



Mrs. Blanche E. Johnson presents the keys of the Blanche E. Johnson Manor to the Rev. Harold Sadler (left), vice-chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home. At the right is Bishop Eugene M. Frank.

Blanche E. Johnson Manor

## Children's Home unit at Searcy dedicated

The Blanche E. Johnson Manor, the third extension home being operated by the Methodist Children's Home, was dedicated on Thursday, Nov. 8. The home is located in Searcy, Ark., on West Pleasure Avenue, and serves as a manor for girls.

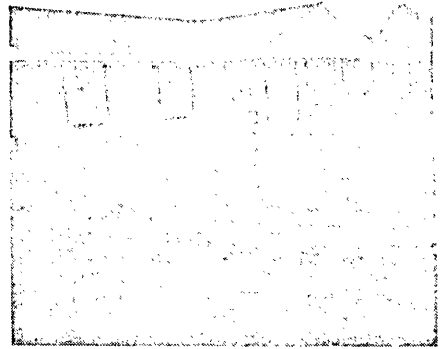
Participating in the service of dedication were Bishop Eugene M. Frank; the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home; the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., superintendent of the Batesville District; Dr. Charles Richards, pastor of First Church, Searcy; Dr. D. Mouzon Mann, superintendent of the Hope District and former Searcy pastor; and the Rev. Harold Sadler, Rison, vice chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Home.

The Searcy cottage was built as a memorial to V. C. (Blackie) Johnson, the deceased husband of Mrs. Blanche

Johnson. Mrs. Johnson, left an orphan at the age of 18 months, grew up in the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home. With the help of Dr. Forney Hutchinson she entered nurses' training at the Physicians and Surgeons Hospital under the guidance of Dr. W. A. Snodgrass, Sr. She graduated in the fall of 1910 and was among the first nurses to be registered in Arkansas. She practiced her profession for over 20 years.

Mrs. Johnson is active in her church in Searcy, in the Business and Professional Women's Club, in the Order of the Eastern Star, in the American Association of Retired Persons and the Searcy E. H. Club.

The Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home met at Searcy First Church prior to the dedication service.



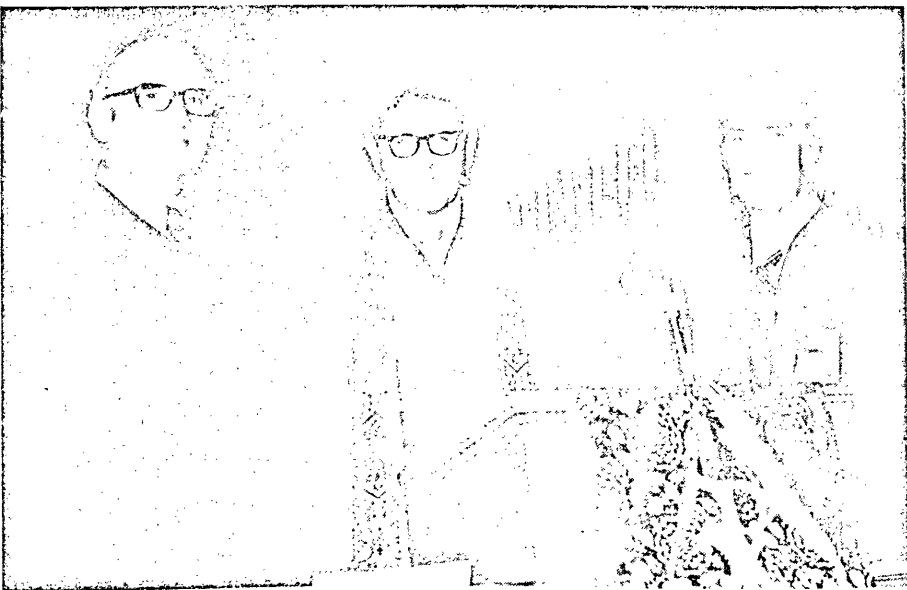
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# Arkansas Methodist

92nd YEAR

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 1973

NO. 45



Participants in the Oct. 14 Sunday morning centennial observance at Russellville First Church, left to right, Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent, the Rev. Charles E. Ramsay, pastor, Bishop Eugene M. Frank, guest speaker.

## Russellville First observes 100th year

The First United Methodist Church, Russellville, observed its 100th Centennial on Sunday, Oct. 14, and continued the celebration with special services through Oct. 17.

Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, superintendent of the Conway District, introduced Bishop Eugene M. Frank, speaker during the regular morning worship service. The Rev. Ed Matthews, pastor of the Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, was guest speaker for the revival services beginning Sunday evening and continuing through Wednesday evening. The Reverend Charles E. Ramsay was host pastor.

During the morning worship service those who had been members of the church for 50 continuous years or more were recognized and the former choir members, choir directors and or-

ganists were presented. The Chancel Choir and Organist Robert Hicks Moore, were recognized as an important part of the church program. Mrs. William K. Goddard and Mr. Moore presented piano-organ preludes at each service and accompanied the hymn-time services.

An informal luncheon was served to approximately 400 members, former members and visitors at noon. Mrs. Jerry Burns served as chairman of the meal. Mr. Van Moores, Jr. served as general chairperson of the Centennial Celebration. Others on the committee serving with him were Mr. Robert M. Scarlett, Mrs. A. J. Croom, and Mrs. Roy Jackson. Mr. David Vance, historian of the church, prepared the brochure of the first 100 years.

## Publishing House sales increase

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — The United Methodist Publishing House closed its fiscal year July 31, 1973, with net sales of \$36,063,457, an increase of nearly \$4 million over the previous year, it was reported here at the semi-annual meeting of the Board of Publication, governing body of the Publishing House.

