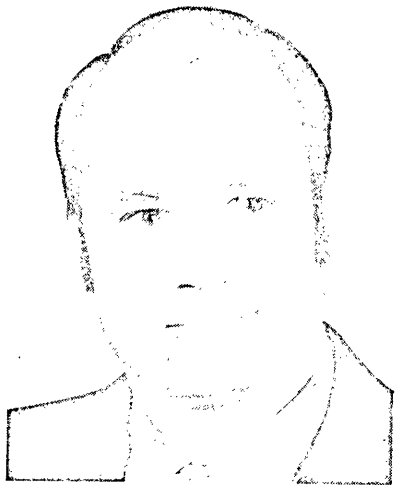


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## Creath Davis to lecture at Crossett

The First United Methodist Church of Crossett will have its Memorial Lectureship October 14-17. The Rev. Creath Davis will be the Lecturer. In speaking of the Lecturer Keith Miller said, "Creath Davis' voice is clear because it is the overflow from a continually renewed desire to give God his days and nights." Mr. Davis will bring a series of lectures centered around the theme "Christ and Human Wholeness."

Mr. Davis is founder and executive director of the Christian Concern Foundation of Dallas, Tex. He is in demand as a speaker and consultant in conferences for laymen across the country.

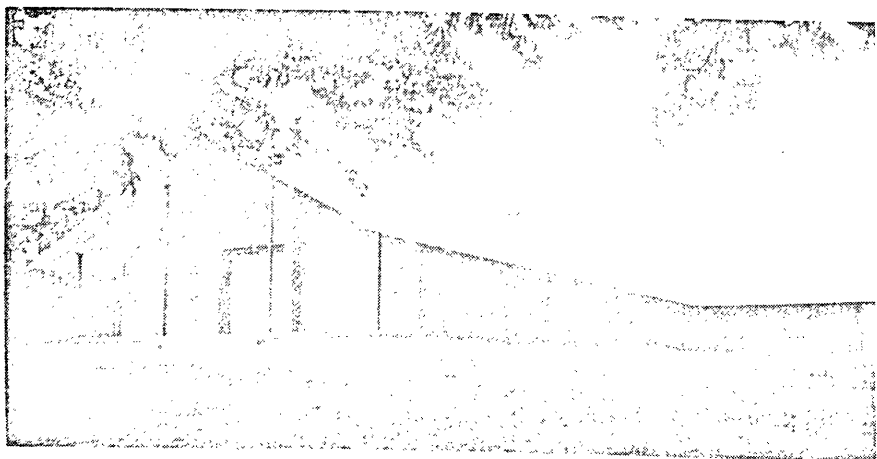
The opening lecture will be Sunday,

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### PENSION REPORT UP-DATE NO. 1

Pledges by the ministers of the Little Rock Conference to the Minister's Reserve Pension Fund campaign have now totaled \$161,901.

The figure at the first report, given in our edition of September 27, was \$151,141.



Center Grove United Methodist Church on the Okolona Circuit in Arkadelphia District celebrated its 100th anniversary on Sunday, Sept. 23, with a Service of Dedication. Bishop Eugene M. Frank led the worship service and officiated at the dedication, assisted by District Superintendent, Dr. George W. Martin and Pastor R. W. Trieschmann. The facility, built in 1969, was cleared of debt earlier this year. Members of other churches on the circuit shared in the special event.

## Philander Smith launches campaign for United Negro College Fund

Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, has announced the launching of the annual United Negro College Fund Campaign in the state of Arkansas. The goal of \$30,000, to be raised before Dec 1, 1973, has been established for Arkansas' share of the \$15 million nationwide drive which benefits the 40 private, predominately black colleges affiliated with the UNCF, Inc. The Little Rock college is the only UNCF institution in Arkansas.

General Chairman for the Arkansas campaign is the Honorable Charles Bussey, vice mayor of the city of Little Rock. National chairman for the UNCF is Cyrus R. Vance, New York attorney and former diplomat. Thomas A. Murphy, vice chairman of the board of the General Motors Corporation is the UNCF corporation chairman.

The UNCF Campaign is directed to the community at large and is distinguished from the Black College Fund of The United Methodist Church. It is through the Black College Fund that the predominately black institutions of The United Methodist Church receive their major church-related support. The Black College Fund took the place of the former Race Relations Day offering in 1972. Arkansas Methodism has been apportioned approximately \$100,000 for the Black College Fund for each year of the 1972-76, quadrennium. Seventy-five percent of these funds will be channeled to Philander Smith with the remaining amount being placed in a fund for equitable distribution to other United

Methodist institutions participating in the Black College Fund.

Dr. Hazzard pointed out that Arkansas' contributions through the UNCF had lagged far behind those of neighboring states in the 1972 campaign drive. Arkansas received \$14,766 last year while neighboring states received amounts as follows: Tennessee, \$142,587; Kentucky, \$36,071; Missouri, \$100,424; Louisiana, \$196,224; and Texas, \$224,595. Dr. Hazzard stated "Surely our great State of Arkansas can and will raise at least \$30,000 in the current UNCF Campaign."

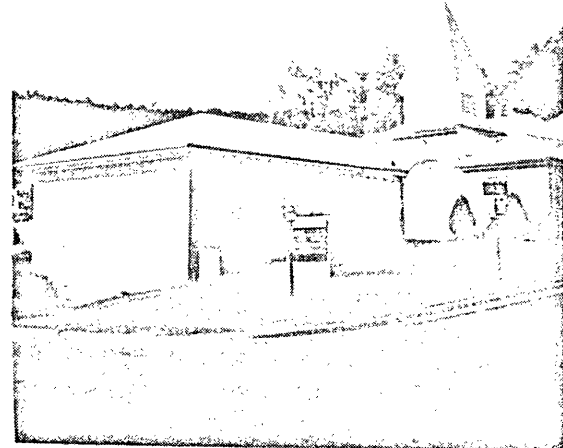
Dr. Hazzard stated that the funds received would be applied to four general categories of need: the increase of faculty salaries and provision for faculty enrichment; provision for financial aid to students; enlargement and improvement of the curriculum by addition of courses in the fields of banking, advanced accounting, computer sciences, management systems and business administration.

The college reports that 85% of its students are in need of financial aid and that 28% are from families with an income of less than \$3000 per year.

Philander Smith is the only fully accredited predominately black college in Arkansas. Its enrollment is 745. Although students come from 21 states and 10 foreign countries, 85% of the student body members are native Arkansans.

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Bishop Eugene M. Frank officiated at dedication ceremonies for the new sanctuary of Tigert United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23, assisted by Arkadelphia District superintendent Dr. George W. Martin. Weldon Adcock, chairman of the building committee burned the mortgage and presented the sanctuary. Several former pastors and area pastors were present. The Rev. E. Stanley Wagner is the present minister.



## United Methodism's largest agency to meet in New Orleans

NEW YORK (UMC) — The problem of world hunger, the size of the United Methodist overseas mission corps, and a tense 16-month-long strike at Methodist Hospital in Pikeville, Ky., are expected to be on the agenda at the annual meeting of the Board of Global Ministries Oct. 19-28 in New Orleans, La.

Largest program agency of the 10,300,000-member United Methodist Church, the Board encompasses several major phases of the denomination's work. Included are home and overseas missions, ecumenical relations, relief, women's program and

work, health and welfare, mission education and cultivation, an international scholarship program and a missionary personnel unit.

Presiding at plenary sessions of the 156-member Board will be its president, Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Chicago, Ill. Chief executive is the Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, general secretary. Both will address the Board.

Most sessions will be held at the Fountainebleau Hotel. The Board was scheduled to meet at the Sheraton Charles Hotel until early September when it was notified the hotel would

be closed before the meeting, and demolished.

Meeting prior to and simultaneously with the full Board will be its nine major units — National Division, World Division, Health and Welfare Ministries Division, Women's Division, Ecumenical and Interreligious Concerns Division, United Methodist Committee On Relief, Education and Cultivation Division, Crusade Scholarship Committee, and Committee on Personhood in Mission.

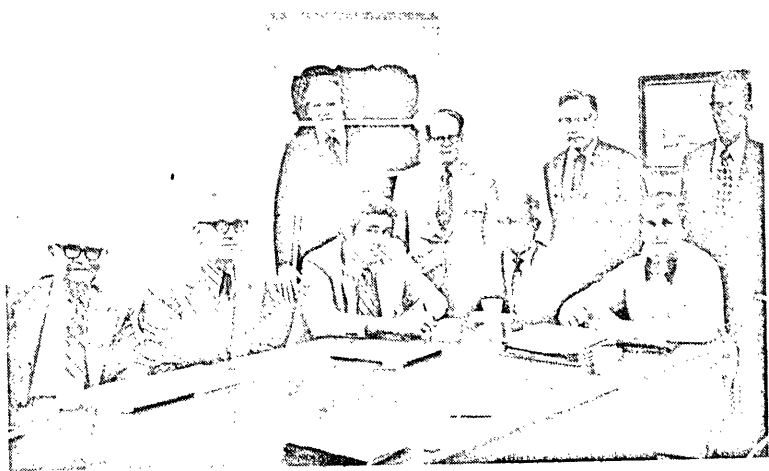
Among other items anticipated for consideration by the Board and/or its units are the plight of farm workers in

America, the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union (COCU), the Board's 1974 budget, Jewish-Christian dialogue, churchwomen's liberation, strip mining and perhaps Watergate.

Contact with United Methodism in New Orleans and vicinity has been worked into the Board meeting. Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield will bring greetings from United Methodism's Louisiana Area, which he heads.

In what is considered an innovation, elected members of the Board and executive staff will report to and in-

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The Board of Managers of the Arkansas Pastors' School met recently in Little Rock to evaluate the 1973 School and do preliminary planning for the 1974 School. Shown attending are (from left, seated) the Rev. Alf A. Eason, director of Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries; the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, associate director of the North Arkansas Conference Council; the Rev. Sam Teague, Bentonville; the Rev. John R. Thompson, associate director of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conference Councils; and the Rev. Jim Beal, Helena, chairman. Standing, from left, are Dr. Myers B. Curtis, director of the North Arkansas Conference Council and secretary; the Rev. R. O. Beck, associate director of the Little Rock Conference Council and dean of the 1973 School; the Rev. William M. Wilder, Wynne; and G. James Washington, Little Rock.

