven choirs and an orchestra.

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Program Directors to Local Churches

PLANNING FOR CHRISTMAS AND THE NEW YEAR

Last week in this column mention was made of Family Worship in the home, Christmas plays and candlelight services. This week additional resources to help in planning for Christmas and the New Year are to be listed under the umbrella of films and filmstrips. A few words of caution are advisable here:

1. Never use an audiovisual aid as the whole program — for visual aids are at best supplementary material.
2. Always set up your equipment well in advance of the showing of a film or filmstrip. Double check the room for proper darkness.
3. Be sure you know the message of the film. Preview it in advance.
4. Order films and other aids early. Use them with care, and return them promptly.

CHRISTMAS

Bells at Christmas. 43 Frames. Color or paintings. Record approx. 20 min. Age level: Primary through Adults. The stories of Christmas and Christmas bell lore are combined to produce a most unusual and delightful program.

CHRISTMAS AGAIN. Filmstrip seeking to help persons make the Christmas season fresh and meaningful; this filmstrip mainly depicts the Christmas Story in biblical scenes made up of wood-carved figures. The narration is taken from the King James Version of the birth of Christ, with accompanying carols. 40 frames, record.

CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD. 35mm, 18 minutes, color. OLDER PRIMARY through ADULT. Sequence of customs pictured and described on 33 rpm record of countries throughout the world with reminder that these varied customs are all ways to remember Jesus' birthday.

Christmas in the Arts. 40 Frames. Record approx. 15 min. Age level: Juniors through Adults. The Christmas story from Annunciation through coming of the Wise Men illustrated by great masterpieces of religious art as depicted since the Sixth Century by artists from many lands. Color and detail captured in superb closeups and appropriately emphasized in the accompanying recorded narration.

CHRISTMAS IN THE FAMILY. 35mm, 45 frames, ANY AGE GROUP, FAMILY PROGRAM. Background features carols by Mitchell Boys' Choir. A lonely widow watches from her window as the family next door prepares for Christmas. She is adopted as a substitute grandmother by little Betsy, who asks why Jesus doesn't get presents on His birthday.

CHRISTMAS RIDDLE. 35mm, 35 frames, color PRIMARY AND JUNIOR to supplement Christmas lessons, with FAMILY GROUPS AND GENERAL CHURCH AUDIENCES in special Christmas programs.

THE CHRISTMAS STORY — 35 mm, 32 frames, record (one side of record for children, other for adults). Visualization of the traditional Christmas story including pilgrimage of shepherds and wisemen.

GREEN WHISTLES CAN'T SING GLORY TO GOD. 35mm. A group of children discuss events of the first Christmas and reminisce about their own Christmas celebrations. Both the script and the art work are the result of the children's exploration into the meaning of Christmas. ELEMNTARY I-III.

HOW WE GOT OUR CHRISTMAS CAROLS. 35mm, 43 frames, color. Interesting, carefully documented stories of the origin of many Christmas carols. May be used as a complete Christmas program of about 20 minutes, or use music, scripture, or poetry before and after, if longer program desired. JUNIORS THROUGH ADULTS.

IT BEGAN IN BETHLEHEM 35 mm, 15 minutes, color, JUNIOR through ADULT. Worship and inspiration discussion. Relation of the nativity including Old Testament prophecy, annunciation, journey to Bethlehem, proclamation of the angels to the shepherds, birth of Jesus. Last scene is a cross, pointing out the theme. His birth was part of a continuing event.

Love at Christmas. 45 Frames. Record approx. 18 min. Age level: Juniors through Adults. Through art, narration and music, this beautiful sound filmstrip presents a meaningful Christmas worship service. God's love for man is revealed in the birth of the Savior. In this gift is found new wonder and amazement at God's unfailing love. The filmstrip concludes with man's response to God as man reaches out with love for his fellowman. Music by Augsburg College Choir, with organ background by Paul Manz. Uses: Christmas worship services, church parties, youth and adult groups.

MAKING CHRISTMAS CHRISTIAN 35mm, 36 frames, 12 min. color. USE LATE NOVEMBER...EARLY DECEMBER ONLY. PRIMARY-ADULTS. Effectiveness lost if shown too close to Christmas day. Story of a family who plan and do together a variety of things to maintain a creative Christmas spirit in their home. Their activities serve as suggestions for viewers to try family traditions, make gifts and decorations, remember family helpers and friends, build a miniature creche, observe seasonal worship in the home. Ideas are concrete, not trite, and the stress on activity as a family carries year-round implications.

The Other Wise Man. 59 Frames. Color paintings. Record approx. 18 min. Opp. side: Christmas carillon for public address systems. Age level: Juniors through Adults. In this fictional work "The Other Wise Man" is Artaban, a Magi of Persia. He misses a planned rendezvous with the Biblical Three Wise Men while performing an act of mercy, and spends his life seeking the Messiah alone. While doing so, he uses gifts intended for

Jesus to help others in trouble. Injured in the earthquake following the Crucifixion, he finds his King as he lies dying; for he hears the voice of Jesus blessing his acts of service. Uses: Epiphany. Christmas. Lent-Easter. Life of service. Devotional.

TELL ME ABOUT CHRISTMAS. 35mm, 16 minutes. Ages 6-11. Use a week or two before Christmas, and with church school classes, worship, Christmas parties, FAMILY GROUPS in the church. Through happy family activities in the weeks before Christmas, Bobby, Mary, and parents discover how Christmas is for knowing God loves us, and for loving God and each other. This is a visualization of Mary Alice Jones' popular book. 49 frames. . Offers ADULTS encouragement to plan for a more significant holiday observance.

NEW YEAR'S

GOLD D LOX AND THE FIVE BEARS — 35mm filmstrip — It tries to say something pungent about contemporary American family life and to lead groups to evaluate their own situations. It hopes to show why Christian education ought to be rooted in the family.

A FRIENDLY GAME — 16mm. An affable young white man in a chess club invites a friendly stranger, a black man to play with him. The "friendly game" that follows is not just a game of chess but a game in human relations — subtle and a little terrifying. 10 minutes.

HAMMES FOR A HOUSE (two parts . . . total 22 minutes) requires use of Super 8 projector. SENIOR HIGH through ADULT. To stimulate discussion on the challenge of black economic development and its implication for the life of a congregation as they study question of black economic development.

The Lord's Prayer. 16 mm. film—Color. This film presents Dr. Ralph Sockman and his commentary on the significance of this prayer in our lives. The motion picture camera captures the vast panoramas of the glories of nature, and appropriate music by the famous Westminster Choir underscores the beauty of this photograph.

TRACTOR ON THE OCEAN. Agricultural missions in the Congo and the part a tractor plays in it. (Ed Matthews plays the main role—after the tractor.) 16mm.

WESLEY AND HIS ITEMS. 15 minutes. . . 16mm . . . color. How the Wesleyan movement was founded and grew in England with parallel implications between the social problems of Wesley's England and those of our own time. A shortened version of the motion picture, John Wesley, with new narration.

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YOUR FILMS EARLY AND
RETURN THE FOLLOWING DAY
AFTER YOUR SHOWING.**

NEWS and NOTES

THE LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Workshop will be held Thursday night, Dec. 7 in the Pulaski Heights Church. Instructors include Mrs. Pat Paulus for the course "Faith and Justice"; Mrs. E. T. Davenport, "India"; the Rev. Ed Hollenbeck, "Romans"; and Mrs. Diane Jones will lead the Children's Division.

THE WYNNE HIGH SCHOOL District 4AA Championship Football Team was honored at a recent morning worship service in First United Methodist Church of Wynne. The Rev. William M. Wilder spoke on "This Matter of Winning."

MIDLAND HEIGHTS United Methodist Men met in Fort Smith on Nov. 27 for the monthly covered dish dinner. The program featured Thomas E. Prewitt, principal of the high school in Booneville and Methodist lay speaker. The Rev. Pryor Cruce was host pastor.