Reporting to the 45-member board was John E. Procter, president and publisher. Mr. Procter reported net income of \$768,553, an increase of \$231,120 over the previous year.

In related action the board agreed to contribute \$400,000 of the net income to the church's pension program for ministers and their dependents. The balance was retained for additional services, specifically new bookstores, and to combat "inflationary trends."

Mr. Procter also reported that a decline in sales of curriculum resources over the past five-year period has been slowed. He expressed hope that the trend could be reversed by the end of the current fiscal year. Decline in curriculum sales for 1972-73 was 3.89 percent or \$399,343 while the percentage for the previous year was

11.31 or \$1,317,878.

The Publishing House, with administrative offices and printing facilities in Nashville, also has five regional service centers and 28 Cokesbury Bookstores. The newest bookstore will open in Tulsa, Okla., in mid-November. Mr. Procter said it is hoped that two stores can be opened each year until a total of 50 is reached.

Abingdon, the book publishing division of the Publishing House, produced 83 new titles during the past year. The **Abingdon Bible Commentary** continued to top the "best seller" list during 1972-73. During opening sessions of the Board Dr. Bucke presented the 1973 \$5000 Abingdon book award to Mrs. June Lewis Shore, Jeffersonton, Ky. Mrs. Shore's book will be published in April. Entitled, **What's The matter With Wakefield?** the book was selected from hundreds of manuscripts submitted as the best book of "fiction for ages nine through 12 which best depicted the story of a boy or girl in a family with a working mother who successfully manages her household as well as a career outside the home."

The Russellville First Church congregation was organized in 1873. The first church a small white frame building, the second a white brick built in 1905, and the present church constructed in 1929. In 1967, groundbreaking ceremonies were held for a new Educational Building. Mrs. William Lemley served as chairman of the Educational Building Committee.

Forty-three pastors have served the church during the first century. Six

pastors are still living: the Rev. Horace M. Lewis, retired and residing in Morrilton, Dr. Harold Eggenberger, pastor of First Church, Conway, the Rev. Alf Eason, director of the Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries, the Rev. George Meyer, pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Stuttgart, the Rev. John B. Hays, Lakewood United Methodist, North Little Rock, and the Rev. Charles E. Ramsay, the pastor now serving the church.

## Chairman of Children's Home Board dies

Joseph Talbert Thompson, aged 81, of Little Rock, died Friday, Nov. 9. Serving at the time of his death as chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home, Mr. Thompson had held a wide variety of offices within the church. A member of First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, he had taught a Sunday school class of young men and served for many years as a member of the Administrative Board, five years as its chairman.

Mr. Thompson had been a delegate to the Little Rock Annual Conference and served on numerous Conference boards and committees. He served as a member of the General Council on World Service and Finance from 1940 until 1964 and was recognized at the 1964 General Conference for outstanding service rendered to the Council during those years.

A member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College, Mr. Thompson served as chairman of the statewide endowment fund campaign in 1953. In 1955 he was given the honorary degree of doctor of laws by the college. He was a Mason and a Shriner.

Mr. Thompson, a retired life insurance executive, became associated with the Mutual Life Insurance Company of New York in 1926 and was named branch manager for Arkansas in 1930. He was a member of a number of professional associations and was a past president of the Arkansas State Life Underwriters Association. He retired in 1957.

Mr. Thompson was married to the late Linnie Simmons Thompson and is survived by one son, Dr. George H. Thompson, a faculty member at Hendrix College, and three grandsons. The funeral service was held Saturday, Nov. 10 at First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, with Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden and the Rev. Maurice C.



Dr. Dodgen

## Dr. Dodgen to write next lesson series

Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, will author the Sunday School Lessons appearing in The Methodist during the next quarter.

Dr. Dodgen retired at the June, 1973 session of the North Arkansas Conference. He was serving as superintendent of the Forrest City District at that time and had completed over 40 years of service as a Methodist minister at the time of his retirement.

Dr. Dodgen will write the lessons for December, January and February on the theme The Gospel of John. The lessons and units correspond to the International Lesson Series and are compatible with the Adult Student quarterly.

Dr. and Mrs. Dodgen make their home in Siloam Springs, Ark.

Webb officiating. Pallbearers were members of the Board of Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home. Burial was at Tylertown, Miss.

## Little Rock Ecumenical Community Thanksgiving

The greater Little Rock community will experience what is believed to be a first on this Thanksgiving eve — an ecumenical Community Thanksgiving Service. To be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Nov. 21 at the Central High School auditorium, the service is sponsored by the Division for Christian Unity of the Arkansas Council of Churches, the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Alliance and the Arkansas Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews.

Bringing messages of thanksgiving will be Dr. Elijah E. Palnik, rabbi of Congregation B'nai Israel, Monsignor James E. O'Connell, director of St. John Catholic Center, and Dr. Jean Woolfolk, newly elected moderator of

the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in the United States and Canada. All ministers of the community are invited to participate in the clergy processional wearing vestments in keeping with their own communion's traditions.

Spokesmen for the Committee on Arrangements state three purposes for the service: "to acknowledge our dependence upon God; to give a united community expression of gratitude for our blessings and to pray for peace in the world."

Members of the Committee on Arrangements are the Rev. Nehemiah Mitchum, pastor of Bullock Temple (C.M.E.), chairman; Richard C. Butler, Jr., chairman of the Division for Christian Unity of the Arkansas Council of Churches; Dr. William L. Pharr, executive director of the Arkansas Region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews; and the Rev. Robert M. VanHook II, president of the Greater Little Rock Ministerial Alliance.