#### OPEN HOUSE

New Conway District parsonage  
Sunday afternoon, October 14  
2:30 - 5:30  
Located at 3 Red Oak Drive in  
Salem area of Conway



Hugh Steven

### Wycliffe consultant to speak at Oct. 19 area meeting

Wycliffe Associates, an interdenominational mission specializing in Bible translation among tribal groups, will sponsor an informational dinner at the Little Rock Holiday Inn, 627 South Broadway, on Friday, Oct. 19, at 7 p.m.

Speaker for the event will be Hugh Steven, international communications consultant for Wycliffe. An author and photographer, Steven has been with Wycliffe since 1956 and has traveled extensively in Latin America, Europe and Southeast Asia. For the last 11 years he has served in Mexico.

Steven will discuss the work of Wycliffe Bible Translators among native tribal people who have no written language, develop an alphabet and teach reading and writing with the goal of translating the New Testament into the native tongue.

They also assist the natives in upgrading health and agriculture and in developing simple industries.

The dinner is open to the public and reservations should be made by contacting Mrs. Charles W. Miller at 225-0973.

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### City ordinance would extend drinking hours

The Christian Civic Foundation of Arkansas, Inc., has notified its participating churches of matters relating to a proposed Little Rock city ordinance that would extend the closing hours for establishments serving mixed alcoholic drinks.

In a bulletin the Foundation suggested that interested parties be present at a meeting presently scheduled on Wednesday, Oct. 10, at which time the matter would be before the city Board of Directors. The meeting will be on the second floor of the City Hall, Markham and Broadway, at 7:30 p.m.

The bulletin also suggested that petitions be sent to the Board of Directors "not to enact a new ordinance to extend the closing hours of those establishments serving mixed alcoholic drinks."

The Rev. Edward W. Harris, executive director of the Foundation, stated in the bulletin that "all that is now necessary (in accordance with Act 387 of the 69th General Assembly of Arkansas) for the extension of closing hours in Little Rock is a majority vote of the Board of Managers on an ordinance."

The bulletin also states that it is likely that "the next legislative battle line we will have to man will be a bill to authorize Sunday sale of alcoholic beverages."

The United Methodist Church is one of the denominations participating in the work of the Foundation.

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#### CROSSETT

Oct. 15, 10:30 A.M. Evening lectures will be at 7:30 Sunday through Wednesday with the meal served at Fellowship Hall.

All persons are invited to attend any and all the lectures.

The Rev. Harold K. Davis is the pastor of the host church.

## Pierre Salinger to speak at Hendrix College, Oct. 16

Former White House Press Secretary, Pierre Salinger, will speak at Hendrix College at 10 a.m., Tuesday, Oct. 16.

Currently Foreign Affairs editor for the French publication, L'Express, Salinger is still active in the political press. His career in political journalism goes back to 1952, at which time he directed the press operations for Adlai Stevenson during his Presidential campaign.

In 1959 he became press secretary to then Senator John F. Kennedy, directed his Presidential campaign in 1960 and was named Press Secretary to the President upon Kennedy's election. Following the death of President Kennedy, Salinger remained Press Secretary to President Johnson until 1964 when he resigned to become a candidate for the Democratic nomination for U. S. Senator in California. After winning the Democratic primary, he was named to the Senate by Governor Edmund Brown to fill a vacant seat, but he was defeated by George Mur-

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#### GLOBAL MINISTRIES

interpret for United Methodists of the New Orleans region what will have been done at the meeting. The interpretation will come Sunday, Oct. 28, in area churches. Board representatives will speak at morning worship, meet with church school classes or other groups, and in other ways report to churches. Though representatives have often spoken in churches where the Board is meeting, this is believed to be the first time contact will be in the nature of coordinated reporting/interpretation to the host area.

Headed up in the Board is the national program of United Methodist Women, an organization of about 1,500,000 members in 35,000 local units. In the Board is the church's unit relating to more than 300 health and welfare ministries such as hospitals and homes for the aging. The Board includes the unit that most directly involves United Methodism in ecumenical relationships.

Within the Board is the work of some 950 missionaries in 30 countries overseas, the missional relationships of United Methodism with churches in about 55 countries, and national mission programmatic, church extension

phy in the regular elections.

Salinger was one of the key advisors in the late Senator Robert F. Kennedy's campaign for the Presidency in 1968. After Kennedy's death, he became one of Senator McGovern's organizers. At the 1968 Democratic National Convention, he was one of the authors of the minority plank on the Vietnam War. He served as national co-chairman of Citizens for McGovern/Shriver in the 1972 Presidential campaign.

Since his defeat for the Senate in 1964, Salinger has been involved in various business enterprises, serving for three terms as Vice-President of International Affairs of Continental. He is Vice-President in charge of European Operations for the American Program Bureau. A native of San Francisco, Salinger is a graduate of the University of San Francisco.

### Hendrix enrollment reaches new high

Enrollment is up again this year at Hendrix College, according to figures released by William R. Patterson, director of admissions and college relations.

With several students still expected to register, the enrollment has reached 1,058 for the 1973 fall term. The enrollment is up almost 2 per cent from last year's total of 1,039 and is the biggest in the history of Hendrix.

Included in the student body enrollment is the largest freshman class (337 students) Hendrix has ever had.

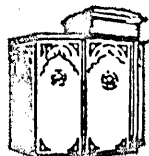
and institutional work in the 50 states and Puerto Rico. A Board unit coordinates denominational relief, rehabilitation and refugee service around the world; another unit guides an international study program, and yet another incorporates the denomination's program of mission education and cultivation.

The Board of Global Ministries has as its purpose to "proclaim and witness as the church corporately in mission to the liberating and saving word of Jesus Christ which calls persons to respond in faith and understanding."



Clergymen and laypersons from North Arkansas Conference who met at Methodist Headquarters, Oct. 3, to evaluate 1973 Camping Program. (Left to right, beginning with persons seated at table): Gerald Rainwater, Vernon Paysinger, Lowell Eaton, Wesley Hilliard, Allan Hilliard, William Haltom, Vina Calhoun, Wayne Clark, Saville Henry, Wayne Jarvis, Charles Wilmoth, Charles Mabry, William Wilder, David Driver, Samuel Teague, Myers Curtis, Jim Beal, Arvill Brannon, and Andy Hall.

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## From the Bottom of the Heart.....

### VIOLENCE REVISITED

Some few years back, when we were going through the agony of large-scale violence in our streets, it was popular to observe that Americans are a violent people. As evidence of this there were reviewed some elements then — and we should continue to be mindful of them now — which have characterized our national life.

Among these has been the myth that glamorized our "wild west," glossing over much of the humanelessness, low morality and harsh violence of the period. Also noted was our rugged individualism, which has in reality too often been characterized by force. Add to these our almost epidemic mania for handguns. And now we must add the way that self-defense techniques such as karate, judo, kung fu, etc., etc., are being benevolently characterized as character-building exercises. As physical disciplines alone, they might conceivably be such, but first and foremost they come across as just one more socially acceptable way of excusing violence and of adding another violent element to our already violence-saturated society. And to the above add the current crop of TV horror movies, police dramas and other shows that appeal to violent instincts.

It was said in that former day that violence was as American as apple pie. At times it is hard not to believe that painful indictment.

#### THE ISSUE IS BEFORE US AGAIN

And now the issue — which rarely has a chance to rest — is before us again. Last week, in the city of Boston, the following events occurred in the course of three days: a woman was forced to pour gasoline over herself and was then set on fire; an aged man was stoned to death; a cab driver was fatally stabbed.

One reaction is to say "it happens all the time, so why get so upset?" Which is just the point. Violence does happen so frequently and we are being conditioned by our society to take it for granted and accept it as the inevitable way to respond to conflict. This is the alarm and tragedy of it all. Another reaction is to search for the causes and make responsible efforts to respond creatively.

One report on the first incident in Boston indicated that the act may have been inspired by a scene in a current TV drama. While violence is a human problem of long standing, pre-dating TV by thousands of years, there can be no question of the tremendous responsibility shouldered by this and all media in dealing with the subject.

#### TV VIOLENCE DOES AFFECT VIEWERS

Between Nov., 1972 and May, 1973 the former broadcast section of The Radio and Film Commission of our church, now a part of United Methodist Communications, did extensive research on violence. Among those questioned were an impressive list of authorities, representing the Rand Corporation, professors of four state universities and specialists in fields related to the study of violence. The results of this research are significant. A very few highlights are here listed:

- Research extending back to the 1930's shows definite evidence of an increase in violent behavior by adults and children after viewing violent behavior on film.
- TV teaches that violence is a good way to deal with conflict. In prime time TV drama 80% of the solutions show violence as a workable and acceptable solution to conflict.
- TV drama tends to have a very good guy and a very bad guy in conflict. This excuses violence. It is okay for the good guy to be as violent as necessary to get rid of the animalistic bad guy.
- Research indicates that showing the consequences of violence is not a good deterrent to violence.

So much TV drama is presented in an "unanswerable context;" that is, the viewer is relatively powerless to contest the subtleties of the influences perpetrated upon impressionable minds. What, then, realistically and positively, can be done?

#### WHAT CAN BE DONE?

Could not the TV industry be challenged to a higher level of drama, to better drama? To quote the report, "Violence is not necessary to drama. Conflict, not violence, is what provides dramatic suspense." Conflict between groups and persons in our culture is a "given;" it is a fact, a normal one, and can even be creative. It is not likely, that we can significantly lower the levels of this conflict. But it is possible that we modify the ways in which we as a nation respond to conflict. It is at this point that the church may see its role in this vital area of our national concern. The

Christian gospel has a relevant and powerful word to speak in regard to dealing with conflict.

Write a letter about it? It could help. If we do not try to achieve what we think is most desirable, we will receive that which at best we can only tolerate.

Most Americans feel that on this issue, as in so many big issues, there is little that can be done. We may never know until we try. And on this one it's going to take a lot more dedicated people trying a whole lot harder.

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## Off the Top of the Head.....

### Bargain daze .....or.....Hernia brand

My wife is one of those folk who has a sharp eye for bargains. It's well that she does, for it's been this sharp eye that has kept the books balanced at home. But how much, I must ask you, is enough?

She came home the other day proudly announcing that she had found a bargain on laundry detergent. She had indeed. You won't believe this but she had bought no less than 45 pounds of bargain all in one super-duper giant size box! That's forty-five (45) lbs. (pounds) of detergent in o-n-e (1) box!

Anticipating my first question — for she looked in pretty good physical shape — she said that a carry-out boy had taken it to the car for her. To show his appreciation for this honor he had wedged the box in the back seat, down on the floor between the front and back seat cushions and must have had to sit on it to make it as secure as it was. It occurred to me that this carry-out boy was either on loan from the defensive line of the Dallas Cowboys or else is probably suffering from second degree hernia by now.