POCAHONTAS UNITED Methodists observed Layman's Day on Nov. 26. Jake Foster presided and Bent Hotze was the speaker. An all male choir was accompanied by George Edwards. The Rev. G. A. McKelvey is their pastor.

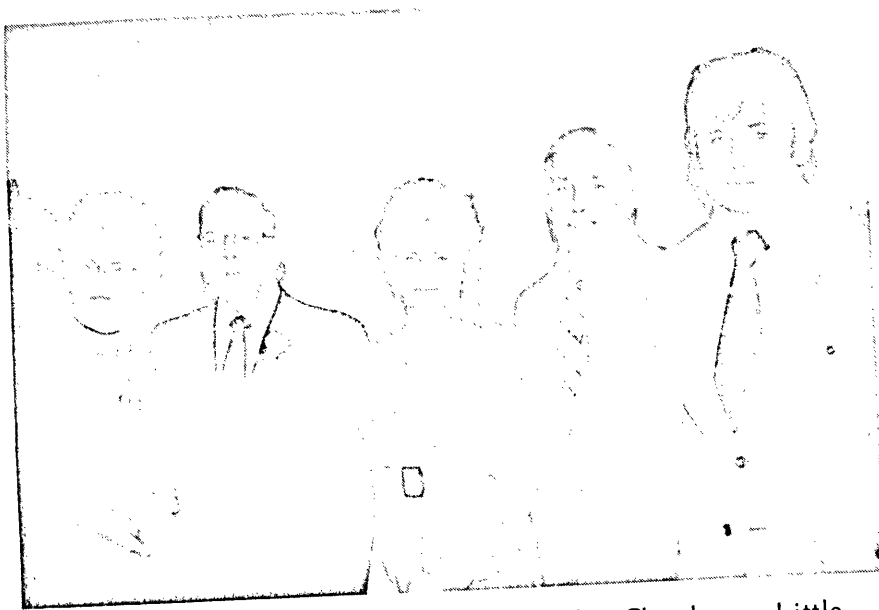
THE GOLDEN WEDDING anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Arvel Hicks was observed on Sunday, Dec. 3, at a reception in First United Methodist Church of Corning.

A SKILLS WORKSHOP for teachers was held in First Church, North Little Rock, Nov. 27. The staff included: Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton, Nursery; Mrs. Robert Williams, Kindergarten; Mrs. Verna Maxwell, Mrs. A. W. Taylor and the Rev. William Haltom, Elementary; the Rev. Bill Williams and Bonda Sue Deere, Youth; and the Rev. Bob Edwards, Adults. The Rev. Earl Carter was host pastor.

DR. FRED R. HARRISON, retired Methodist minister now living in Malvern, was guest preacher at First Church, Des Arc, Sunday morning, Nov. 26. Mrs. Harrison was also present, and the occasion was in honor of all retired ministers and their wives. Dr. Harrison was the first retired minister to speak in the new sanctuary at Des Arc, where the Rev. Bennie R. Ruth is pastor.

DR. MARSHALL T. STEEL, immediate past president of Hendrix College and former pastor of Highland Park Church in Dallas, brought the message in the Mabelvale Church, Little Rock, at the morning service, Dec. 3. Layman Ed Noller conducted the service. The Rev. Joe Arnold, associate director of the Conference Council on Ministries, preached at the evening service, with Paul Bowen presiding. Dr. Arthur Terry is the pastor.

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A reception in Pride Valley United Methodist Church near Little Rock, Nov. 26, honored the Rev. and Mrs. E. D. Galloway (at left) on their 50th wedding anniversary. Hosting the occasion were a nephew, Kenneth Thompson and his wife, Mae, from Macon, Ga., and their son, Larry, of Memphis. Many relatives and friends from former parishes attended. Mr. Galloway served in the Little Rock Conference beginning with the Oak Hill Circuit in 1918. Other pastorates included: Forest Park in Little Rock, Keo-Tomberlin, Henderson in L.R., Grady-Gould, Vantrease in El Dorado, Hamburg, DeQueen, Warren, Pulaski Heights, and First Church in Hot Springs. He served as superintendent of the Hope District and retired in 1964 after serving as Little Rock District superintendent for six years. Mrs. Galloway (Sarah) was Conference WSCS president from 1946-50, and has served as president of the Aldersgate Camp Board of Directors.

MRS. LUCIA HINES GRIFFIN passed away on Sept. 4, 1972, at the age of 89. She was a charter member of the Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Camden District, and is sadly missed by members of the church, according to the Rev. Earl Mathis.

THE REV. H. W. JINSKE, retired, spoke to a group of senior citizens in Hot Springs recently on the subject "The United States Supreme Court, Its Background and Function." On Nov. 19, he addressed the Unitarian Fellowship of Hot Springs on the theme "A Time for Greatness."

THE REV. WILLIAM M. WILDER, pastor of the First United Methodist Church at Wynne brought the message at the annual union Thanksgiving Service at First Baptist Church in Wynne. Mr. Wilder is president of the Wynne Ministerial Alliance.

THE REV. BENNIE G. RUTH, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Des Arc, preached at the Annual Union Thanksgiving service Wednesday night Nov. 22. The union service is sponsored by the Des Arc Ministerial Alliance which Mr. Ruth serves as vice-president.

JOINT THANKSGIVING services were held for the Marked Tree area at First Baptist Church, Nov. 22 at 7:00 p.m. Churches participating included First United Methodist and the Church of God. The Rev. Bob Orr, United Methodist minister, gave the sermon. Music was by the Baptist Choir, under the direction of Mack Howerton. The Rev. Bernard Beasley was host pastor. Dr. C. G. Swingle, Methodist layman, dismissed the service with prayer.

CLAY COUNTY United Methodist Men will meet on Thursday, Dec. 7 at the Piggott United Methodist Church for the quarterly supper meeting.

DR. RALPH HILLIS, Jonesboro District superintendent, was the speaker in the Central Baptist Church of Jonesboro at union services, Thanksgiving morning. Special music was by the Jonesboro High School Hurricane Choir. Radio Stations KNEA and KBTM broadcast the program. Wednesday evening union services were held at the First Assembly of God Church.

THE REV. WILLIAM WATSON, Methodist minister, gave the Thanksgiving message in First Baptist Church of Blytheville, during union services Sunday evening, Nov. 19. The event was sponsored by the Blytheville Area Ministers Association.

DR. SAM NADER, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Fort Smith, was the speaker in the Southside Baptist Church during union Thanksgiving morning services.

THE HUGHES UNION Thanksgiving service was held in the Presbyterian Church with the Rev. D. Kern Johnson, pastor of the United Methodist Church, bringing the message and the Rev. Carol Evans, Baptist minister, participating. Dr. James W. Clark was host pastor.

THE MARIANNA COMMUNITY Thanksgiving service was held in First United Methodist Church, Nov. 22, with the Rev. Max Goins, pastor of the First Christian Church, bringing the message. Host minister was the Rev. Leonard Byers.

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. 10—Sunday	Psalm 85:8-13
Dec. 11	Isa. 26:1-11
Dec. 12	Isa. 61:1-6
Dec. 13	Luke 10:1-9
Dec. 14	Luke 19:41-48
Dec. 15	Rom. 14:19-23
Dec. 16	2 Tim. 2:19-26
Dec. 17—Sunday	Psalm 122:1-9

WYNNE OBSERVES RETIRED MINISTERS' SUNDAY

On Sunday, Nov. 19, the First United Methodist Church of Wynne honored the retired ministers of North Arkansas Methodism by taking a special offering for the Pension Endowment Fund. The total received was \$3601.00, and brought the total paid on the three year goal to \$8,065.59. The Rev. William Wilder, pastor, reported that this is still far short of the ultimate goal, but that everyone was greatly encouraged by the fine response.