The committee has encouraged churches which have regular Wednesday programs to share in this community-wide event. The Little Rock District of The United Methodist Church is cooperating in the service.

## CACTUS VICK BIRTHDAY PARTY TO BENEFIT CHILDREN

The 13th annual Cactus Vick Birthday Party will be held Nov. 24, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at Park Plaza Shopping Center in Little Rock. Admission to the party is the donation of one toy by each child attending.

The event is an annual presentation by the Little Rock Jayettes, Park Plaza and Cactus Vick in an effort to provide toys for some 10,000 children in hospitals, orphanages and other charitable institutions around Pulaski County.

A report from New Life Home . . . . .

by E. Eugene Efird,  
Executive Director, Arkansas  
Guidance Foundation

It's hard to believe that some parents just don't want their children, but it's a tragic fact. Recently our new arrival, Bobby, visited the home and asked the McCulloughs if he could come and live with them. Bobby, who has been to the training school, has been suffering from the lack of both love and discipline. He himself realized that he needed to be away from his mother; she did try to accept him and really did care about him, but could not give him the kind of love and discipline he needed most. There was no father in the home. The After-Care worker was pleased with the new opportunity for Bobby.

Bobby is lucky because his mother still tries and in her own way, she still cares. Perhaps there will be a day when the mother and the boy can return to one another. They both want this, but they know that they are not ready for it now.

Jim was not so lucky. His father also left years ago, and his mother finally told him the truth — she never did want him and doesn't want him now. It's tough to face life as a person who should never have existed. You feel that if you should die tomorrow no one would know the difference or care. As one youth in prison said, "I feel so unnecessary."

It's a feeling of icy loneliness and terror as if

## Bobby was lucky

you were floating alone through outer space in your capsule without direction or purpose, and without radio contact with even the most distant planet. The human spirit can not take this isolation and rejection. It's always better for boys like Jim to do something — anything to make people notice them. Attention given by the police, training school, or prison officials is often the only relief from the loneliness and isolation that boys like Jim ever find.

Jim has never been to the training school, although he was becoming a serious behavior problem in school. Even with a fairly good I.Q. he was making failing grades. He considers himself a loser, and once tried to tattoo "Born To Lose" on his arm as had a friend who had been to prison.

But Jim is lucky after all because a county court took action in time. Jim was declared to be "neglected and dependent." Custody was given to Arkansas Social Service and his County Service worker brought him to New Life Home. At first it wasn't easy for Jim to accept the strict rules of the home, and he tested the house parents to see if they loved him enough to be firm. He even ran away for a day, but then returned. His lonely, isolated and distrustful spirit was responding to their love.

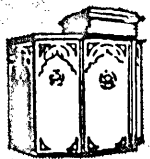
Jim is more than just one boy referred to New Life Home. He is really a composite of most boys referred to the home. The New Life Home way is by far the best way to help Jim and is by far better for the public. For without some help of this kind he is almost certain to go to the training school, Tucker Intermediate Reformatory, and in and out the revolving door of Cummins Prison the rest of his life.

We are developing volunteer groups to work with boys who do begin this cycle. It is certain that prisons will never give them the feeling of being worthwhile or belonging to society. Ninety-eight percent of all persons who go into prison eventually do come out; usually more lonely, resentful and alienated from society than ever before.

Volunteer prison visitors and one-to-one volunteer's friends can be the one means of turning a youthful parolee from a life of lonely isolation and anger toward society. But how much better if we only had more New Life Homes.

NOTE: New Life Home is open to referrals from all parts of the state, for boys ages 13-17.

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

### ON BEING THANKFUL WHEN YOU REALLY DON'T FEEL LIKE IT . . .

Some time ago there appeared an article — it may have been in *TOGETHER* magazine — in which the author imagined himself speaking before a group of some one-hundred persons gathered to hear a Thanksgiving message. The treatment of the theme was memorable and went something like the following:

I thanked God for abundance, and forty persons lowered their eyes for they were hungry and in need. I thanked God for health, and two score persons were excluded from sharing my praise, for their health had failed. I thanked God for home and family and a dozen rose to leave, knowing that their homes were faltering. I thanked God for sparing my loved one in an accident, and tears fell from the cheeks of some who had thus lost loved ones. . .

And so the list went on. The truth which the author was conveying is evident and significant; that for the Christian the expression of gratitude to God is not dependent upon outward circumstance of good fortune or of ill fate. As Christians are "God's merry men when there is nothing to be merry about," so are Christians "God's thankful persons where there seems little about which to be thankful."

#### AMERICAN THANKSGIVING 1973

It is hard for us to remember this because it is natural and right that we thank God for material and spiritual blessings. Such is indeed a proper and important use of Thanksgiving. But it seems especially important today that the church have a word to speak to those who really do not feel like being thankful; to those who may have little visible or measurable cause for gratitude. And while it is true that most of us who view this page have abundant material reason to be grateful, the list is growing daily of those who must find their reason for gratitude in other than material possessions.

Thanksgiving in America 1973 poses a dilemma for those who see the national holiday only as a response to material and visible blessings. For these days are not especially festive ones in our land. And Thanksgiving expressed only as a festive mood is just not honest with our national situation. All the more reason why we must reaffirm the basic nature of Christian thanks-giving.

#### GOD IS FAITHFUL

The word to which we witness is that in spite of what fortune or fate may hand to us, we may be thankful because of one overriding fact: God is faithful. Life may have dealt us rough blows; still God is faithful. Others, and we ourselves, may have failed; still God is faithful. We may have been wronged and we may have wronged others; God is faithful still. He is faithful in his providence, in his love and in his judgment. He is faithful in his ways which are known to us and in those which are mystery to us.