Possibly you can visualize my problem. I considered leaving the bargain right where it was secured, cut open the top and just dip detergent as needed. But this had its obvious drawbacks, among them being that we'll probably trade in this car within three or four years plus the fact that it would get old trying to explain to friends why they had to crawl over 45 lbs. of soap just to ride to church.

Anyway, I must rush to comfort you with the assurance that all is now well. The detergent is in its proper place — in what is now referred to as our Soap Warehouse — and I am patiently waiting for the neighbors to come and borrow by the bucket, but so far no luck. I'm beginning to think that they all must have gone to the same sale.

To those of you who are accustomed to some religious words buried in these little comments, I must say sorry, no chance this time. The soap may be settled, but I'm not. Not, at least, to the point where I can think religious thoughts.

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### Now let's go over that one more time....

As an editor, I've been thinking the following thought for about four months now, but just hadn't realized it could be expressed. But — having seen it on a sign above a busy counter in a local store — I can now share with you the perfect "Editor's Excuse:"

"I know you believe you understand what you think I said but I am not sure you realize that what you heard is not what I meant."

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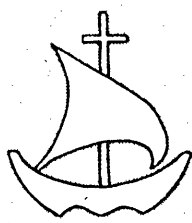
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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"We should act passionately as if a just and peaceful global policy is both possible and necessary within our own lifetime, or at least the lifetime of our children," declared Dr. Richard A. Falk, a specialist in international law, as he presented the major address at a service marking the 10th anniversary of the Church Center located across the street from the U.N. Secretariat.

Despite the strife in Northern Ireland, the Rev. Rufus J. Womble, rector of Christ Episcopal church in Little Rock, relates following a trip to Belfast that "hundreds of Protestants and Catholics meet together in the name of Christ under the direction of the Holy Spirit. These undaunted Christians of different loyalties cross the dangerous dividing zone in order to pray together and to offer their friendship and love to one another."

Attorney General Elliott L. Richardson said that 95 of the nation's largest cities, including Washington, D.C., reported decreases in serious crimes during the first half of the year. "I am encouraged to see that the statistics continue to show a leveling-off of the great increase in crime that occurred in the 1960s," he said.

The congregation of the Smyrna Church in Pinhurst, Ga., that voted last year to leave the United Methodist Church because the denomination was becoming too liberal, will appeal a state judge's decision holding that they cannot retain church property valued at between \$4,000 and \$6,000. The judge upheld the written trust clause in the United Methodist Book of Discipline that states that local trustees hold property "for" the denomination.

Owen Cooper, president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has urged the denomination's Executive Committee to adopt a "more positive" philosophy. He commented, "I say this in love, but less time should be given towards finding reasons why things can't be done and more time should be given to finding how things can be done. He called for "innovative ideas in SBC programs without turning one iota from being a Bible-based, Bible-believing, Bible-belonging mission body."

Regional presbyteries and stated clerks of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) have received from two PCUS agencies a set of guidelines on how to prevent dissidents from seceding and taking church property with them. Members are advised to "know with assurance that a majority of you in your local church cannot withdraw from the PCUS to a position of independence and autonomy against the will and desires of a minority group of loyal Presbyterians who wish to be and seek to be identified as the true and loyal remnant of the local church."

The liquor industry lost an estimated \$9.7 million worth of advertising with the demise of Life magazine last year, according to an advertising news writer for New York Times. Since Life ceased publication last December, the writer reports, TV Guide, with over 40 million adult readers, appears to have gained. Noting that another major magazine, Better Homes and Gardens, began accepting liquor advertising about a year ago, he observes that the industry couldn't turn to Reader's Digest (43 million adult readers) or to the National Geographic (more than 15 million). They refuse to accept liquor advertising.

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More than one million calls from persons in distress were logged in 1972 by the 100 centers related to Life Line International, the telephone ministry operating in eight countries. Dr. Alan Walker, Australian founder of the ministry, said that the movement is continuing to grow, with more than 15,000 trained counselors, mostly lay persons, involved in the centers. (In the Arkansas-Louisiana area the ministry is known as "Contact.")

A suit asking a court to require the University of Minnesota to oust the Young Women's Christian Assn. (YWCA) from Coffman Union, a student center, has been filed by the Minnesota Civil Liberties Union. The suit charges that the YWCA is a religious organization and the relationship between it and the university violates the First Amendment to the U. S. Constitution and a section of the Minnesota Constitution. The plaintiffs cite the YWCA's articles of incorporation, which say that its purpose is "the promotion of . . . spiritual culture of young women."

Archbishop Joseph T. McGucken of San Francisco said recently that the need for diocesan newspapers in the homes of all Catholics "was never more apparent." He added that today "we cannot expect a Catholic newspaper to depend solely on pious matter. It must reflect the lives of the people it serves; their hopes, their joys, their sorrows, and their problems."

Addressing an overflow crowd at Duke University chapel in a pre-crucade appearance, Evangelist Billy Graham said: "The nation needs to repent—not just the Republicans, but my own party, the Democrats, as well. We all need to repent because there is a little bit of Watergate in us all."

"There also is Christian discontent," Graham told his Duke University audience. "We ought to tackle pollution, energy, population and war problems, and try to eliminate them from the human scene," he said. Following an appeal for the 6 million persons in West Africa who could die of starvation before Christmas "unless the nations of the world come to their aid," the evangelist turned over the special offering taken during the service, along with his honorarium from the university, to aid the people in those countries.

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the District of Columbia has ruled that a nativity scene must be dropped from the annual Christmas Pageant of Peace near the White House or the government must limit its role in the display. The land is controlled by the National Parks Service. Judges suggested several alternatives. It is not yet known what sponsors of the pageant will do as a result of the court decision.

The Rev. Lucius Walker, Jr., executive director of the controversial Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO), is the nominee to head the new Division of Church and Society of the National Council of Churches. Walker is a black clergyman of the American Baptist Churches, who has headed IFCO since its inception in 1967. It was at an IFCO-called meeting in 1969 that the Black Manifesto and its demands for reparations from the Churches emerged. During the stormy months that followed, Walker was able to extricate his organization from the complications of identity with the Manifesto. Its supporters separated from IFCO and soon faded.

The "Lutheran Hour" radio listeners in the New York City area are being asked to protest the decision of Station WNBC-FM to drop the broadcast. Tommy Thompson, administrator of the Mass Media Department of the Lutheran Laymen's League, complains that although broadcast time is purchased at a regular commercial rate, and has been broadcasting since July 1, 1956, the time slot has been continually bounced around from the 1:30 p.m. live network time, to 8:30 a.m. to 10:30 p.m., then to 11:30 p.m., to 6:30 a.m.

Christianity Today, the evangelical fortnightly whose 1967 editorial, "Somehow Let's Get Together," was one of the original stimuli for Key 73, has declared that the evangelistic achievements of this year "are cause for rejoicing and thanksgiving." A Sept. 28 editorial states, "In thousands of churches across North America this year, there have been unprecedented efforts in evangelism. Never before have so many Scriptures been distributed, so many Christian tracts presented, and so many doors knocked upon for the sake of the Gospel. For those who label Key 73 as a flop or disappointment, perhaps the anticipations have been too high. If a highly visible phenomenon is what was expected, then Key 73 has fallen short. But for most pastors and church workers, the achievements are cause for rejoicing."

The old-fashioned subject of human and religious values received a hearing on Capitol Hill as a National Council of Churches official testified before a Senate subcommittee. The Rev. William Genne, the Council's director for family ministries, said, "Love, honor, honesty and a willingness to stick by vows, especially marriage vows, are fundamental to a healthy society." "American Families: Trends and Pressures" is the official topic of the hearings set by Senator Mondale.



NEW YORK — Studies in such countries as India and Tunisia have shown that many persons who have learned to read lapse back into illiteracy within a year because they do not reinforce their learning. This is usually because there is nothing at their level for them to read, or because they are not motivated to read. To help overcome these problems, the American Bible Society has launched a program called "Good News for New Readers," a program aimed at helping newly literate persons attain normal reading skills through a Scripture literacy program. Here a woman in Guatemala receives her first Scripture literacy selection. (RNS Photo)

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## Visiting with our retired ministers

### NO "SPARE TIME PROBLEM"

The spry 72-in-November minister serves as pastor of the Watson church in the Monticello District, some 16 miles from his home in Dumas. He preaches each Sunday and does pastoral visiting usually one day each week.

Community service is an important element in Brother Fred's life. He served as chairman of the Helping Hand program during its first year in Dumas, supplying aid to needy persons. He is an active member of the Lions Club and enjoys "talking with the neighbors and going up to the drug store to 'yak-yak' with the fellas at the coffee shop," though, he says, "I don't 'hang out' there."

Where, then, does the Rev. Fred Locke Arnold "hang-out" when not on church and civic projects? He works around the house and in the yard, fishes a little, but would probably say that his favorite pastime activity is enjoying his musical talents. "I can spend an hour or two on the piano, just thump-in' around a little, playing and singing."

Sports are an important part of his life, too. "Oh, I'm strong on football! I go to every game I can—junior games, high school games. I love good sports."

### FROM OUT OF THE PAST: FUN AND INSPIRATION

Fred Arnold shares two experiences from past years. One centers around an event in the parsonage at Texarkana. "I remember when we moved to Fairview church. The parsonage was in dandy shape. That Mark Vaught was a housekeeper if any man ever was! He kept that house so clean. And of course when we moved in there we told the kids 'Now we've got to take care of this parsonage.' And the very first week they had a pillow fight—Mary was about 6, Fred 9 and Joe 11—and they broke out all the lights in the hall! Well, that just about killed our souls. So, we told them 'We're going to have to hold that out of your allowances; we're going to fix those lights!'"

Recalling another favorite event of the past, Fred Arnold tells of a revival meeting he participated in while serving the Prescott Circuit. "It was at New Salem, one of 8 churches on the charge. We had a 10-day revival and we had 42 conversions. People just kept coming to the altar so that we could hardly close at night! The old church building would fill up and people would stick their heads in through the windows. Lester Lee was doing the preaching and I was leading the singing and doing the other 'trimmin' work. This was one of the great revivals. It was a great and high privilege to be in something like that!"

### TODAY AND TOMORROW

But like most retired ministers, he Rev. Fred L. Arnold isn't content to live in the past. His attention is on the present and his concern is for the future. "I think the greatest need today is for the church to get on fire for God! And I believe we are coming into the day when this is going to transpire."