CHARLES GELLER will present a concert in Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church at Fayetteville on Sunday, Dec. 10 at 7 p.m. Mr. Geller is a recording artist, a pop-vocalist, guitarist and evangelist. His presentation is also sponsored by Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. Allan Hilliard is the Wiggins minister and the Rev. Dewey Dark is pastor of Trinity Church.

BISHOP AND MRS. EUGENE FRANK were honored at a reception held in First United Methodist Church of Fort Smith on Sunday afternoon, Dec. 3. Bishop Frank was the preacher during the morning worship service which was broadcast over Radio Station KFSA from First Church.

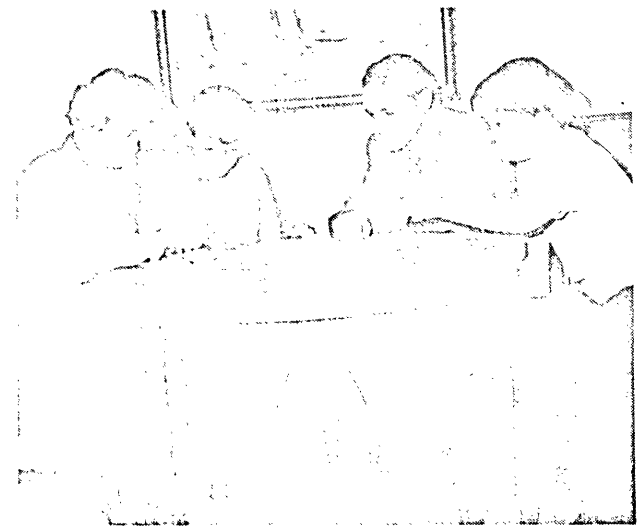
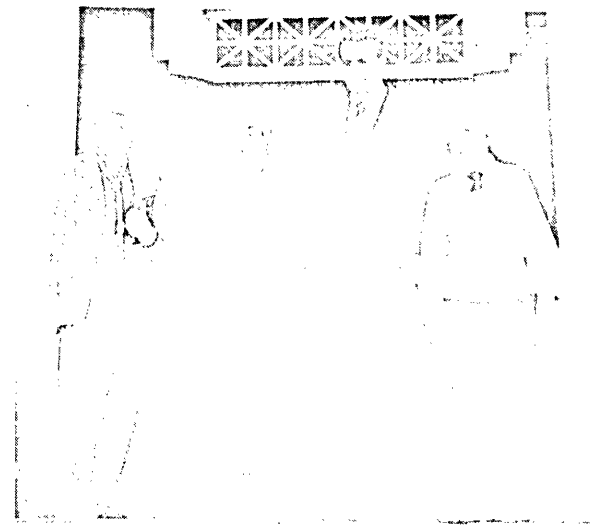
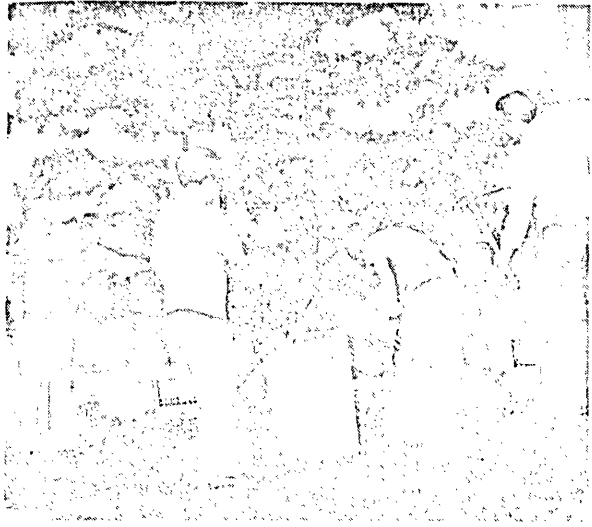
DR. GEORGE F. IVEY installed officers for United Methodist Men of First Church, Hot Springs, at the Dec. 4 dinner meeting. Harry Harcrow was installed as president, Dr. John Trieschmann as 1st vice-president, Bob Davis as 2nd vice-president, and George Harold Leach as secretary.

THE LAUBACH LITERACY group of the Rogers area has chosen the name "Beaver Lake Literacy Council". Mrs. Lela Tisdale of Fayetteville was the trainer for a recent workshop held in Rogers, during which 35 people from Rogers, Lowell, Bentonville and Pea Ridge became certified tutors.

WINFIELD UNITED METHODIST Men observed Ladies Night on Wednesday, Nov. 29. Bishop Eugene M. Frank was the speaker. Jim Davidson is president of Winfield men and Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf is pastor.

GLENN MORRISON was recently elected to head United Methodist Men of First Church, Russellville. Serving with him are Harlan McMillan, vice-president; John Johnson, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Charles E. Ram-say is their pastor.

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The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft and his family were featured at Malvern during the promotion of National Family Week, Nov. 19-25. Ashcraft is pastor of the

First United Methodist Church in Malvern. The observance was sponsored by the Malvern Woman's Club, of which Mrs. Ronald Massey is president. The METEOR-JOURNAL printed several pictures of

the family, three of which are reprinted above, showing Mr. Ashcraft, his wife Rosemary, and children Mark and Gary at work, worship, and at play.

Women Schedule Annual Call to Prayer

NEW YORK (UMI) — About 1,500,000 women in 38,000 local units in the United Methodist Church are looking toward the 1973 "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial," which they consider one of their major annual observances.

Participants in the Call are members of United Methodist Women, new organization for women in the denomination. The organization is in transition from two groups, the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

As in recent years, the suggested period in 1973 for observing the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is January 1-15, though each local United Methodist Women unit schedules its own observance on one or more days. Major suggested events of the observance include a "Quiet Day" program and an interpretation of mission projects in the U.S. and abroad to which a special offering will go. Focus on the Call is intended to be on prayer, deepened spiritual life, guided mission study and a sacrificial offering.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is sponsored by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. The Division is the national policy-making body for United Methodist Women. Emphasizing the "prayer" and "self-denial" aspects, Women's Division leaders say each woman who takes part is asked to "give for others by denying herself" and to cultivate through prayer "a spiritual oneness with planners, mission workers and those in church-related ministries."

In a feature of the 1973 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial, women are invited to participate in "Our Life Together: A Pilgrimage," a program/service prepared for the "Quiet Day." Written by Women's Division staff member Peggy Halsey, the program asks participants to look back and "celebrate the memory" of seven women who "responded with faith and courage to the demands of the world in which they lived." Included are:

Deborah, an Old Testament judge in Israel; Sojourner Truth, a slave who became a 19th century abolitionist and women's rights advocate; Isabella Thoburn, one of the first two foreign missionaries sent by Methodist women;

Elizabeth Blackwell, first U.S. woman doctor; Lucy Stone, early women's rights leader; Antoinette Brown, first woman to be ordained in the U.S.; Mary McLeod Bethune, 20th century civil rights leader and founder of Bethune-Cookman College.

The Women's Division has selected mission projects at home and around the world to receive the 1973 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial offering. The projects are recommended to the Women's Division by the National and World Divisions of the Board of Global Ministries. The 1972 offering totaled \$651,313. The 1973 projects and interpretation given them by the Women's Division:

United States — "Mission Renewal and Property Improvement. Through renewing programs of Christian mission, and repairing and improving mission properties, the renewal of lives in the name of Christ is sought as well as strengthened impact of Christian mission. Mission facilities are in constant use, and demands for help increase. Buildings and equipment are never an end in themselves; they are effective tools used by mission workers. Mission programs must be sensitive to varying conditions and needs, and workers must be ready to move in new or old directions."

Overseas — "Leadership Training and Support for National Women. This will enable women around the world to follow earlier Christians in carrying on the responsibility of training other women for leadership roles in family, church, community and civic life. A woman receiving such training has often passed it on to her whole community."

Resources in addition to the Quiet Day program include a handbook with a record bound in it (an innovation for Call materials), prayer card, offering envelope, poster and news release. The handbook has pictures of women featured in the Quiet Day program. Materials use the motif of a shell, an early Christian symbol for pilgrimage. Articles and other materials on projects were written by mission workers.