For the Christian, God's faithfulness is best expressed in the gift of Christ. In him is revealed the way, the truth and the life. Our thanks-giving in good times and bad may have a genuinely joyous ring to it because of such faithfulness on God's part.

#### "THE LUCKIEST PEOPLE IN THE WORLD"

We witness to another reason for thanks-giving which is not dependent upon our fortune or our fate. That is the fact of people; of persons. If one dimension of gratitude is "toward God," then another is "toward persons." The Thanksgiving season can be an occasion for us to be more aware of and sensitive to persons in our lives; to be more thankful for one another. We may differ with each other, we may even be adversaries. But our common involvement in the crisis and promise of our time creates the setting in which "Christian presence" can make a truly redemptive witness. While no season is necessary to say "I love you," Thanksgiving offers the Christian a unique opportunity to say just this to persons about him.

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Thanksgiving 1973 finds Americans at a vital moment in their history. It is a moment fraught with many discouragements, but at the same time with great promise. One example of this promise is the realization currently being experienced across our land that "we are in this together." We are a people who need people. And, as Barbra Streisand sings, such people are "the luckiest people in the world."

This Thanksgiving we may remember that God is faithful and that there are persons in our lives who love us and who need our love.

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

### Perennial parable

Oranges and greens and yellows and reds and maroons and wines and every other conceivable color, all splashed across the landscape in one glorious shout of praise to God!

What a beautiful anthem autumn has rendered this year! The roadside scenes look literally delectable, as though some master chef had outdone himself. But, as some may soon observe, it is all gone too soon. A few fleeting days of splendor and then come the long grays of winter. No more color. No beauty. No joy.

But is that really so?

It is well at the beginning of such a season to remind ourselves that beauty is in the eye of the beholder; that it is not so much what we see and what happens to us that determines our joy as it is the manner in which we respond to what we see and to what happens to us. One observer looks upon the splendor of fall and sees leaves that are dying. Another beholds the beauty and miracle of maturity.

But I must quit with this now, for there are parables aplenty here for each of us and I won't spoil yours by imposing upon you mine.

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### Last chapter (a promise):

Dear Diane, It is well with my sole

I owe an apology to Diane Hoskins. But the trouble is I don't even know Diane Hoskins. But she must know me, for she took the time to write a nice note to me saying that she had personally inspected the new shoes I bought — a pair of Hush Puppies — and was hoping I was enjoying them. She even saw to it that they were put in a box with a picture of their Hush Puppy dog right on the top, which picture now decorates our 4th grader's room.

But the apology I owe to you, Miss Hoskins, and I know that you must be a very pretty girl, is that the note you took time to write to me and sign with your very own name and tuck inside my new left Puppy, went undiscovered for three whole days while I enjoyed my new shoes at home and at work and even on my late night jogs during which my new Hushes frolicked with other puppies in the neighborhood.

You see, your note didn't come out of my left shoe until that third evening, so I have been late in acknowledging your correspondence. Yes, I am enjoying the shoes, thank you. No, there are not any other imperfections that I can detect now that my left foot feels a bit less crowded. So please pardon me for being this late in responding to your note. I look forward to hearing from you in your next communication.

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### That's not a bad affliction . . .

A Sunday School teacher asked his class of Children "Why do you love God?" One little boy answered "I don't know, sir; I guess it just runs in our family."

*John*

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Asserting that in America Christianity is too easily "confused" with secular culture, Mr. Karl Ordnung, an official of the Christian Democratic Union in East Germany claimed that it is easier in some ways to be a Christian in East Germany. One of a group of eight overseas church leaders, who came to the U.S. on a month-long tour sponsored by the U.S.A. Committee of the Lutheran World Federation, Ordnung told of his own "about-face" from atheism when "overwhelmed by the call of Christ" while attending Methodist services with his wife. Methodism in East Germany constitutes a "free church" which has never received government support.

Father Walter J. Cisjek, a Jesuit priest who spent 23 years in the Soviet Union—most of the time in prison or slave labor camps in Siberia—said in an interview with Religious News Service that he favors the current detente with the Soviet Union. But the 69-year-old priest offered this advice: "Don't back out of any deals with them (the Soviets) but know what you are doing and where you stand. They have a stronger ideology than we have and we won't be able to affect that. But we have a stronger system and they won't be able to change that."

Uniting two weak congregations in a dying community or having "union services" in the Summer attendance slump and then hailing such moves as "great examples of Christian unity" is scandalous, according to Dr. Jon Regier, executive director of the New York State Council of Churches. "Churches should work together from points of strength rather than weakness, emphasizing not their weaknesses but what they have in common," he added.

Dr. A. Dale Fiers, retiring chief executive of The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), said in his last State of the Church address: "As Disciples of Christ we have traveled some rugged highways in the last two decades . . . We have gone through the process of brotherhood restructure. In the face of social upheaval, war and unprecedented technological and social change, we have sought to define the nature of our mission of witness and service to mankind in challenging and manageable terms." "We should all rejoice that in the dislocations of these turbulent times, we have not been crushed, left in despair, forsaken or destroyed," Fiers said.

The General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has rejected a move designed to give the denomination's General Board, which has more than 200 members, authority to adopt resolutions in its own name between biennial assemblies. Speaking for the majority opposing such a policy, Randall West, a Peoria, Ill., attorney, said such a move would shift "power from the General Assembly to the General Board," and maintained further that the news media would not distinguish between a resolution passed by the General Board in its own name and a statement made by the denomination.