Commenting on the ministry of today, Fred Arnold says "I think most preachers are doing a pretty jam-up good job. I've always had confidence in my preacher-brethren and in my district superintendents and presiding elders—in the earlier days—as

men who felt their call into this work."

"And I see a sign of hope in the youth and the younger generation. They're wanting something to transpire in the church. They're ready to get in the ball game!"

What would Fred Arnold say to those who claim that preaching has had its day? "Never! You can't put it out. Jesus said 'Preach the gospel.' How else can you do it better? Unless we've got something better, we're going to be losers, I don't care what they say!"

And what about present problems facing our nation? "We can't put all the blame on Watergate. We've all got a little Watergate in us if we're not careful. But I believe the heart of the church is for truthfulness and ethics in all avenues of life. And the church is going to be the prompting element . . . in saving the situation. I think Watergate is going to help save itself. It has brought a guilt to us that maybe we need to see. Without it we wouldn't have seen it. Maybe it's had its mission."

### THOUGHTS ON THE PENSION FUND CAMPAIGN

Asked about the Little Rock Conference's current Ministers' Reserve Pension Fund campaign, Brother Arnold said "At first I thought it was a pretty big bit for our church . . . Then I was talking with a layman one day and he said 'You know, this is a laymen's movement.' I didn't want it if it was going to be a preacher's movement. But he said 'Fred, this is a laymen's movement and the thinking laymen are wanting to do something right now to stabilize our pension program.' And when that came out I said 'All right! Well and good!'"

And Fred Arnold concludes "It is a laymen's movement, the laymen are back of it, the laymen are going to put it over. And of course we are going to help them."

### A WORD TO YOUNG AND OLD

What counsel would Fred Arnold give to a young minister? "I would tell him first that he's got to expect some hardships; or he ought to. They'll come. And the only way to be prepared for them is to be a dedicated man to the ministry of your Lord . . . You won't forget them; they'll be there. (But) if you are a dedicated man . . . these things will roll right off like peas on a dry cowhide!"

"And I would say 'Look after the children; notice the children; Jesus had a lot to do with children . . . I'd advise a young preacher to love his children, and the youth, too.'"

As for those preparing for retirement, Brother Fred Arnold would say "Take several years . . . see it in the future. Look forward to it. Make your preparations. Get something in view—a golf club, or fishing; but find something that'll keep the old 'noggin' busy. Employment of the mind! And keep busy as long as you're able to drag one foot behind the other."

Visiting with Fred Arnold, you know that he has followed his own advice. He continues to serve with dedication and to live with joy. And to a man like him, "retirement" is something that happens to someone else. As for the Rev. Fred Locke Arnold, he'll just keep on being a Methodist preacher, thank you.

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### INTERVIEW: THE REV. FRED L. ARNOLD

"We'd go out in the woods, get up there on a stump and debate the great theological issues. I tell you, we'd get hot!" The Rev. Fred Locke Arnold, retired United Methodist minister, is the speaker and he's recalling how his ministry began.

"One of the great experiences I had as a boy is how I learned to preach. Another boy and I formed a debating society. He was a very devout member of the Church of Christ; his father was a Campbellite preacher, as we used to call them. We'd have our partners to keep time and correct us, and we learned to debate! It got me 'broke in' to speaking in public and it took away my fears."

And although officially retired after 44 years of ministry (39½ as official service record years), "Brother Fred" Arnold is still at the business of preaching and serving people. "The only difference is that I just had to slow up. I still try to minister, and I enjoy it!"

And this fact—that Fred Arnold enjoys his life and ministry—is most evident as you visit with him. What isn't evident is that he has "slowed up" any at all.

Dumas is the place where Fred and Willie Belle (Anderson) Arnold chose to retire. "Because," Fred says, "our daughter is there and we couldn't very well follow the boys around." Mary Margaret Lazenby, the Arnold's daughter, lives with her own three children just four blocks from her parent's retirement home. Her late husband, Dr. A. Wayne Lazenby, was a prominent Dumas physician at the time of his death just twenty-one months ago. "The boys" to whom Fred Arnold refers are both ministers in the Little Rock Conference, the same Conference in which their father gave his forty years of ministry. Joe Edward is pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Warren and Fred Hutchinson is pastor at Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock. There are three children in Joe's family, two in Fred's, giving the Arnolds eight grandchildren to add a vital and priority element to their already interesting and busy retirement.

### UNICEF and us

This Halloween, once again, children in our town and in towns and cities across the country will gather to make magic for the millions of other children whose world contains more than its share of poverty, ignorance and despair.

As they collect coins and currency for the United Nations Children's Fund our youngsters will offer us the opportunity to help UNICEF provide medical care, improved nutrition and education assistance for other children in 111 countries of the Third World —

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a world where nearly half the population is under 15, where the average per capita income is less than \$200, where three out of every ten babies don't survive their first five years. In the developing areas of Africa, Asia, Latin America and the Middle East just one of our pennies can protect a child against tuberculosis, a dime can provide enough dry milk to make fifty glasses of liquid milk, and a quarter can buy a baby chick for an applied nutrition program.

But the magic doesn't end there. When you help UNICEF help a child, that child's government helps too. For

every \$1 the Children's Fund spends in a developing country, that country provides an average \$2.50 in local resources. And when a UNICEF-assisted youngster grows up healthy, literate, hopeful and productive, he in turn can contribute to the development of his family and his nation. By assisting their children, UNICEF helps these countries help themselves.

Oct. 31 is National UNICEF Day by Presidential proclamation. On or about that day each one of us can in effect take out "World Insurance" by dedicating our pennies and quarters, dimes and dollars to children in need

of a better future. It's not only the children's world we'll be improving, but our own as well.

Mrs. Grafton Thomas of Little Rock, state volunteer representative for UNICEF in Arkansas, has stated in a letter to local church leaders that "the best way that you could help would be to participate in the Trick-or-Treat program," and appeals to churches to order kits from the United States Committee for UNICEF, 331 East 38th Street, New York, N.Y. 10016. When ordering, information should be given on the number of people who will be participating and their ages.

# NEWS and NOTES

DR. JAMES B. ARGUE will be the evangelist for the "Gospel Feast" to be held in the Mabelvale United Methodist Church at Little Rock, Oct. 14-17. Bill Kennedy of England, song evangelist, will lead the singing. Dr. Argue is pastor of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock. The Rev. Gerald K. Fincher is the Mabelvale pastor.

OSCEOLA UNITED METHODIST Men had as guest speaker at the Oct. 9th meeting, the Rev. A. L. Bingham, pastor of Aldersgate United Methodist Church in Memphis. Dr. L. D. Massey introduced the speaker. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers was host pastor.

DR. ALVIN MURRAY was the speaker during the revival held in the Capitol View United Methodist Church at Little Rock, Sept. 30 through Oct. 3. Host pastor was the Rev. Tom Nation. Dr. Murray is pastor of First Church, El Dorado.

TOMMY CRAWFORD was the speaker in the Walnut Ridge United Methodist Church, Sept. 30. Mr. Crawford plans to enter the Methodist ministry. The Rev. Dick Haltom was host pastor.

BOB GANNAWAY, of Motivational Services in Little Rock, spoke at the first fall meeting of Methodist Men at Lonoke Monday, Sept. 24. Mr. Gannaway, a United Methodist layman, spoke on the subject "Motivation to Christ." The Rev. Michael Clayton is the Lonoke pastor.

THE BATESVILLE AREA held a Bible course on 1st and 2nd Corinthians, Sunday, Oct. 7, in First United Methodist Church. Dr. Francis Christie, academic dean of Hendrix College, was the teacher at afternoon and night sessions. Host pastor was the Rev. Dois M. Kennedy.

THE YOUTH CHOIR in Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, has been limited to 100 voices, and now has a waiting list. Richard Hunter is minister of music.

MR. AND MRS. BOB BELL, former members of the Peace Corps in India, presented the program on India in First Church, Texarkana, for the United Methodist Women at morning and evening sessions, Oct. 8.

## P.K. KORNER

LAURA HOLLENBECK, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Ed Hollenbeck of Benton, has been named one of the semi-finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Competition. She is ranked first in her Senior class at Benton High School and her brother Paul is ranked second in the same class.

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Red Hill Church  
observes 101st  
anniversary



The Red Hill United Methodist Church, Chidester Charge, celebrated their 101st anniversary on Sept. 2. It was organized under the name New Salem Methodist Church. The Sunday afternoon celebration began a week-long revival. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, center, Camden District superintendent, was the Sunday speaker. The Rev. Jess W. Taylor, right, and the Rev. Larry Martineau, left, pastor, were mid-week speakers.

## KEITH MEMORIAL TO HOLD HOMECOMING, OCT. 14

Keith Memorial Church in Malvern is holding a homecoming on Sunday, Oct. 14 in observance of its establishment 54 years ago. The Rev. Robert S. Beasley, who served as pastor from 1932 to 1935, and who is now retired and living in Hot Springs, will bring the sermon at the 10:30 service. After a basket dinner, the afternoon program will begin at 1:30. Singing will be followed by a Memorial Service.

Keith Memorial Church has set up a building fund, and solicits members and former members to contribute to the fund through memorials for loved ones. Winston Simms is chairman of the Administrative Board, and the Rev. W. W. Barron is pastor.

## Council Directors to Local Churches

### PEANUTS AND THE GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH!

"Ladies and gentlemen: the greatest show on earth! Charlton Heston, dressed in black boots, white pants, scarlet coat and top hat, was kicking off the celebrity-filled first night of Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey in Los Angeles. Walter Matthau turned up as one of the clowns. Matthau's son Charlie, 10, was crowned King of the Circus. Then came the grand parade of elephants with spangled riders led off by Sonny and Cher and their daughter Chastity, 4, who was crowned Queen of the Circus. Star after star—from Carol Burnett to Jimmy Stewart—rode once around the ring, helping to raise \$25,000 for the S.S. Hope, a floating clinic full of doctors who sail the seas to teach medicine in underdeveloped countries."

This little article appeared in the "People" section of Time magazine this summer. Isn't it just great? All of that high-cost talent and all of that big expensive circus managed to raise a total of \$25,000 for a very worthy cause! We aren't knocking it. We really do think it is great. But, in keeping with the circus theme, the amount they raised is peanuts! It isn't peanuts in terms of my family budget or yours, but it is peanuts compared to what is quietly but regularly given through the channels of the church every minute of every day.