Devotional, interpretive and program resources for the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial were edited by Miss Frances Eshelman, New York, an editor for the Board of Global Ministries.

WESLEY CHURCH WOMEN INSTALL AT SPRINGDALE

Installation night for women at Wesley United Methodist Church, Springdale, started with a candlelight supper. "Serving Jesus Together" was the motto which hung below the lighted cross.

The Rev. W. P. Fiser conducted the installation ceremonies. All sanctuary lights were off as each new officer lighted her candle from the altar candle which represented Jesus, and knelt at the altar to submit herself and her office to the leading of the Lord. Mrs. Claude Harris, newly installed president, spoke on "Living Stones," reminding the women that they are living blocks for God's use in building His house.

Treasurer Mrs. Clyde Thomas presented the Pledge cards. The group adjourned to fellowship hall for coffee and cake and a business meeting. Mrs. J. H. Bookout reported that the first Christmas bazaar for Wesley had netted over \$700.

CWU CITIZEN ACTION DIRECTED BY CATHOLIC

NEW YORK, N.Y.—Sister Mary Luke Tobin, an ecumenical leader with a world-wide reputation, was elected as Director of Citizen Action on the national staff of Church Women United. This action was taken by the national Executive Committee of CWU meeting in Detroit, October 13-15.

Sister Mary Luke was named by Pope Paul VI to be the first American woman auditor at Vatican Council II. The former Superior General of the Sisters of Loretto she was elected in 1964 to serve as National Chairman of the Conference of Religious Superiors of Women.

Sister Mary Luke Tobin who has been a Vice President on the National Board is well known in the movement of Church Women United through which Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women express their faith in action in thousands of local units in every state.

The Citizen Action Department is one of four major areas of activity of Church Women United. Its emphasis is to encourage the constituency in their response as Christians to domestic and global issues.

CENTENNIAL CHURCH WOMEN ORGANIZE

The women of Centennial United Methodist Church, El Dorado, met at the church recently for the purpose of organizing their local church group of United Methodist Women. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. James Sandifer; Vice-President, Mrs. Jack Westmoreland; Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. Jesse Dollar; Spiritual Life Secretary, Mrs. Robert Jackson; Historian, Mrs. Reed Westmoreland. As pastor of the church, the Rev. Robert Jackson was listed as an ex-officio member.

Meetings will be held monthly with the December meeting to be at the home of Mrs. Jesse Dollar under the leadership of Mrs. Robert Jackson.

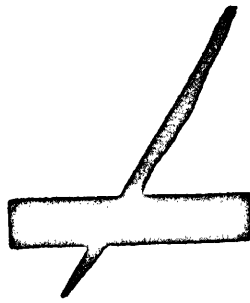
MRS. DAVID M. HANKINS, Jr. was in charge of the program when the Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society of Oak Forest Church, Little Rock, held the annual Christmas program and party, Dec. 5.

MRS. FRED HENRY of Nashville was the recipient of an Honorary Membership recently. The presentation was made in Arlington Heights United Methodist Church, Fort Worth, Texas, where she was a former member. An Honorary Membership represents a gift to missions of at least \$100.00.

"AND GOD CREATED WOMEN" was the pageant of women of the Bible presented by ladies of First Church, El Dorado, at the Dec. 4 meeting. Beginning with Eve and culminating with a Christmas tableau of Mary and the angels, the cast included: Pat Anthony, Glovina Goodwin, Judi McCoy, Mary Elizabeth O'Connor, Augusta Dumas, Jo Ann Jones, Myra Turnage and Grace Breimo representing Eve, Sarah, Miriam, Ruth, Naomi, Beth-Sheba, Queen of Sheba and Esther. Oma Arnold, Nancy Swilley, Zollie Goodwin, Nancy Taylor, Marie Williams and Melba Johnson represented New Testament characters: Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Mary Magdalene, Lydia and Mary, Mother of Jesus. Narrators were Louise Coley and Mary Jean Kennedy. Archangels were Joyce Newman and Mary Ellen Murray. Music was by Annette Yocum.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR DECEMBER 17: Convictions Can Be Costly

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 20; 21; 37; 38; 39:15-16

MEMORY SELECTION: "They will fight against you; but they shall not prevail against you, for I am with you, says the Lord, to deliver you." (Jeremiah 1:19)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To study the meaning of loyalty and the demands it makes of the one who would speak for God.

Each of us has squirmed uncomfortably at times. Why? The reasons for those occasions of personal discomfiture reveal some of one's most effective but not necessarily lofty motives. There was the time, say, when one was guilty of forcing his car around another in his traffic lane only to discover that the driver of the other car was an associate he had been cultivating to assist with a job promotion he sought. Suppose in a Sunday school class session one morning it suddenly becomes necessary to meet a direct question from the leader who asks each one in turn, "Do you believe in a regular study of the Bible?" Or, "State the reason for your last absence from morning worship." (Of course such pointed questions aren't welcomed at any time!) Another example: In a conversation a question is raised about the relation of one's belief to one's actual practice regarding the Christian quality of respect and concern for members of other ethnic, religious, or social groups.

Most of us are somewhat vulnerable when such issues are raised because the self-probing we then engage in reveals a basic inadequacy. It is easy to soften each self-examination by comparing oneself with a person of much lower standards or to insist that, anyway, one is basically honorable and good. Surely the glaring fault is that one should compare himself with a higher rather than a lowered standard. Only then can he project himself toward the level of living he should seek.

That is a demanding approach. It leads directly to a hinge-point in the lesson topic itself, the word "conviction". This goes beyond mere opinion and means that one is ready to demonstrate the rightness of a cause he strongly believes in. That is, a quiet and unobtrusive obedience to God is not enough; there must be definite witnessing by positive action. God's spokesman must speak aloud and with conviction. The God-amplified voice then competes with the many clamoring, noisy sounds which tempt men to smallness and meanness. Quietness is the mode in meditation but it must not typify the witness before men. Pray quietly; speak boldly, even though boldness is sometimes regarded as an obnoxious trait.

What a strange, unnatural point of view this is! But this is precisely the content and the intent of Jeremiah's witness. He elected to pursue the uncomfortable, unpopular way because this was a necessary accomplishment to his prophetic function. To be committed to God doesn't reduce one's total set of problems but immerses one in a new and different combination of problems which, however, are of fundamental significance. A rewarding result of such living is that one then deals not in lesser matters but in eternal truths. This relieves the demoralizing boredom that results from absorption with trivia — a common malady among uncommitted persons in our day.

EXPRESSING HUMAN CONCERN

One desperate day the king told Jeremiah's palace detractors that the prophet was in their hands to do with as they wished. This was virtually a death

sentence, such as Jesus heard from the lips of Pilate as he made the same gesture of resignation to the assembled mob before his palace. One wonders what the cost to Zedekiah would have been had he vigorously supported Jeremiah's cause, but he obviously felt it was more than he could bear. The prophet was not forgotten, however, for support came from a highly unlikely source — a palace attendant who was a native of Ethiopia, a country of black-skinned people. Ebed-melech expressed human concern in some very practical ways. He was acquainted with the prophet's message and doubtless was deeply moved by his sincere manner and fearlessness. He agonized with him when Jeremiah was taken by his enemies and placed in a deep, dry cistern to die. The palace attendant appealed to the king who relented and ordered him to take some help and remove the prophet from his dismal place of death. Taken to the palace, Jeremiah was then placed in a kind of protective custody for the duration of the siege on the city. Thus the prophet had placed his life on the line for God and Ebed-melech also risked himself to save this man of such faith. The thought is inescapable that an unsure king and a staunch admirer both were made to serve God's purposes! The casual observer might overlook a profound point here, but in the biographies of God-led men this combination of factors is repeated thousands of times!