"Never—despite the anger all of us share at the Yom Kippur onslaught and despite the pain and suffering it has caused—never has it been more urgent to listen attentively to the voices of reason and compassion and to explore every possible means to achieve just and durable peace," said Bertham H. Gold at the annual meeting of the American Jewish Committee's national executive council, as he expressed hope that the most recent Middle East conflict may have opened up new understandings which could lead to better relations between Arabs and Israelis.

Vice President-designate Gerald R. Ford of Michigan said in an interview that he has co-sponsored legislation in the House of Representatives that would permit each state to make a decision on whether or not they want to go along with the Supreme Court decision which overturned most state abortion laws. Described by those who know him as a "faithful Episcopalian," Ford opposes abortion on demand and believes the power to prohibit or regulate abortions should be restored to the states.

"To say that children cannot voluntarily participate in giving thanks to their Creator in a public school is, in effect, a ban on one face of religious freedom . . . I believe the (Supreme) Court has misinterpreted the Constitution, and a Constitutional Amendment to reinstate prayer in the public schools appears to be the only viable alternative," Rep. Gerald Ford told a radio audience in late September.

A recent survey reveals that there are some 75,000 black Southern Baptists among a total membership of 12.6 million. The study also revealed that 731 predominantly white Southern Baptist churches have black members—an average of five per church. About 68 per cent of white churches responding to the survey said they would actively seek black members; 82 per cent of black churches said they would seek whites.

A report on Key 73 prepared for the American Jewish Committee declares that the cooperative evangelistic effort has launched "a significant dialogue within the American religious community" that has had positive effects. Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, an executive of the Committee, citing some of the positive aspects, said: "American Christian leadership, with a few exceptions, showed a widespread sensitivity to the feelings and concerns of Jews, and a commitment to the preservation of interreligious understanding."

Chile's military government has authorized citizens to surrender non-registered weapons to Catholic parish priests without fear of reprisals. In the early weeks following the authorization, "there was a steady inflow of arms, which the Fathers turned over to the authorities, keeping the identity of the owners secret," according to a Maryknoll missionary serving on the outskirts of Santiago. One of the military junta's first decrees declared that the possession of any weapons or ammunition was illegal, reportedly threatening immediate execution for those found shooting at soldiers or civilians.

Growing concern over the ethical problems associated with health care has spurred the Roman Catholic Bishops of England and Wales to commend the creation of a center for medical ethics in London. The center will bring together and codify factual knowledge on ethical matters and sponsor research, both scientific and theological, in areas of growing concern, including psychiatric treatment or organ transplant where factual information is lacking and where the Church's position is not yet explicit.

A Lutheran Church in America management committee was told that spiraling interest rates and rising building costs are resulting in "high indebtedness" and negatively affecting the denomination's ministry. However, a spokesman observed that the "strong majority" still feel church facilities are necessary for effective ministry.

A 64-page "bi-partisan" report on the Neo-Pentecostal movement among Anglicans in the Sydney (Australia) diocese, examines baptism of the Holy Spirit, the gifts of the Spirit, speaking in tongues, healing, prophecy and other aspects relating to the Pentecostal movement. Entitled "Both Sides to the Question," the report also includes a section on pastoral attitudes with regard to the movement, and is regarded by some as perhaps the first official examination of the spiritual movement anywhere.

The Dust of Death, by Os Guinness, has been selected by Eternity Magazine as the most significant book of 1973 for evangelicals, following a poll of reviewers and writers. Published by Inter-Varsity Press, the book analyzes both Western culture and the "counter-culture" and proposes Christianity as a third alternative. Among the top 25 books, Word Press of Waco, Tex., published five and was named "publisher of the year."

As one of 26 states responding to a draft Declaration on the Elimination of All Forms of Religious Intolerance, the Vatican has urged the United Nations to revise the proposed declaration on religious freedom and place a greater emphasis on public worship and on the freedom of religious groups as well as individuals.

Spokesmen for the International Confederation of Christian Family Movements (ICCFM) announced at a press conference in Rome a world assembly on the family which will be held next Summer in the east African country of Tanzania. With the theme, "Family Power," the 16-days long assembly will be co-sponsored by the Family Education Office of the World Council of Churches and will meet at Dar-Es-Salaam.

Nationally-known radio and television news correspondent Pauline Frederick (Mrs. Charles Robbins) has been elected, among four new members, to the board of trustees of American University—a United Methodist-related institution in Washington, D.C.



NEW YORK — Charles B. (Bud) Wilkinson, member of football's Hall of Fame, sports commentator and head of a Dallas marketing firm, has been named national chairman for the 33rd annual interfaith National Bible Week, to be observed this year from Nov. 18-25. Mr. Wilkinson quarterbacked the University of Minnesota team during the 1930s. From 1949 to 1963 he was head coach at the University of Oklahoma where his teams won 145 games, lost 29 and tied 4. The Sooners' 47 straight victories, from 1953-57, are an all-time national record. He is chairman of the Citizen's Action Program of the National Council on Crime and Delinquency and immediate past president of the National Center for Voluntary Action. He was consultant to President Nixon and a member of the White House staff during 1969-71. (RNS Photo)

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## 1973 Hendrix grad at MTS

Warren Blanchard, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Blanchard, of 3417 Pope, North Little Rock, is a first year student (junior) at the Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware, Ohio. A candidate for the Master of Divinity degree, Blanchard graduated from Hendrix College in 1973 with a B. A. degree and is a member of the North Arkansas Conference of the United Methodist Church.

MTS was established 14 years ago by the United Methodist Church to prepare qualified college graduates for varieties of Christian ministry. While educating men and women to serve as pastors in local parishes is the seminary's primary intent, the school also provides preparation for teaching and institutional ministries, such as chaplaincies in hospital and prisons, and offers possibilities for a Master of Arts

### HUNTER CHURCH PLANS SERVICE OF CELEBRATION, NOV. 25

The congregation of Hunter United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will observe a Day of Celebration on Sunday, Nov. 25th to mark its last service at 11th and McAlmont Streets, its present location. The Rev. Nick Evans, pastor, will preach at the 11 a.m. worship service, which will be followed with a potluck dinner. Former members and friends are invited for the celebration.