RECTOR FIRST CHURCH will have in the pulpit on Laity Day, Oct. 14, Mr. C. C. Jarvis, father of the pastor, the Rev. Wayne C. Jarvis.

RAYMOND HILLIS of Malvern, who is the Little Rock Conference director of lay speaking, will be the speaker in the Marked Tree United Methodist Church on Laity Day, Oct. 14. The Rev. Bob Orr is the Marked Tree pastor.

UNITED METHODIST MEN of Helena are sponsoring a canoe trip for husbands and wives Oct. 12 and 13. The eight couples will leave Friday afternoon somewhere along the Buffalo River in north Arkansas, spend the night camping on the river, and floating all day Saturday. The Rev. Jim Beal is their pastor.

For example, in 1972 on every single day, 365 days out of the year, United Methodist people gave over \$23,000 to the General Advance program. That means that every hour, day and night, some local church or some church member was giving \$960 as a Second-mile gift to Christian missions.

To bring it right down to the dollars and cents where most of us live, it means that every minute of every day in 1972 some United Methodist somewhere was giving \$16 toward the General Advance program of his church! Gather all the circuses! Bring in all the stars! Hold all the big parades! They can't even begin to equal the GREATEST SHOW ON EARTH being put on all the time everywhere by the people of the church!

We hear a lot of talk about people losing faith in their church. But in spite of inflation, devaluation, and all the other things that face us, the people of the church are proving every second, minute, hour, day, week, month, and year that they believe in the Church of Jesus Christ. They keep right on putting their money where their gospel is!

So the next time someone starts talking about how all the disgruntled folks are putting their money into the various sideshows, tell them what is happening under the big top in the center ring! Let them know that the stands are still full and the show still goes on!

## 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.

Oct. 14—Sunday	Joel 3:9-16
Oct. 15	Matt. 24:1-25
Oct. 16	Matt. 24:32-42
Oct. 17	Matt. 25:1-12
Oct. 18	1 Thes. 5:1-11
Oct. 19	2 Peter 3:1-4, 10-18
Oct. 20	Rev. 12:7-12
Oct. 21—Sunday	Dan. 7:9-14

## Methodists featured in Sunday editions

Methodists were featured by two columnists in Sunday editions of both state papers of Arkansas, recently.

In a nostalgic piece entitled "Can you go back?", Alice Portis' weekly column, "Feminine Feedback," described in the *Arkansas Democrat* her attendance at the homecoming of Hunter's Chapel United Methodist Church "eight miles from Roe and thirteen miles from Stuttgart," where her father (the late Rev. J. E. Waddell) had preached about 50 years ago. This prompted Mrs. Portis, who is widely known in Arkansas literary, educational, and church circles, to reminisce about some of her childhood experiences in summer "p'tracted meetin's."

The "Arkansas Traveler" column in the *Arkansas Gazette* is a daily feature. Mike Trimble recently succeeded Bob Lancaster as columnist. Trimble's recent article was about the Good brothers, one of whom is a Methodist minister. The writer was a student of William J. Good in the journalism department at the University of Arkansas. The Rev. Clint W. Good, now retired and living in Goshen, Ark., was pastor at Bauxite when Trimble was an adolescent and his ministry left an indelible imprint upon the mind of the potential journalist.

MR. AND MRS. BUREN HARDIN of Okolona United Methodist Church celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary at that church on Sunday afternoon, Sept. 23. Many friends and relatives were present to honor the Hardins as they observed this milestone.

WILLIAM EARL MAXWELL, JR., who attends Hendrix College in Conway, was the lay speaker at Cleveland United Methodist Church, Conway District, on Sunday, Sept. 23.

THE REV. J. ANTHONY Holifield, pastor of the Nettleton-Brookland Charge, Jonesboro District, was the guest evangelist for recent revival services at the Leachville United Methodist Church. The Rev. Frank Weatherford is pastor at Leachville.

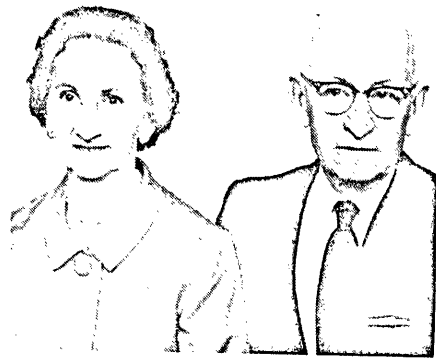
FIRST UNITED Methodist Church, Blytheville, Senior High UMY has elected its new officers. They are: Danny Thomas, president; Mitzi Nebhut, vice president; Sara Shouse, secretary; and Cheryl Polzin, treasurer. The Rev. J. William Watson is their pastor.

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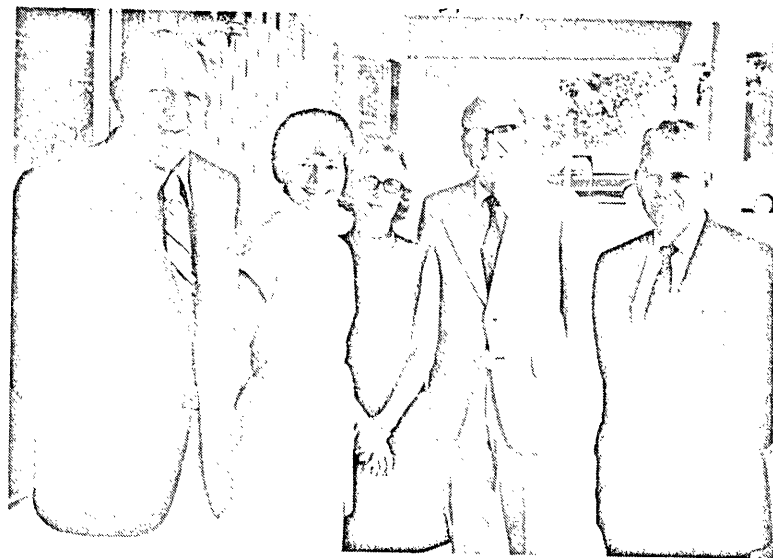
Mr. and Mrs. John R. Abshire of Texarkana, Ark., will celebrate their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 21 at a reception to be held in St. Luke's United Methodist Church, Texarkana, Texas, from two until four o'clock. They are former members of Midland Heights Church in Fort Smith, and extend an invitation to all friends. Their present pastor is the Rev. Jesse L. Johnson.



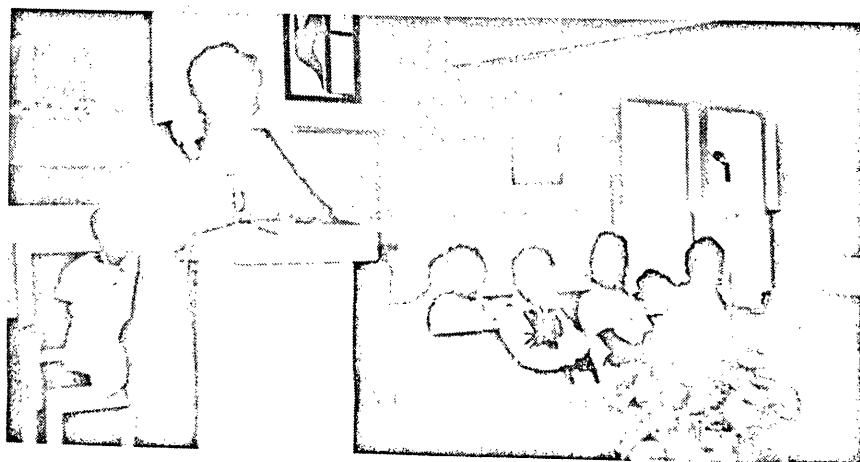
Mrs. R. V. Powell, shown above with Mr. Powell, recently retired as organist at Beebe United Methodist Church, a position she has held continuously for 54 years. A plaque was recently placed in the narthex of the Beebe Church in her honor. During her years of service she has worked with 19 ministers, who were: M. P. Timberlake, H. H. Blevins, C. I. Hively, J. M. Fryar, W. J. LeRoy, W. J. Faust, H. F. McDonald, S. O. Patty, Harry King, Harold O. Eggen-sperger, O. L. Cole, Virgil Hanks, Floyd G. Villines, Jr., George Stewart, Jim Workman, Jim Barnett, Vernon Paysinger, Gerald Hammet and Brady Cook.

DR. ROSALIE JENKINS LAWSON, wife of Chaplain Marvest A. Lawson, is one of eight writers for "The Leader Development Resource System," the new United Methodist guidance material. She is a trained director of Christian education, has been a missionary to Brazil and teaches at John F. Kennedy University, Martinez, Calif. Chaplain Lawson, a member of the North Arkansas Conference, is with the U.S. Navy, stationed at Concord, Calif.

FIRST UNITED Methodist Church, El Dorado, has had a large choir program for 50 years. At the present time they have sixteen choirs with almost 200 participants. On Sunday, Sept. 23, all the choirs dedicated themselves and brought the message through song. Dr. Alvin Murray is their pastor.



Melbourne Church members held Open House at their new Methodist parsonage, recently. Shown on the porch, from left, are: J. C. Ashley, Jr., Mrs. Phyllis Clark and Mrs. Betty Cathey, members of the Building Committee, the Rev. Floyd Villines, Batesville District superintendent, and the Rev. James Wingo, pastor. The new brick parsonage has six rooms, two baths, carport and ample storage space.



Mrs. Mary E. Goza of Nashville was guest speaker for the Women's Day program at Macedonia United Methodist Church in Lockesburg, Sunday, Sept. 23 at 2:30 p.m. Her address centered around the theme, "United Methodist Women in Action."