How do we react to another's problems? Do we ignore him by thinking, "That's his problem"? Or by pitying him, thinking that it's "too bad" about him? Or by avoiding such a person so as not to be reminded about his problem? The example of Ebed-melech challenges us, when we see a human in need, to do what we can about it and to take comfort in the easing of somebody's burden.

THE LONG VIEW

It is fitting, in the light of what we are studying in these lessons about Jeremiah, that a part of the lesson for Christmas Sunday rests on the prophet's hope for mankind in God's continuing concern for persons. Only in the long view are we able to comprehend that the story of Jesus' birth in a tiny village twenty centuries ago was the beginning of a Gospel and a Church which were to command the loyalty and devotion of millions upon millions of people, and this is the birth we celebrate at Christmas time. The prophet's long-range anticipations find fulfillment in the New Testament message of God's turning the extremity of the Cross into the redemptive hope of man in Christ. He can channel an act of violence, a personal defeat, a national calamity into victory through the instruments of the Cross and the Resurrection. This is the eternal hope of men and each follower of Christ shares in its comfort and blessing.

Why does God care about the lives of men and the destinies of nations? "For God so loved the world that he gave . . ." we are told. This tells us about divine love and the basis for God's involvement in man's affairs. Here is One who is more than just a changer of the seasons of the year and a detached, benign observer of a faltering, unreasoning, profligate mankind. He wants to help us!

One human lovingly commissioned by God was the man Jeremiah. Our study of him loses much of its impact upon us if we fail to discern the larger dimensions of his being. If we have only a vague notion about the circumstances surrounding and involving him, his spiritual dilemma is ill defined for us and his resolute stance is not understood. We cannot fathom his motive for speaking out against the leaders of his nation. A superficial evaluation tells us that he not only was strange but also im-

practical and unrealistic. To the was true, his method was effective miss these features of his mission to our times and our needs the to his own people. And we role: to assess his own scene and remedies, and to speak of the emerge after the tragedies have stubborn willfulness.

HOW RELIGIOUS FAITH

A personal religious faith prophet's began, with the conviction with one and for one. Then followed certitude and of will to act, and serves in words and deeds. The if I preach the Gospel, I can claim I cannot keep myself; it would not to preach . . . I am simply (1 Corinthians 9:16)

Since the capacity for loyalty given, that loyalty to him brings tion that what is right is right! tion as there was with Zedekiah positive sense of certainty as Such loyalty prompted Job to own situation, "If he would slay hesitate." (Job 13:15) The apostle's conviction, "Whose support do I want . . . If I still sought man's favor, vant of Christ." (Galatians 1:10)

During the Middle Ages on to express the fact of God said t than which none is greater. Every sary is less than God and is im When one is loyal to such a O trustingly confident!

Notice how God used even people, the invading Babylonians efforts at bringing the Jews to per tional and personal disaster. This of God stooping to evil to accom but rather it is an example of agents of evil in a position of ultimate destruction since they maltreating his children! It proba that we are to understand the p the Babylonians were the Lord's national loyalty isn't the issue claimed, for he remained in Jer of his countrymen had gone into Also, he preferred the enslavement to their annihilation and the par Jerusalem to its total destruction would continue; judgment upon but climactic.

The Psalmist summarizes h of sinning, punishment, penitence and finally of true loyalty to God know, O Lord, that thy decrees in punishing thou keepest faith 119:75)

PAYING THE PRICE

A recent reading in the votional booklet tells about a yo at breakfast with these words: this beautiful day." His mother didn't look much like a beautiful was approaching. He responded should never judge the day b lesson referred to the attitude it also carries the thought that the beautiful love of God by bring over us.

In one of Jesus' parables i who neglected his duty to his him: "Master, I know you to b I was afraid, and I went and ground. Here it is — you h you." (Matthew 25:24-25) H trusts with the assertion of the claimed, "I did not disobey (Acts 26:19)

The arena of our conflict Our mission is to serve man ruler and cynic Marcus Aure exist for the sake of one an adds to that wisdom the di God's name, especially thro institution endowed with God and as a spiritual force among

Missionaries in Uganda supply data for Amin

KAMPALA, Uganda (RNS) — More than 500 European and other Ugandan missionaries have begun to report to their mission or diocesan offices in response to a special census of their religious and ministers ordered by the government of President Amin.

Recently, Amin charged that foreign missionaries, wanted by the government on criminal charges, were disguising themselves as missionaries and plotting to overthrow the government. Protestant missionaries, including members of the Church Missionary Society, are reporting to the Church of Uganda missionary offices, while the missionaries are checking in with their diocesan offices. Baptists and Seventh-Day Adventists are going to the government immigration department.

Two months ago, the government asked all churches to supply lists of ex-patriate missionaries, but the decision was delayed until the actual census came only recently. All persons affected were asked to bring with them their passports, immigration documents, and details of their activities.

Amin told a women's group in Kampala that he wanted all religions in Uganda "fully Africanized" so that religious instruction and religious activities be carried out by Ugandans. He said that following Uganda's declaration of "economic war" the immigrants may try to come back and influence the country through religion. He said the government was removing the danger of foreign missionaries sowing seeds of dissension and destruction in Uganda.

United Methodist magazine respond to questionnaire

NEW YORK (UMI)—Fifty-six per cent of the persons replying to a poll in the national United Methodist magazine support removing abortion laws and criminal codes and making abortion a matter of individual conscience.

In replies to a questionnaire in the August issues of response, 309 said they believe abortion is justified for any reason. Offered possible justifications, 309 said they would favor the procedure if the health of the mother were endangered by pregnancy; 296 said it would be justified if the child was conceived through rape or incest; 161 felt abortion would be justified "yes" in case of abnormal fetus. On the other hand, 161 felt abortion would be justified because the mother was married.

Answers to the magazine's question are summarized in an article scheduled for publication in the January issue of response, national magazine of the United Methodist Women. It is published in New York and has a circulation of 135,000. Carol Marie is editor.

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Diaconate role under study

NEW YORK (UMI) — A study of the diaconate role in the church, a projected consultation on enlisting more black deaconesses, the possibility of aiding Fijian Methodists, and exploration of an optional distinctive dress for deaconesses and home missionaries are on the coming year's agenda for United Methodist deaconess/home missionary service policy-makers.

The various projects are under the guidance of the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service of the Board of Global Ministries, whose 1973-76 chairperson is Joyce Raye Patterson, deaconess of St. Joseph, Mo. Allene M. Ford, New York, is executive secretary for Deaconess/Home Missionary Service in the Board's National Division.

An item the Committee has placed at the top of its docket is a study of the role of the diaconate in the United Methodist Church. At present, deacon is the first of two orders of the ordained ministry, and a deaconess is a woman professionally employed through the church with a special relationship by having met certain requirements and been commissioned.

A special Committee on the Diaconate has been named, to be related to concerns expressed in a petition to the 1972 General Conference. The petition said there is "confusion in present understanding of diaconate" in United Methodism, since "the deacon is a second order in ordained ministry and at the same time it is the designation for a lay office for women in the church."

Sent by the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service, the petition was referred by General Conference to the denominational commission to study the ministry. The Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service has decided to take

some initiative on what it considers is the need to re-interpret the diaconate.

A consultation of Black United Methodist deaconesses and home missionaries with a like number of black young people is being planned by the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service and the Committee on Personnel in Mission of the Board of Global Ministries. The consultation was voted by the former group after discussion at a recent meeting on the need for recruiting and training more black deaconesses and home missionaries.

Another project under consideration is a request from the Methodist Church in Fiji for a United Methodist deaconess to teach in the Methodist Leadership Training College and assist in developing the church's deaconess program. The Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service voted to "pursue the possibility" of giving such assistance if personnel and funds are available. The Committee scheduled a Travel Seminar for deaconesses and home missionaries to the South Pacific January 6-February 10 to visit church work and to attend the South-East Asia Regional Conference of DIAKONIA (World Federation of Deaconesses). Theme of the seminar is to be "our responsibility to promote world development and world community."