Announcement was made recently of plans for relocation at a site near the new Baptist Medical Center. Beginning Sunday, Dec. 2 services will be held at Romine School until the new building is ready for occupancy. Groundbreaking ceremonies are scheduled for early January.

United Methodist Women of Hunter Church will furnish meat, bread and beverages for the Nov. 25th event. Those attending are requested to provide a vegetable dish, dessert or salad.

### SLIDES OF HISTORICAL INTEREST AVAILABLE

A set of slides with narration and a cassette tape concerning the organization of the first Women's Missionary Society in the state are available for the use of local groups. These were made for the centennial celebration of the Warren, Ark. society last March. The slides are based on the book, "Builders of the Kingdom" by Mrs. F. M. Williams. These may be borrowed from Mrs. James Nix, Box 82, Lonoke, Ark. 72086.

degree program in Christian Education, Christianity and Drama or Church Music.

All candidates for the school's basic Master of Divinity program must complete two inter-seminary courses, which include students and faculty from the Pontifical College Josephinum and Lutheran Theological Seminary, Columbus, M. Div. candidates must also serve an internship in some area of ministry before graduation.

Located on 50 acres on Route 23, just south of Delaware, MTS is at current capacity enrollment with 253 students from 13 states and 4 foreign countries. The School is interracial in both faculty and student body, and in the past three years has seen a radical increase in the number of women students. Fifty-four women are now enrolled.

Eighty-five per cent of the 519 graduates of MTS are serving churches in 37 states and 9 foreign countries.

### HENDERSON CHURCH TURKEY DINNER AND BAZAAR

Henderson church in Little Rock will hold its annual Turkey Dinner and Fall Bazaar this Thursday, Nov. 15. The bazaar will be held from 10 a.m. until 7:30 p.m. Serving time for the dinner is 4:30 until 7:30 p.m. Meal cost is \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. Henderson church is located at 2400 South Maple St. in Little Rock. The Rev. Robert M. VanHook II is the pastor.

### Paragould District Youth Council elects officers

In a meeting of the Paragould District Youth Council held at Rector on Oct. 20th, the following officers were elected:

President, David Wright of Newport; Vice President, Steve Doyle of Hoxie, and Secretary-Treasurer, Robin Wheatley of Rector.

The council began formulating plans for six district rallies to be held during the coming year. The first rally is scheduled for Dec. 15 at Newport, according to the Rev. David L. Driver, district youth coordinator and pastor of the Swifton Charge. A second rally is set for Feb. 16 at First United Methodist Church in Paragould.

The annual fish fry for Paragould District Methodist Men was held recently at Wayland Springs camp. Dalton Henderson of Imboden, District lay leader, was emcee for the event. Conference Lay Leader Henry M. Rainwater (standing, left) brought greetings from the Conference men's organization. Among guests were the Rev. George Stewart, senior chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Memphis and David E. Burkhart, director of the Methodist Hospital Fund.

## Council Directors to Local Churches

### NEW AUDIO-VISUAL RESOURCES

Below you will find a list of some of the new resources available through your Conference Audio-Visual Library.

**EVE 'N' US:** This consciousness-raising filmstrip reviews the images and the roles of women in the past and relates briefly some of the ferment and change taking place among women today. The issues raised are important and deserve to be considered by both men and women. Originally produced as a 160 slide set, this new production capsules the essentials into an 80 frame, color, 20 minutes presentation with 33 1/3 rpm record.

**FROM QUETZALCOATL TO PEPSICOATL:** Produced in Mexico this filmstrip provides considerable insight into the character of the Mexican people and their views of North America. Through the words of noted Spanish writers and personalities as well as those of the man in the street we learn what the North American cultural and economic domination of Mexico has produced in the land. This sensitive and beautiful production raises a number of important issues which the church should consider not only in relation to justice, liberation and development for Mexico, but for ourselves as well. 80 frames, color, 33 1/3 record.

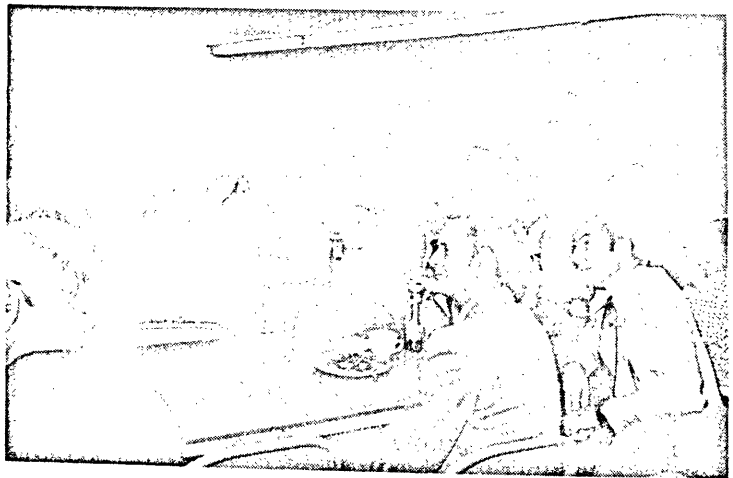
**FROM THE APPLE TO THE MOON:** From the Creation to the age of space exploration—"a giant leap for mankind" and a moving reminder of God's love. With expressive art and meaningful narration, the story of man is told bringing home the simple message of the Christian faith—that God created man, man is a free agent and does make his own choices, and that God's Spirit and His love are ever-present. A very timely filmstrip for use in this day of renewed interest in

the meaning of the Spirit. 93 frames, color, record.