## Financial Statement

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE  
UNITED METHODIST WOMEN  
June 30, 1973 to September 30, 1973

### RECEIPTS

Pledge to Missions	\$21,950.01	
Special Memberships	305.00	
In Remembrance	42.00	
World Thank Offering	101.09	
Total Credit on Pledge	\$22,398.10	
Call to Prayer & Self-denial	212.80	
Supplementary Gifts	116.00	
Elizabeth T. Workman Fund for Youth	103.01	
Offering for Assembly	35.40	
Total Receipts from Districts	\$22,865.31	
Bal. Savings & Checking Acct. June 30, 1973	16,715.72	
TOTAL TO ACCOUNT FOR	\$39,581.03	

### DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to Missions	\$18,657.51	
Special Memberships	305.00	
In Remembrance	42.00	
World Thank Offering	101.09	
Total Credit On Pledge	19,105.60	
Call to Prayer & Self Denial	212.80	
Supplementary Gifts	116.00	
Total Sent To Division	\$19,434.40	(19,434.40)
Operational Expense	68.59	
Conference & Committee Meetings	54.86	
Connectional Work	3.50	
Warren Centennial Expense	31.36	
Printing	53.05	
Regional School of Christian Mission (Travel Pool)	194.55	
Assembly Expense	271.80	
Jurisdiction Cultivation	562.90	
	1,240.61	(1,240.61)
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS		20,675.01
Bal. Savings & Checking Acct. Sept. 30, 1973		18,906.02
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR		\$39,581.03

Mrs. Hubert Blakley, Treasurer

### NEW SALEM WOMEN FEATURE INDIA STUDY

The newly formed Grace Dwyer Circle, New Salem United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, held a unique program on Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the church. The program was based on the study, "India — One-Sixth of the World's Population." A special guest was Mrs. Surinder Gupta, wife of Dr. Gupta, both of whom are natives of India. Mrs. Gupta wore a sari, her native dress. Her husband is a neurosurgeon, and has had an office in the Central Towers Building at Hot Springs about a year.

Part of the emphasis of the program was to contact persons from India living in the area. These were found to be: a Dr. Wagh, biochemist at the V.A. Hospital in Little Rock; Dr. Neik Soyza of Ceylon, staff cardiologist at the V. A. Hospital; a girl from Vellore, India, who is on the pediatrics staff at the U. of Ark. Medical Center; and a senior student in advertising and marketing at the U. of Ark. at Little Rock.

The Grace Dwyer Circle officers are: Leona Waund, chairman; Clyde Minton, program chairman; Janie Brown, Christian social relations; and Doris Lee Singleton, missions. The Rev. Robert Woody is their pastor.

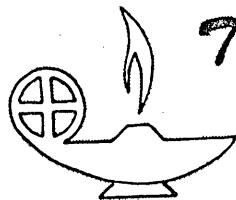
### MINISTERS' WIVES BEGIN NEW SEASON

Ministers' wives and widows of the Little Rock District are meeting Thursday morning, Oct. 11, with Sandy Haustein, 8204 Dreher Lane, Little Rock. The 10 a.m. meeting will conclude with a luncheon.

Program theme for the year is "Reach Out — and Touch." Ruth Johnson, vice-president, is in charge of the program committee. Other officers this year are Marie Thomas, president; Rea Reutz, secretary; and Mabel Harris, treasurer. The November meeting will be at Aldersgate United Methodist Camp.

MRS. J. L. PARSONS, mother of Mrs. Britt Cordell, died on Sept. 29 at Albuquerque, New Mexico. Mrs. Cordell is the wife of the Rev. Britt Cordell, pastor of Wesley Church in Conway.

WANTED — Minister of Music with responsibility for Youth Program. Good salary. Contact Dr. Charles Richards, First United Methodist, 304 N. Main, Searcy, Arkansas 72143. Phone 268-5897.



# The Sunday School Lesson

by the Editor

LESSON FOR OCTOBER 21:

Freedom and Its Temptations

**ORIENTATION:** We are in the first quarter (Sept.—Oct.—Nov.) of the 1973-74 church school year. The theme for this quarter is **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL**. We are in Unit #2 (Sept. 30—Oct. 28) of this quarter. The unit subject is **THE MESSAGE OF RECONCILIATION**. (The unit subject for the first quarter was **MINISTRY OF RECONCILIATION**). Our lesson for Oct. 21 is the fourth in this unit of five lessons and is entitled "Freedom and Its Temptations."

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Romans, chapters 6 and 7.

**MEMORY SELECTION:** If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit.—Galatians 5:25

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON:** To examine the meaning of Christian freedom; to see what being a "slave of Jesus Christ" means and does not mean; to see the role of law in relation to man's freedom; to see the nature of sin as reflected in Romans 7; and to examine some implications of Christian freedom for life in our time.

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## THE SHAPE OF THE ISSUE

Perhaps we can gain a bit of insight into the issue before us in this lesson by looking at a cartoon—one which probably wouldn't be at home in a Sunday School book!

The scene is in hades (the more printable theological term), showing two brand-new residents, forked-tails and all, being greeted by two senior citizen-type devils, pitchforks in hand. One of the new arrivals, reflecting on the life he has just left and realizing that he "went down to the hot place" instead of "up to the better place," is speaking to the welcoming committee: "What really gets me is when I think about all of the sins I *could* have committed!"

The cartoon can help to point up some questions which Paul imagines his readers to be asking: "If we are free of the law's demands—as you, Paul, say we are—then why shouldn't we really 'have at it' and sin all we want to? If God is going to be good enough to forgive us anyway, why not have all the 'fun' of sinning while we've got the chance and let God do us the great big favor of forgiving us all the more? The more we've got to be forgiven of, the more forgiveness we'll get, and the happier God should be to give it to us!"

The questions form the basic issue of our lesson and reveal some elements which go to the very heart of the gospel. For in the concept of freedom over-against law, the very nature of God is revealed in a magnificent way. The issue opens before us both the beauty of God's trust of his children and reveals also the "agony" of man's liberty; the "grandeur and misery of man."

## PAUL DEALS WITH THE QUESTION

By the time he gets to what we call the sixth chapter in his letter to the Romans, Paul has recognized that he must pause a bit to deal with what, for some of his readers, might seem like a foolish contradiction in his thinking. Some may have surmised that "If we are all that free of the demands of the law, then let's 'live it up'; let's eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we may die." J. B. Phillips translates Paul's inquiry to his imaginary questioners in this fashion: "Shall we sin to our heart's content and see how far we can exploit the grace of God?" (Romans 6:1).

## LIFE ON "A NEW PLANE ALTOGETHER" NEW LIFE IN CHRIST

Paul's response to his own question is to say emphatically "Certainly not!" "What a ghastly thought!" is the way J. B. Phillips translates this verse (Romans 6:2a). It is now impossible, says Paul, for those who live under grace to go on sinning, because they have "died to sin." Paul uses the analogy of the sacrament: in baptism the Christian has shared Christ's death and also his life and has risen to "life on a new plane altogether" (Romans 6:4 J. B. Phillips).

The commitment to die is a "total commitment;" the old self is now gone, a thing of the past. Such a total commitment brings the seeming paradox—but marvelous discovery—of new life "in Christ."

William Barclay has a helpful analogy for this phrase "in Christ;" a phrase which plays a vital part in so much of Paul's thought. "We cannot live our physical lives unless we are in the air, and the air is in us. It is so with Christ. Unless we are in Christ, and Christ is in us, we cannot live the life of God" (DAILY STUDY BIBLE, Romans, pg. 86).

And this new life in Christ is a life "under grace"; a life of Christian freedom. But Paul is to go on to say some rather strange things about this new "freedom."

## "YOU BELONG TO THE POWER YOU CHOOSE TO OBEY" A NEW BUT LIBERATING BONDAGE

The new freedom of which Paul speaks releases man into loving "bondage" to Christ. While the old man was in bondage to sin, the new man is a slave of Christ. The Christian has, in a sense, exchanged one slavery for another. But the former slavery was a bondage which imprisoned the soul in servitude to the law whereas the new "slavery" is a free-will commitment which liberates man's spirit for the highest things. The service of Christ, Paul says, is perfect freedom.

In an earlier lesson we recalled that in the 16th century Martin Luther called Paul "the world's first free man." It is in relation to these statements of Paul's on Christian freedom that the great Reformation leader made that observation about the apostle. And it is significant to note that many of the world's "freedom movements," from Luther's Protestant Reformation to John Wesley's soul-freeing experience at Aldersgate, and even to movements for political freedom can be traced to Paul's great concept of freedom over-against law.

## WHAT IS CHRISTIAN FREEDOM?

Christian liberty is not simply freedom "from"; it is not license "to do as we please, regardless." It is, rather, so complete a surrender to God that it is akin to "slavery" to righteousness.

The Christian is free from sin on the one hand and has become the bondservant of righteousness on the other. He realizes that he is "not his own; he has been bought with a price." He is, in fact, "the Lord's free man" (I Cor. 6:2; 7:22f).

But is not this new relationship also a kind of seeking for salvation by works? No, Paul would say. The Christian, as a man under grace, is a moral man who does deeds of love not from any legal obligation but from a heart overflowing with gratitude. He loves because he has first been loved.

Our lesson quarterly, pages 56-58, has a fine statement in outline form on the causes of bondage and the meaning of Christian freedom.

## THE ROLE, AGAIN, OF THE LAW

Sin, at the touch of the law, was forced to expose itself as sin, and *that* meant death for me. The contact of the law showed the sinful nature of sin. —Romans 7:10, 11 J. B. Phillips

What then is the value of the law? The law itself is good, says Paul. Its value is that it exposes sin to be the death-dealing agent that it is.

In the remaining verses of Chapter 7 Paul deals with an issue common to all humanity: "I don't accomplish the good I set out to do, and the evil I don't really want to do I find I am always doing" (Romans 7:19, 20 J. B. Phillips).

Paul sees himself "an unwilling prisoner to the law of sin and death," and recognizes that "... if I do things that I don't really want to do then it is not, I repeat, 'I' who do them, but the sin which has made its home within me." He concludes that "it is an agonizing situation, and who on earth can set me free from the clutches of my own sinful nature? I thank God there is a way out through Jesus Christ our Lord" (Rom. 7:24, 25).

Paul has led up to this statement of man's predicament and God's provision to show that the "way out" is the way of grace. This is the message of reconciliation of man to God. We are put in the right relationship with God, not by any obedience to the law, but because of God's gracious act of love toward us in Christ Jesus.

## THE ISSUE TODAY

The responsible use of freedom is a live and vital issue for the Christian today. How are we to handle freedom and its temptations?

Again, Paul speaks an ancient word which reveals a principle upon which we can rely in our contemporary bouts with this issue. The setting for this statement is in Corinth where the Christians had asked Paul about the eating of meat offered as a sacrifice to idols. His statement is worthy of careful attention in the context of today's subject:

Now acceptance by God is not a matter of meat. If we eat it, that does not make us better men, nor are we the worse if we do not eat it. You must be careful that your freedom to eat meat does not in any way hinder anyone whose faith is not as robust as yours. For suppose you ... should be observed eating meat ... ; are you not encouraging the man with a delicate conscience to do the same? Surely you would not want ... to bring spiritual disaster to a weaker brother ... This makes me determined that, if there is any possibility of meat injuring my brother, I will have none of it so long as I live, for fear I might do him harm. —I Cor. 8:8-13 J. B. Phillips

What does this principle say to us today as we wrestle with the question of freedom and its temptations? Is it fair to substitute for "meat" in the above passage such words as "alcohol" or "tobacco?" Or would doing this reflect a puritanism and prudishness from which our Christian liberty has freed us? Would it be fair to substitute such words as "prejudice" and "covetousness" and other attitudes which bring harm to our fellowman? To what extent does freedom to "love God and do as we please" become a violation of our neighbor's rights? How would you answer these questions?