By its 1973 meeting the Committee hopes to have a recommendation on optional deaconess/home missionary use of a distinctive dress, called a "uniform" by one who proposed it, which might utilize an emblem, color and design. Some deaconesses in three branches of Methodism that united in 1939 wore a uniform or "garb" in their work, and a few continued to wear it after unification.

Bishop Yap re-elected in Malaysia and Singapore Conference

NEW YORK (UMI) — The re-election of a bishop, who is high in the ranks of world Methodism, and his challenge to the church to "demonstrate the power of the Gospel to transform human lives and change social structures" were highlights of the General Conference of the Methodist Church of Malaysia and Singapore November 13-19 in Singapore.

Re-elected on the fourth ballot for a second four-year term was Bishop Yap Kim Hao, 43-year-old church

leader who was chosen first bishop of the new church when it became autonomous in 1968. He is the first Asian to head the church, which formerly was the Southeastern Asia Central Conference of the United Methodist Church. Besides being a pastor and district superintendent in Singapore and Malaysia, he was pastor of the Methodist Church in East Bridgewater, Mass., and is a graduate of Baker University, Baldwin, Kan., and Boston University School of Theology. He studied at the latter under the United Methodist Church's Crusade Scholarship program.

The Methodist Church of Malaysia and Singapore comprises 59,166 members (full and preparatory) in 246 congregations. One of the largest Protestant denominations in the two countries, the church encompasses the nation of Singapore and two sections of the nation of Malaysia — West Malaysia (Malaya) and East Malaysia (Sarawak on the island of Borneo).

The cosmopolitan constituency includes Chinese, Tamil Indians, Europeans, Sengoi, Ibans and other groups. The church has an affiliated autonomous relationship with the United Methodist Church.

WHAT 40,000 QUARTERS CAN DO

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS)—Approximately \$10,000 — mostly in quarters — for relief in Bangladesh was received here from women of the American Lutheran Church.

Contributors responded to a "space filler" in the June issue of Scope, the national journal of American Lutheran Church Women. The filler indicated that if every subscriber gave 25 cents, \$80,000 could be raised for Bangladesh through Lutheran World Relief.

Irene D. Sagebiel, director for stewardship of the women's organization, said that \$55 would build a house in Bangladesh, \$25 would buy an ox for plowing and \$30 would provide a well for drinking water.

Many persons sent more than a quarter; some sent \$100 to \$200.

One woman sent \$110 — \$55 for a house, because her "small, very modest" home cost more than that; \$25 for an ox, because while she owns no ox herself she does have a 10-year-old car that runs well with occasional first aid, and \$30 for a well because she has the advantage of a faucet.

"For all my blessings," she wrote, "I am truly grateful, and I'll say it with a house, an ox and a well."

African Methodism makes history

NEW YORK (UMI) — With a reported 6,000 in attendance, the first African bishop in the 87-year history of Methodism in Angola was consecrated to his new office Oct. 21 in Central United Methodist Church in Luanda, capital of Angola.

Bishop Emilio de Carvalho, 39, was not able to be at the United Methodist Africa Central Conference last August in Blantyre, Malawi. There he was elected to succeed Bishop Harry P. Andreassen, last in a series of missionary (non-African) bishops not only in Angola but in the whole Central Conference.

Bishop de Carvalho was consecrated in the church of which he was pastor for three years, it being with 1,500 members the largest United Methodist congregation in the country. At the time of his election, he was president of Union Seminary in Dondi. He is a graduate of the Methodist Theological Seminary in Brazil and of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

The consecration service was led by Bishop Escrivao Zunguze, episcopal leader of United Methodism's Mozambique Area who came to Luanda especially for the occasion. A report to the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries in New York said that "a new page of the history of the United Methodist Church in Angola was written by Bishop Zunguze as he represented the Council of Bishops, and we (Angolan United Methodists) will continue to write that new page of history of our church."

Mississippi Conference takes historic action

By Roy Lawrence, Mississippi UMI

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — Two large-margin votes in Mississippi have assured elimination next year of the last all-black annual conferences of the United Methodist Church. Both white conferences of the state agreed on plans to merge with their counterpart black units in June.

The final vote came Nov. 17 at Mathiston, Mississippi, where North Mississippi Conference voted 319-31 to merge with the black Upper Mississippi Conference. Just a week earlier, Mississippi Conference had voted 294-67 on a similar plan involving the black unit of the same name, in the southern half of the state.

Both black conferences had approved the plans last spring, but this is the first time the white organizations had voted on the plans themselves. In June they delayed action, voted their "intent to merge" and sought legal rulings.

Since October, when mergers were consummated in Alabama, the Mississippi units are the only full annual conferences within the denomination segregated by race, as the remnant of the former Central (Negro) Jurisdiction. Two other units are in different categories — the Rio Grande Annual Conference in Texas and New Mexico, separated primarily because of language, and the Oklahoma Indian Missionary Conference.

The plans call for all committees and the staffs of the new conferences to be representative of both uniting organizations, but without quotas. The alignment of districts and the appointment of their superintendents is the prerogative of the bishop, although mergers in all other states have eliminated, or scheduled the end of, segregation at the district level, and most have resulted in black ministers being named as superintendents of bi-racial districts.

Last April the General Conference decreed that all annual conference desegregation must be completed by July 1, 1973. It said that those which could not reach agreement would be subject to the actions of a board of arbitration.

This possibility of arbitration by a group of bishops, mostly from outside the South, was one of the key arguments made for white acceptance of the proposed plans. Another major factor was an October ruling by the Judicial Council that the proposals were constitutional, after they were challenged by both white conferences.

A third factor in the decision, according to some observers, was the statement by Bishop Mack B. Stokes of Jackson that "I know that I can administer this (plan) in such a way as not to tear up our local churches." He stressed that "local churches will not be touched by the merger negotiations." Stokes added that leaving the matter up to a board of arbitration would be an insult to our intelligence and to our Christinity.

Both white conferences had called special sessions to act on the proposals, after they had voted last June only their "intent to merge" and to wait for the judicial ruling.

In the final meeting, for North Mississippi, many delegates asked questions but none spoke against the plan. Support came from George Yarbrough of Red Banks, a state senator who has led the opposition to merger. He said, of the three alternatives—approval, arbitration or going to court, the latter two "would tear up the church," and urged "let's do something positive for the church."

The northern plan was presented by the Rev. Prentiss Gordon, Sr., of Starkville, chairman of the merger committee.

In the southern meeting at Meridian, Merger Chairman Dan Breeland of Crystal Springs said the joint committee of 30 unanimously recommended the plan. Supporting speakers included John Satterfield of Yazoo City, long known as a leading opponent of de-segregation, who said he felt merger now is not in the best interests of the church but that the alternative was outside arbitration and that "this plan is the fairest plan that has been devised."

A different view came from W. D. Myers of Philadelphia, who objected to the idea of forcing a conference to do something against its will. He recalled voting for unification in 1939 because it carried with it the assurance of the segregated jurisdictional system.

Among ministers speaking was the Rev. J. W. Leggett, Jr., of Jackson, who said he had urged delay of merger with the hope of unity and felt that the spirit of the day "justifies my position." Adding, "I regret to have to say this, but the time has now come when we must act with the rest of the church . . . This is a plan we can live with. And this is our last chance to have a say-so about the plan." Dr. Leggett reminded that "we are the only state in America that has not voted merger, and I believe the time has come to get in step with the rest of the church."

The actions were welcomed by representatives of both black conferences, which also had special business sessions following those of their white counterparts.

In Mississippi's meeting at Hattiesburg, the Rev. Charlemagne Payne of Jackson noted the historic nature of the session, "the last time," and urged churches to complete their financial obligations and bring "a good record" to the merging conference.

Wayne Calbert, Jackson layman, had observed the white conference session and noted, "this is a change of heart, and the door is now wide open for us to go in and work out the program of the United Methodist Church."