**THE FIRE AND THE WIND:** Concerned with the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, especially as understood in the apostolic experience at Pentecost and the implications of that experience for us today. Recommended for instruction, discussion, worship and inspiration with Jr. Highs through Adults. Filmstrip, record.

**A CHILD OF GOD IN SEARCH OF FREEDOM:** Super 8mm, sound motion picture, 12 minutes in length. Produced by TRAFICO and the Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. It can be used as a resource for the interdenominational study theme: FAITH AND JUSTICE. About the struggle for justice of Black Africans oppressed by the White minority government of Rhodesia. Super 8 mm.

**THE MAN WHO HAD TO SING:** 16 mm film, 10 min. in color and animation. In ten hilarious minutes, we are told the compressed life story of a luckless Charlie Brown-type character. Throughout his short, illustrious life of being pushed, shoved, kicked, and bounced around, he causes one disaster after another, simply because he has only one thing to offer the world, something the world has no need of—a song, enigmatically disguised by the animationist with a "Ya, Ya, Ya, Ya-Ya" that he sings over and over again throughout the film. None of the agitation he causes is intentional. His habit simply does not harmonize with what others are doing. This little singing man may be thought of as the student whom the teacher never understood, the genius suppressed, the handicapped person who embarrasses society, a Christ figure, or an Everyman. In any case, the film is a fine, humorous tribute to the art of self-expression.



Approximately 100 men attended the event.



# NEWS and NOTES

**THE CROSSETT MINISTERIAL** Association sponsored a city-wide crusade in the Municipal Auditorium, Oct. 28. Featured speaker was Bill Glass, former pro football player now turned evangelist.

**BISHOP EUGENE M. FRANK** consecrated the new Children's Building, First United Methodist Church, Springdale, on Sunday, Nov. 4. Participants included Fayetteville District Superintendent Harlod Spence and Pastor Clint Atchley.

**WESLEY UNITED METHODIST** Church in Little Rock sponsored a "Missions Around the World" program on Sunday, Oct. 21. Dr. Pearle McCain, former missionary to China and Japan, was the speaker at the morning worship service. Wesley members who went on a tour of the Holy Land, Egypt, and Greece last summer spoke during an afternoon service.

**MIKE ORR** has been added to the staff of First United Methodist Church in Clarksville where he will be working with the Rev. James Meadors as pastoral assistant. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Bob Orr of Marked Tree and is a student at College of the Ozarks.

**THE ST. JAMES RINGERS** and the Carillon Bell Choir of St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, presented a concert in the Ozark United Methodist Church on Sunday afternoon, Oct. 28. The groups are directed by Martha and Felix Thompson. The Ozark pastor is the Rev. James P. Anderson.



Paul E. Cooley (left) is shown with Jim Greer as Mr. Cooley is honored as one of two persons named Outstanding Citizens of the Year in Blytheville. The award was made by the Alliance for Christian Renewal, an ecumenical group of Blytheville citizens. The other honoree was Mrs. G. W. Dillahunt, a member of First Presbyterian Church in that city.



Mr. and Mrs. George W. Brown, shown with Pastor A. M. Hall, Jr., were honored on the occasion of their 73rd wedding anniversary at Nov. 4 morning worship service at Wyatt Memorial Church in Fort Smith. Having joined Wyatt Memorial in 1921, they are the oldest members and have had the longest continuous membership in that congregation. They were presented small crosses made from the chancel rail of old Grand Avenue Church — parent church of Wyatt Memorial. Congratulatory messages were read from Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank, District Superintendent Dr. Charles P. McDonald, Gov. Dale Bumpers, and Mayor Jack Freeze. The Browns are the parents of five sons: L. G., Buster, and Kenneth, all of Fort Smith, Van of El Paso, Tex., and Orby of Wichita, Kans. They have 12 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild.

## FORMER CONFERENCE TREASURER HONORED AS OUTSTANDING CITIZEN

Paul E. Cooley, treasurer of the North Arkansas Conference for approximately fifteen years, was one of two persons named as Outstanding Citizens of the Year in his home city of Blytheville. The award was given by the Alliance for Christian Renewal, an ecumenical group of Blytheville citizens. The other honoree was Mrs. G. W. Dillahunt, a member of Blytheville's First Presbyterian Church.

Mr. Cooley, who was 89 last Oct. 6, has been a Methodist for 71 years during which time he has held numerous positions in the local church. He has served as a lay speaker, teacher and officer in the church school and as church treasurer. "Mr. Cooley never misses Sunday School or church unless out of town, and then he always brings a bulletin from the church he attended," reports the staff of his home church, Blytheville First. "He is an inspiration to all of us here," they report.

In making the award for the Alliance, Allen Bush stated that the recognition was "more for a lifetime of Christian Service than for a year." Mr. Cooley was nominated for the honor by the Open Door Sunday school class, of which he is a member. In their nomination they stated that "As a dedicated Christian and a person beloved by all who know him we believe Mr. Cooley merits the distinction" of the honor.

A bookkeeper and auditor by profession, Mr. Cooley served as Mississippi County auditor for about 24 years. He has been employed by many Blytheville business firms as bookkeeper.

Mr. Cooley is widely known and ap-

**GROUND BREAKING** ceremonies for a new sanctuary of the Pea Ridge United Methodist Church were held on Sunday, Oct. 21. The Rev. Harold Spence, Fayetteville District superintendent, was in charge, assisted by the Rev. Richard Benefield, pastor.