Paul is opening to us the marvelous vistas of a kind of liberty that breaks the bonds of slavery to sin and enables us to be bound with willing ties to Jesus Christ as our Lord. In his service is to be found perfect freedom.



## Devaluation of dollar skyrockets mission costs

**"This is the year to turn around the decline in missionary giving"**

NEW YORK (RNS) — Devaluation of the dollar is having drastic effects on foreign mission programs, according to officials of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries here.

The 10 per cent devaluation in February, coupled with a smaller drop at the end of 1971, has reduced denominational purchasing power by 18 per cent, or some \$2 million.

Reduction of dollar value in international exchange coincided with a decrease in contributions to the agency, which supports almost a thousand missionaries in 21 countries.

The board's World Division had a 1972 deficit of \$650,000. While the United Methodist mission force abroad has dropped from 1,300 (five years ago) to about 950, the agency continues as one of the largest American missions organizations.

But officials fear that continuing adverse financial conditions will mean further reductions, perhaps to 850 missionaries. The devaluation of the dollar meant that cost for supplies and salaries went up sharply. An additional \$190,000 had been spent by mid-September to offset the effect on salaries since February.

Dr. Stephen F. Brimigion, treasurer of the board, says it would be "ridiculous to guess" how much more will be needed in additional salary funds by the end of the year.

All United Methodist missionaries are paid on an adjustable scale above or below the sum of \$8,150 per year. Single persons may receive considerably less. Adjustments are made for age, marital status, dependents and cost of living differentials.

Cost of living supplements are figured on the basis of points relative to an index determined by the cost of living in Washington, D.C. In 10 of the 21 countries where the denomination maintains missionaries, the increase in points has been "startling" since late 1972, officials report.

In Japan, where 97 missionaries are assigned, the cost of living jumped 24 points between the Fall of 1972 and September 1973. It increased 36 points in Algeria, 28 in Malaysia, 25 in Sarawak and 22 in Mozambique.

Dr. John Schaefer, head of the World Division, has sent urgent appeals to annual (regional) conferences. He said he does not know what the response will be.

"This is the year to turn around the decline in missionary giving," he stated. "The fate of the Church's overseas mission rests with the churches' response to this plea."

At least one bishop has responded that there is no way that the financial citizen will curtail the mission programs supported by his area.

Bishop Kenneth Goodson of Virginia has asked congregations to increase their contributions to missions by \$15 per month. The Virginia Conference is related to 13 of the denomination's overseas programs.

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### GARRETT COMMUNICATIONS FUND TO HONOR HEAD OF TRAFICO

DAYTON, Ohio (RNS) — A "Harry C. Spencer Communication Education Fund" is being established at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., to honor the retiring head of TRAFICO, the Television, Radio and Film Communication Division of the United Methodist Church.

The fund was announced here during a meeting of the denomination's Joint Committee on Communication, which now incorporates TRAFICO.

Dr. Spencer headed the agency from 1952, when it was founded, until late September. He is 68 years old.

Garrett was chosen for the site of the fund because Dr. Spencer graduated from the seminary in 1929. His father was a 1904 graduate.

Initial gifts to the fund total \$13,000. The money will be used for lectureships, fellowships, research and other programs in Christian communication at Garrett, a United Methodist school.

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## From Our Readers

*Contributions for this column should be written briefly and bear the signature and address of the writer. What appears here does not necessarily represent the point of view of this publication and the editor reserves the right to withhold, edit for space, or print contributions.*

### "THANKS" from Louisiana

Dear Sir:

I have just received my issue of the Louisiana Methodist with the excellent coverage of our recent annual meeting held in Lafayette last weekend. My thanks to you for coming to be with us and taking so many pictures so that those that could not attend can share somewhat in the event. The article with the excerpts from the speeches was very good.

Thank you again for coming. We really do appreciate the service that your paper does for Methodism in Louisiana.

Grace and peace,  
Mrs. Leo Hoffpauir  
Chairperson for Conference  
Annual Meeting  
Lake Charles, La.

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### PEOPLE DO CARE

Editor:

The enclosed letter (see below) came to me recently in response to my appeal for additional mission personnel support. It is a very encouraging letter, and I wonder if it could be included . . . .

Thomas A. Abney  
Box 1071  
College Heights, Ark. 71655

Dear Mr. Abney:

In reading my Arkansas Methodist I see you are in need of more financial help if we keep our missionary personnel in the field. As you know, being a Methodist preacher's widow I haven't much to give, but God has blessed me so in helping me handle what I do get, that I want to help him keep his workers in the field, so enclosed you will find a check for \$5.00 and maybe it will help fill in for some who just don't have any to give.

Yours in Christ,  
Mrs. Coy E. Whitten  
2778 Irma Drive  
Uniontown, Ohio 44685

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### ARE THERE OTHER OPINIONS?

Dear Editor:

The Camden District Convocation on Program, meeting September 23, 1973, in El Dorado, Arkansas, authorized me to write you concerning the new Adult Bible series. A "show of hands" vote revealed that a majority of our churches were using the new curriculum. It was the consensus of the group that the Arkansas Methodist could render a real service to the local Churches by providing lesson aids as you now do for the International Series. Thus, the group passed a recommendation requesting that the Arkansas Methodist begin serious consideration for providing this type of help for teachers using the new adult literature.

Hopefully, you will see fit to include it in your weekly paper. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Henry Crook, Recorder  
El Dorado, Ark.

### LOW BLOW OR TREATISE ON COMBIN' AND THINKIN'

Dear John:

I read with interest your editorial on the benefits of shaving as a time for meditation. Hogwash!

In the first place, it smacks of masochism to suggest that any pleasure can come from such torture. Second, it is typical male chauvinism to imply that, because they don't stand in front of a mirror and scrape their faces with a blade, women are incapable of thinking.

Although I too go through the daily ritual of shaving, I have found that a better time for thinking is while combing the hair just after a good scalp massage to stimulate the brain. I commend it to you.

Very truly yours,  
Ken Parker  
Little Rock, Ark.

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** In reference to the second paragraph, second point therein, you said it, Ken; I didn't. And in regard to your sure-fire suggestion in the third paragraph, I can only say Thank You, but I, too, have used this ritual for years. In fact, some of us have combed so often and thought so deeply that we have the evidence on top to prove it . . . ; while others just still have a full head of hair . . . .

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**PRIME MOVERS.** These seven persons, plus one other, were honored as "those whose vision" made the Church Center for the United Nations a reality. The recognition came during the CCUN's 10th anniversary service and reception Sept. 23 in New York. (Left to right) Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, former chairman of the CCUN Building Operations Committee; Mrs. Glenn Laskey, former Women's Division president; Thelma Stevens, former Women's Division assistant general secretary for Christian social relations; the Rev. Kenneth Maxwell, former executive of the National Council of Churches' Department of International Affairs; the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the Board of Church and Society; the Rev. Carl Soule and Mrs. Margaret Bender, former executive secretaries of the United Methodist Office for the UN. (Photo by Toge Fujihira)

## Needs of black colleges under study

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMC) — The second four-year commission to study the United Methodist black colleges met at Clark College here recently and made plans for developing recommendations concerning the future life and financial support for the 12 schools.

The twelve colleges related to the denomination are: Bennett, Greensboro, N. C.; Bethune-Cookman, Daytona Beach, Fla.; Claflin, Orangeburg, S. C.; Clark, Atlanta, Ga.; Dillard, New Orleans, La.; Huston-Tillotson, Austin, Tex.; Meharry, Nashville, Tenn.; Morristown, Morristown, Tenn.; Paine, Augusta, Ga.; Philander Smith, Little Rock, Ark.; Rust, Holly Springs, Miss.; and Wiley, Marshall, Tex.

Chairman of the 15-member Continuing Commission on the Study of Black Colleges is Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Topeka, Kans.

Dr. Fred E. Harris, Nashville, Tenn., an associate general secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry, outlined various tasks assigned to the Commission: the examination of the mission, purposes and objectives of the colleges; the determination of the visibility and relevance of the program at each of the schools and the ability of the colleges to maintain themselves with adequate economic security.

Teams of three commission members will visit the 12 colleges for evaluation purposes. These evaluations along with recommendations will be presented to the general church membership at two hearings in each of the five jurisdictions of the church beginning in the fall of 1975.

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## Chaplains to receive Upper Room citations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Civilian and military chaplains throughout the world will be honored at a special ceremony in Washington, D. C., Oct. 23. Receiving the 1973 Citation Award from **The Upper Room** will be chiefs of chaplains of the three U.S. Military Services. This is the 25th year the award has been given.

Making the presentations will be Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, Nashville, Tenn., editor of **The Upper Room**, interdenominational daily devotional guide published in 25 nations and read by more than 10 million persons.

Accepting the 1973 Citations on behalf of all chaplains will be Major General Roy M. Terry, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Air Force; Major General Gerhardt W. Hyatt, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Army; and Rear Admiral Francis L. Garrett, Chief of Chaplains of the U. S. Navy.

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More members were received into the United Methodist Church in Sweden in 1972 than in any year since 1960, according to reports made to the annual conference session this summer.

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In Nov. meet at Tucson . . .

## Judicial Council to consider "worker priest" role

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — Questions about new legislation that allows United Methodist ministers to serve a "ministry to the secular world" will top the docket for the church's Judicial Council Nov. 7-11 at Tucson, Ariz.

The challenges also involve related 1972 legislation raising the possibility of "worker-priest" assignments for ministers.

These are two of the items on an eight-item agenda facing the nine-member council for its semi-annual meeting, according to the Rev. Ralph M. Houston of Mt. Tremper, N. Y., president.

One **Discipline** paragraph being questioned is 352.7, which allows ministers, at their own request and upon confirmation by two-thirds of the annual conference, to be appointed "for ministry in and to society beyond the ministries usually extended through the local church and other institutions" of

the church. The other is 392, which says that persons using paragraph 352.7 "may neither be required to accept nor are they guaranteed appointment, and may be returned to a regular appointment only by agreement of the bishop and cabinet."

Both items were adopted by the 1972 General Conference, with overwhelming support by the legislative committee on clergy and with no debates in the plenary session.