When the question of equitable representation on boards and committees was raised, it was noted that the nominating committee will be interracial and that all committees will be newly created and newly organized. Bishop Stokes assured: "To create a conference without black and white representatives on every board would be the same as 'taxation without representation' and we are not going to have that."

When 1972 opened, there were five and a fraction segregated (black) conferences — in South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama-West, Florida, Oklahoma-Arkansas and Mississippi.

Based on Negro conferences in the former Methodist Episcopal Church, the Methodist Church created in 1939 set up an all-Negro Central Jurisdiction (CJ), overlapping five geographic jurisdictions across the U.S. There were 17 Negro annual conferences within the CJ when the de-segregation process began in 1964. The CJ itself went out of business in 1968 when the United Methodist Church came into being. The first interracial conference mergers in the "old South" occurred the same year.

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BOARD OF DISCIPLESHIP ADULT CURRICULUM RESOURCES EDITOR DIES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Harold D. Minor, 47, an editor in the adult department of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship's Curriculum Resources unit died here Nov. 21. Mr. Minor has been hospitalized since suffering a heart attack Oct. 2.

Memorial services were at Belmont Methodist Church in Nashville Friday, November 24 at 11 a.m.

He was well-known throughout the church for his leadership in adult education enterprises. He was a consultant for *Foundation Studies in Christian Faith*, the first installment of new adult curriculum resources introduced in the Methodist Church in 1967 and also of a subsequent series, *Christian Faith in Life*. He was editor of three books dealing with leadership of adult groups including one published this year entitled "Techniques and Resources for Guiding Adult Groups" (Abingdon Press).

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Every little child in all the world has been a little safer since the coming of the Child of Bethlehem. — Roy L. Smith

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Jurisdictional mid-winter conferences to meet in Oklahoma City

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

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

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

Dr. Gallaway is the general secretary of the Evangelism unit of the Board of Discipleship; Mr. Jenkins is pastor of Boulevard United Methodist

Church in Ft. Worth; Dr. Smith is pastor of St. Luke's United Methodist Church in Oklahoma City; and Dr. Stewart is superintendent of the El Paso District and was chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism during the past quadrennium. Mrs. Smith will also be a resource leader for the laity conference.

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

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

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The servant of God hath a good master—Randle Cotgrave.

Christian Advocate editor named

PARK RIDGE, ILL. (RNS) — The Rev. William C. Henzlik is the new editor of Christian Advocate, a bi-weekly publication of the United Methodist Church issued here. He has been managing editor of the magazine for pastors and church leaders for more than seven years. Mr. Henzlik succeeds the Rev. James M. Wall, who resigned to run for Congress and is now editor of the Christian Century.

Mr. Henzlik, a native of Wyoming, served pastorates in Illinois for 10 years before joining the Advocate staff. He holds a degree in journalism from the University of Missouri, a degree in aeronautical engineering from Iowa State University and conducted his theological studies in Chicago.

The new editor recently enrolled in a special doctor of ministry program at the University of Chicago.

Christian Advocate is one of two general publications of the United Methodist Church. The other is Together, a monthly for families. The Rev. Curtis A. Chambers is editorial director of both, and editor of Together.

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New president inaugurated at Union in Manila

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Rev. Dr. Emerito P. Nacpil, one of Asia's best known Protestant theologians and a United Methodist minister, has been inaugurated as president of Union Theological Seminary in Manila, Philippines.

The school, which traces its origins to a Bible school started in 1905, just a few years after Protestant work began in the Philippines, trains most ministers of the two church bodies in the Philippines to which U.S. Methodists are related. They are the Philippines Central Conference of the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines (the latter was related to former Evangelical United Brethren Church).

Dr. Nacpil is the third Filipino to serve as Union's president. The first was the late Rev. Dr. Benjamin I. Guansing, who was named in 1954 succeeding a series of missionaries. Dr. Guansing was later elected to the Methodist episcopacy and died in 1968 while still an active bishop. Among the missionaries who were Union presidents was the Rev. Dr. Don W. Holter — now Bishop Holter, elected last summer and assigned to United Methodism's Nebraska Area.

The 40-year-old president has lectured at Christian conferences in Asia, including gatherings of theologians, and has participated in international church meetings. His first major appearance in the U.S. was as the lecturer at United Methodism's 1968 Consultation on Cooperative Mission in Galveston, Texas, sponsored by the former Board of Missions' World Division.

Dr. Nacpil has been with Union Theological Seminary since 1961, going there after several years in the pastorate. He was professor of theology nine years, academic dean one year and acting president last year.

HENDRIX SELECTS NEW CHEERLEADERS

Five new cheerleaders were recently selected by the Hendrix College student body for the 1972-73 school year.

They include Debbie Johnston, a freshman from Russellville; Alice Jones, a freshman from Benton; Nina McNutt, a junior from Conway; Mary Raney, a freshman from Booneville and Gail Wulfekuhler, a freshman from Paragould.

Three cheerleaders chosen last spring will complete the squad. They include the captain, Harriet Norris, a senior from Batesville; Ann Critz, a sophomore from Osceola and Mary Wynne Parker, a junior from Newport.

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United Methodism experiences rapid growth in Indonesia

NEW YORK (UMI) — A 25 per cent membership increase in the last four years has been recorded by a unit in one of the world's newest Methodist churches.

A total of 1,900 members was reported from the South Sumatra-Java Provisional Conference of the Methodist Church of Indonesia at its early November annual session. That represented a gain of 25 per cent, or almost 400 members, over 1968 when the conference was formed, reported United Methodist missionary Warren L. Harbert (U.S. home: Atlanta, Ga.).

The conference encompasses the southern part of the island of Sumatra, and the island of Java. Mr. Harbert reported it has four schools serving over 2,000 students, a family-planning clinic and a special polyclinic project

being opened in Palembang, Sumatra.

The Indonesian church became autonomous in 1964, one of the first of many which have moved to autonomy or church union since then. It is affiliated with the United Methodist Church.

The General Conference of the Indonesian church is scheduled for early 1973, and Mr. Harbert said a key issue will be formulating its own Discipline or book of church law. This was discussed by the South Sumatra-Java Conference. The present Discipline, he said, is a rough translation of the United Methodist Church's Discipline, and General Conference is expected to make "the first effort to write a Discipline that deals with the realities of the Indonesian situation. Hence this is a pivotal time in the life of the church here."

United Methodist to head NCC Overseas Ministries unit

NEW YORK (RNS)—Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, a United Methodist mission executive, is the new head of the National Council of Churches' Division of Overseas Ministries, according to an announcement by Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, general secretary.

He fills a vacancy left by the resignation several months ago of the Rev. Randolph Nugent, who became head of the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

Dr. Stockwell, whose appointment to the NCC is effective Dec. 2, has been an assistant general secretary of the World Division of the United Methodist mission agency since 1964. Born in Boston, he spent his childhood and youth in Buenos Aires where his father was a seminary president and later a bishop. Dr. Stockwell was a missionary in Uruguay from 1952 to 1962.

He began his professional career as an attorney, but left the bar to attend seminary. The new NCC official is a clergy member of his denomination's Northern New Jersey Conference.

HENDRIX PROFESSOR CO-AUTHORS TEXTBOOK

Dr. Cecil McDermott, chairman of the mathematics department of Hendrix College, is co-author of a new general mathematics textbook now being used by many high schools in Arkansas. **Drop-In Mathematics** was developed under a \$54,000 grant to the Wynne public schools under Title III of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act. The Title III program in Wynne is under the direction of Gene Catterton who is also co-author of the text.

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While the number of local churches declined, the total number of ministers increased 152 to 34,974. The number of pastoral charges dropped 56 to 24,910.

Value of churches, equipment, parsonages and other property increased to \$6,255,075,674, a gain of \$253,880,507. Indebtedness on properties declined by \$20,788,164 and now stands at \$593,876,048.