Both the North Central Jurisdictional Committee on the Ministry and the Iowa Annual Conference asked for declaratory decisions to clarify how the paragraphs relate to continuing legislation. Those paragraphs assure each minister in good standing an annual appointment (316 and 332) and require him to "accept and abide by" the appointment (308.2).

The changes relate to the long-standing availability of "special appointments" beyond the local church

pastorate but generally in chaplaincies, teaching or similar work related to church institutions. When the changes were adopted in 1972, it was noted by Dean (now Bishop) James M. Ault, committee chairman, that related proposals had been referred to the Commission to Study the Ministry. He added that the "secular ministry" legislation "enables us to do some things in the interim with respect to freeing up appointments for ministers in extension of the ministry beyond the life and ministry in the congregation."

Other items on the agenda include:

Questions from the Philippines Annual Conference about central conference delegates and a vote on autonomy.

Ruling in the Alaska Missionary Conference concerning voting eligibility of affiliate and associate members of a local church.

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## Youth ministries fund receipts on upswing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — After an eight-year slump the national youth fund, now known as the Youth Service Fund, is showing steady increase for the first year.

The latest report shows receipts of \$163,012 from January 1 through August 31, an increase of \$15,046 over the same period in 1972.

David Ekin, Nashville, a staff member with major responsibility for the Fund interpretation, said that for eight years the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM) has had to budget a 15 percent decrease annually. However, the Council was delightfully surprised when in 1972 the trend reversed and a reserve of \$27,000 was available for special projects during 1973.

Why the shift in receipts? Mr. Ekin credits it largely to the shift in the percentage of the national fund which is retained by the annual conference youth organizations.

Following the formation of the UMCYM in 1970 the formula called for 70 percent of the money to be spent by the national UMCYM and 30 percent by the youth in the annual

conferences where the funds were raised. That formula was reversed beginning January 1, 1972.

"The switch was consistent with our wish to empower youth at the annual conference, to encourage them to earn their own money and to spend it where they wished," Mr. Ekin said.

The only requirement is that the annual conference youth councils spend no more than one third of their funds for administration. Another third must go to projects within their annual conference, and another third for projects of their choosing outside the annual conference. A list of projects needing support is provided by the UMCYM.

From the 30 percent retained by UMCYM, UMCYM has selected four major projects for 1974: \$11,000 for a Third World Youth/Young Adult Consultation April 5-8, 1974; \$5,000 to United Methodist Committee on Relief for aid to drought victims in West Africa; \$3,000 to an Illinois group sponsoring a lettuce and grape boycott in support of the United Farm Workers Union; and \$3,000 to the Robeson County, N. C., Church and Community Center summer "intensive

presence" program for work with all ages toward community change and minority empowerment.

Among a long list of projects recommended by the UMCYM for annual conference support are "Community House Painting Project for Senior Citizens" in Omaha, an Indian chaplaincy program in Flandreau, S. D., a Capitol Hill Tenants Union in Denver, and a "Masterkey" prison release program.

Largest Youth Service Fund supporters among the annual conferences this year have been the Michigan Area and the Holston Area, each giving more than \$16,000. By jurisdictions, the North Central leads with \$46,866, with the Southeastern close behind with \$42,619. The Northeastern has given \$23,266; the South Central \$18,028, and the Western, \$6,473.

Mr. Ekin points out that although receipts are exceptionally good for the first eight months it is customary for the largest gifts to come in during the final months of the year. If the increase continues the fund may reach \$340,000 he predicts, an increase of about \$31,000 over 1972.

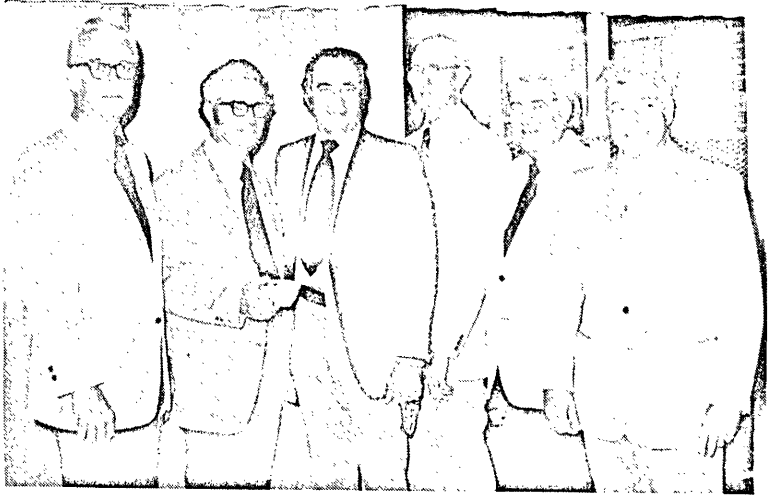
# Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in September as tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect of a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family in notifying them of this remembrance.

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Some 32 persons participated in a recent Forrest City District curriculum workshop held at Marianna. Giving leadership were (from left) the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, associate director North Arkansas Council on Ministries; the Rev. Lowell W. Eaton, Augusta, district coordinator of youth; Dr. Myers B. Curtis, director Conference Council on Ministries; the Rev. Elmo A. Thomason, Forrest City District superintendent; the Rev. W. Leonard Byers, host pastor; and the Rev. Ben G. Hines, West Memphis, district coordinator of adults.

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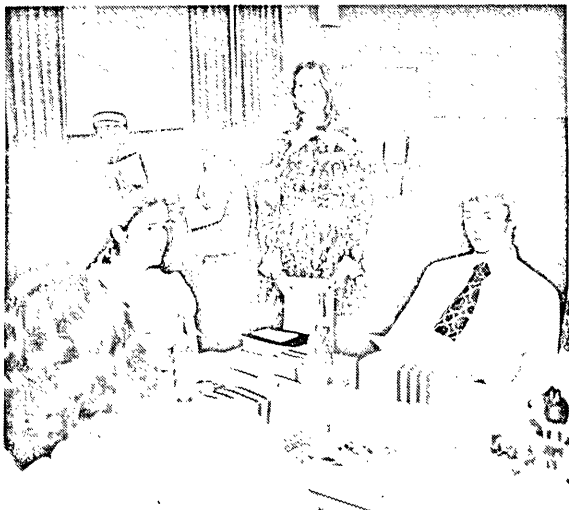
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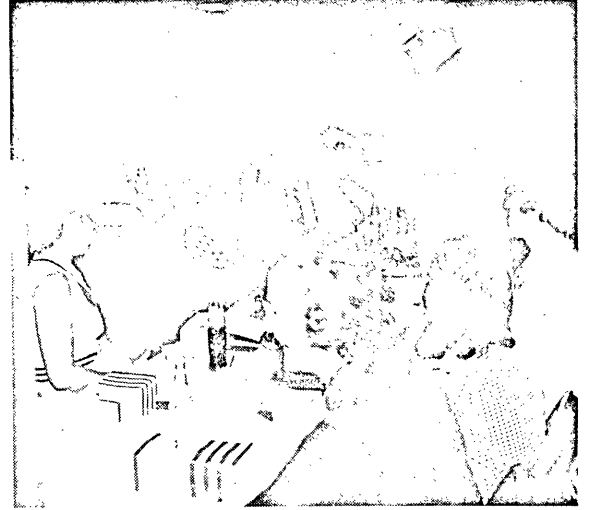




Ramona Brown leads informal singing while Margaret Scott accompanies at the piano during recent "Get Acquainted Luncheon" for college students, hosted by First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro.



Mr. Bill Cox (right of center), a member of the commission which sponsored luncheon students at First Church, with Mrs. Cox, education assistant.



The Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor of church hosting students, (to his left) Clyde M. Knight, evening college counselor; (across table to left) Suzanne Gibson, morning counselor, Tom McDonald who took the pictures.



The NOW Singers of First Church, Benton, costumed for recent performance of "Godspell," a musical adaptation of the Gospel of Matthew, with Keith Wingfield (center foreground) portraying the role of Jesus in the cast of 75 youth. A standing-room-only crowd of 700 viewed the Aug. 19 presentation, and 450 attended a repeat performance on Sept. 23. Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck is pastor.

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Three out of four children live in areas where mortality rates among one to four-year-olds are about 40 times higher than in the developed countries. UNICEF means help and hope for those children.

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Over 400 million persons suffer from trachoma. For 5c the United Nations Children's Fund can provide antibiotic ointment to save one of them from blindness.

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Meeting in Little Rock last week was the North Arkansas Conference Council of Children's Workers. Shown above are (from left) Mrs. Robert Harmon, Fort Smith District; the Rev. William C. Haltom, Paragould District; the Rev. Max Whitfield, Fayetteville District; Mrs. Jim Beal, conference coordinator of children's ministries; Mrs. James Barton, Jonesboro District; and the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, associate director of the Conference Council on Ministries.

## Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

*The story is told that a visitor to a European art museum was being guided through, he was heard to mumble... "What's all the fuss about? I can't see anything in those old paintings that deserve so much praise and such an expensive showing." To which the exasperated guide explained... "Listen, Mister, these pictures are no longer on trial. You are!" If we miss the beauty of God's world at any season, it's not His fault.*

### Summer Sunbeams

The morning sunbeams stream across my face  
As summer ends I fully realize  
I have been given one more chance for grace...  
Another time to try life on for size!  
I look toward the fields of growing grain  
And see they too are reaching for the sky.  
Each particle of life begins to feign  
As harvest nears and all their fears draw nigh.  
Warm gentle breezes sway the moving fields.  
Its motion makes me rise today and know  
That all my troubles have a fruitful yield  
And all my deeds will be the seeds I sow.  
Now summer sunbeams frolic happily...  
My soul today reaches for eternity.

-by JoAnn Selig Smith

### Be Still

Be still  
And look at tall, tall trees  
Watch them swaying in the breeze.  
Flowers blooming in every hue  
Rising above grass wet with dew.  
Take the time to look around you.

Be still  
And gaze at azure sky  
With soft white clouds floating by.  
Look aloft at heaven's blue  
And feel your spirit lift anew.  
Take the time to look around you.

Be still  
And rest from this world's hurry  
Its tension, noise and its worry,  
Its toils and cares... bid adieu.  
Yes, to thine own self be true.  
Take the time to look around you.

Be still  
And ponder God's great earth.  
Search and claim the things of worth.  
Let pleasant thoughts your fears subdue  
And noble deeds your heart pursue.  
Take the time to look around you.  
Be still...Be still!

-by Imogene Lewis Harding