The amount spent on capital improvements in fiscal 1971 increased by \$11,000 to \$199,298,000.

Largest single increase in expenditures went to salaries paid pastors and other forms of ministerial support, including pastor's expense funds, salaries and expenses for district superintendents, bishops and other similar items. This amount on an adjusted basis for fiscal 1971 totaled \$248,188,000, an increase of \$13,197,000, or 5.6 per cent.

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QUOTABLE QUOTES


"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.


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Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

"For out of the abundance of
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(Matthew 13:34)

Revelation

On every canvas,
whether an artist realizes it or not,
each pigment he chooses, each blend
of subtle shades, each stroke of line
or swirl, each mood created, illusion
connoted, or idea portrayed, produces
a finished painting — to be admired,
envied, tolerated, ignored, or spat upon,
depending on the viewer's whim.

More important, the painting evolves
into a mirrored revelation of the one
who wields the brush.

Every man creates out of the abundance
of his heart, and if one would know the
inner feelings of the artist himself,
examine his creation. Revealed there,
naked with honesty, is a mirror of
his heart.

-by Celestine Houston

Beauty

Beauty is a rose, red, pink, or white;
Beauty is the sun giving us light;
Beauty is a little barefoot boy;
Or a girl, with a doll as her toy;
Beauty is a cloud up in the sky;
Beauty is watching a bird fly;
Beauty is a mother's loving smile;
Beauty is a forest of trees mile after mile,
Or a rippling, wandering mountain stream.
Beauty is a small child and his pet;
Beauty is rain getting everything wet.
But, really best of all, in the end,
Beauty is someone like you, a friend.

-by Becky Mann

United Methodist agencies cooperating in seminar series

NEW YORK (UMI)—Two United Methodist agencies are cooperating with two other denominations in a series of seminars on "Economic Development as Christian Mission" for church leaders in the southeastern United States.

The four church groups are the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council on Ministries and the National Division of the Board of Global Ministries of the UMC, the Presbyterian (U.S.) Task Force on World Hunger and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Board.

Purpose of the seminar-workshops, according to the Rev. Dr. Shirley E. Greene, coordinator of the United Methodist Rural Economic Development Action Program, is to study the facts regarding rural poverty, to explore the theological basis for rural economic development, to review what the churches are presently doing in this area, and to plan together for more effective participation.

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Drug advertising practices under scrutiny of NCC

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Sharply divergent opinions as to the ethics of drug advertising practices, especially for mood-altering drugs, were voiced here during hearings Nov. 14-16 conducted by the National Council of Churches (NCC).

With statements often accompanied by visuals and myriad statistics, critics charged that drug promotion has become an exercise in the "medicalization of the human spirit" in the name of corporate profit and at the expense of the public welfare. Industry spokesmen vigorously defended current practices, pointing out how current drug marketing techniques have kept consumer costs down and have helped the health care system respond to an accelerating "medical need for pharmaceuticals."

One of the few points of agreement was that no widespread, serious research has yet been devised to determine the relationship between drug promotion and drug misuse.

The 20 hours of hearings were chaired by Dr. Michael C. Watson, United Methodist layman and practicing family physician from Bamberg S.C. He said they were held because "many of the ethical issues related to social responsibility and quality of life... have not been adequately examined or resolved." Previous hearings, he asserted, have neither "fostered a climate of common concern among the parties involved to resolve the problems" nor "stimulated the degree of public awareness and discussion needed to foster responsible decision-making."

Dr. Watson stressed that the panel would be free of constraint from government, industry, profession or other vested interests but would be making its value judgments from the perspective of the "humanitarian values of the Judeo-Christian heritage."

The basic concerns that led to the hearings, he said, are the impact of advertising on Americans "drug-taking patterns (both over-the-counter and prescription drugs), the attitudes of the corporations who produce and promote the products, the "level of aware-

ness, knowledge and ignorance of the public."

The interfaith panel, including doctors, religious leaders, communicators and others, plan to study the statements, develop its findings and make recommendations to the NCC for submission to the appropriate religious, law-making or other agencies.

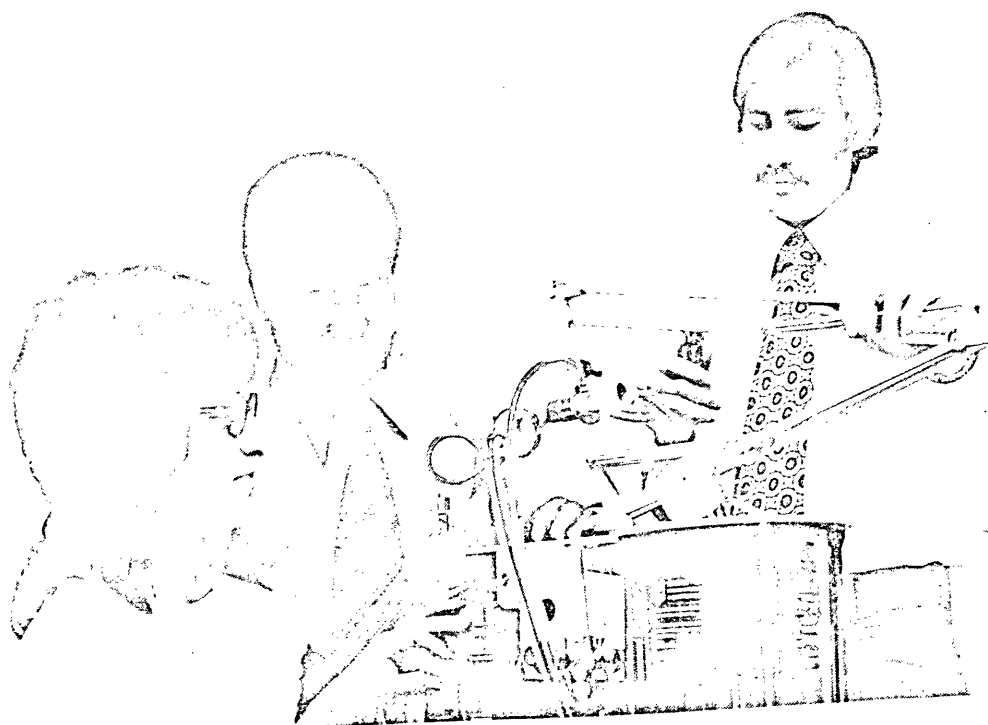
The hearings proceeded toward "achieving at least two of our basic objectives," according to the Rev. Thomas E. Price, who is director of the project and chairman of the NCC Committee on Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse. "First, the religious community has raised the issue of the social responsibility of the drug industry in regard to its promotional efforts. Second, we have begun a dialog with the drug and medical community on how the issues may be confronted directly."

Commissioner Nicholas Johnson of the Federal Communications Commission called the churches the best way "to mobilize Americans of conscience" into a grass-roots campaign to "persuade Congress to legislate in this area."

Others testifying included the heads of the Pharmaceutical Manufacturers Association, the Proprietary (Drug) Association, the American Medical Association, Food and Drug Administration, Federal Trade Commission, Ralph Nader's Health Research Group, Consumers Union, representatives of the medical advertising industry and the academic research community.

The 10-member panel included two other United Methodists, Mrs. Robert Pratt of Philadelphia, Pa., a vice president of Church Women United, and David Ross of Bowie, Md., an attorney and member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

A large portion of the project's funding came from the United Methodist Board of Church and Society, as well as its staffing by Dr. Price, director of the board's Department of Alcohol and Drug Issues, and his associate, the Rev. Lawrence H. Wayman.



Mrs. Kay R. Mowdy, Wayne Norfleet Jones and Reevance Gates, students of the Methodist Hospital School of Inhalation Therapy in Memphis, were recent recipients of the 1972-73 Raymond Skinner scholarships of \$1,000 each. The awards will assist them toward their goals of receiving Associate of Science Degrees. There are 12 students in the current class for inhalation therapists.