**THE YOUTH CHOIR** of Parker's Chapel, El Dorado, presented special music at the morning worship service Sunday, Oct. 28. "Why Me Lord" was the anthem special with Brian Batte as the soloist, Debbie Givens on the guitar and Denise Love on the organ. Other members of the choir were Kathy Batte, Lisa Morgan, Steve Morgan, Robbie Lee, Beth Cameron, Charles Patterson, and Mike Atkins. Their pastor is the Rev. James B. Swaim.

**YOUTH SPEAKERS** in First Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday morning, Oct. 28, were Kelly Hill, Neena Klick and Brian Sherrod. The Rev. Earl Carter is their pastor.

**THE REV. WORTH GIBSON**, pastor of First Church, Jonesboro, attended the St. Louis School for Evangelism the week of Oct. 30. The school was held in connection with the Billy Graham Crusade.

**PARKER'S CHAPEL** United Methodist Women of El Dorado took advantage of a free flea market held at a local lumber yard recently to raise \$119.30 for the Ministers' Retirement Fund.

preciated by United Methodists in North Arkansas as the result of his having served as conference treasurer.

## 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.

### National Bible Week

|              |                       |
|--------------|-----------------------|
| Nov. 18—Sun. | A.M. Deut. 5:1-10     |
|              | P.M. Matt. 7:7-14     |
| Nov. 19      | A.M. Psalm 3:1-8      |
|              | P.M. John 12:44-50    |
| Nov. 20      | A.M. Psalm 118:14-29  |
|              | P.M. Act. 2:37-47     |
| Nov. 21      | A.M. Isaiah 40: 25-31 |
|              | P.M. Eph. 4:20-32     |
| Nov. 22      | A.M. Psalm 100        |
|              | P.M. Phil. 4:5-13     |
| Nov. 23      | A.M. Jer. 17:9-14     |
|              | P.M. 1 John 1:1-10    |
| Nov. 24      | A.M. Isaiah 65: 17-25 |
|              | P.M. Heb. 4:12-16     |
| Nov. 25—Sun. | A.M. Prov. 1:2-9      |
|              | P.M. Rev. 21:1-7      |

**TRI-COUNTY UNITED** Methodist Men met in First Church, Morrilton on Thursday, Nov. 8, with Jim Lane, Conway District lay leader as the speaker. Mr. Lane is a member of the Washington Avenue United Methodist Church in North Little Rock.

**THE SWIFTON CHURCH** was host to Jackson County United Methodist Men on Wednesday, Oct. 31. Bill Burnett, former Razorback football star and a leader of the Christian Athlete Association, was the speaker. The Rev. David Driver was host pastor.

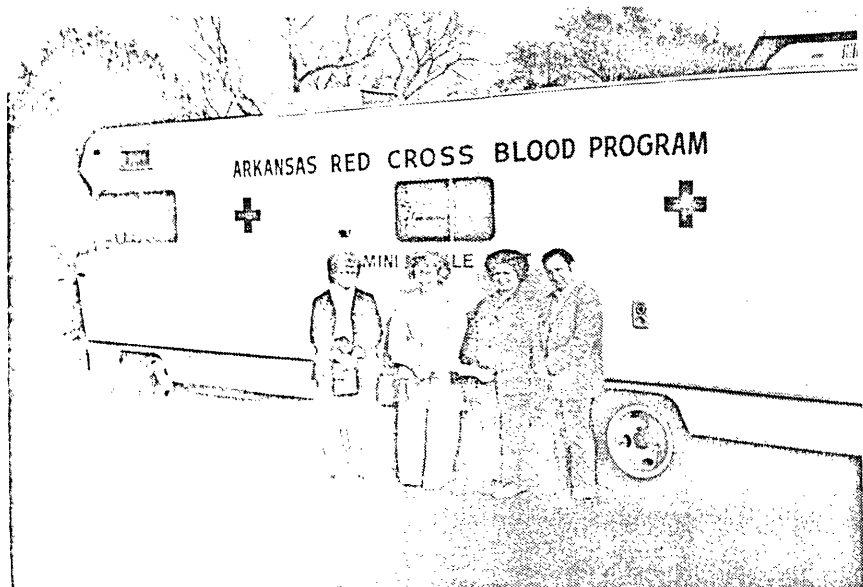
**WYE UNITED METHODIST** Church near Bigelow, had the largest attendance ever at this year's Annual Homecoming — held Sunday, Nov. 4 — when 150 persons gathered to share in morning services, the basket dinner and an afternoon service. The afternoon program included gospel singing by the Singing Cavaliers from Conway, and the Round Mountain Quartette from Pleasant Valley Church, Mayflower. The Rev. Bill Patrick is pastor.

**THE UMYF** of Trinity United Methodist Church of Little Rock made \$188.67 at their Halloween Carnival. From this money they plan to buy a ten-speed bicycle for a foreign student from British Ghana and a bean bag throw for the Nursery I classroom. The Rev. Joseph E. Taylor is their pastor.

**LAITY DAY** speakers for the five churches of the Morrilton Parish were: Opal Tilmon of Dardanelle at Garden Chapel; Othello Gorden of Solgahachie at Cleveland; A. O. Thompson of Cleveland at Lanty; George Potts of Pottsville at Solgahachie; and Mrs. Jean Scott of Overcup at Overcup. The Rev. Thomas Anderson is pastor of Morrilton Parish.

**PAUL ALEXANDER**, lay leader in First Church, Harrison, arranged the Laity Day service in his church. Guest speaker was Leland W. Smith of Jasper. His subject was "Going to Church — Blessing or Burden?" A men's choir was directed by Tom Millard.

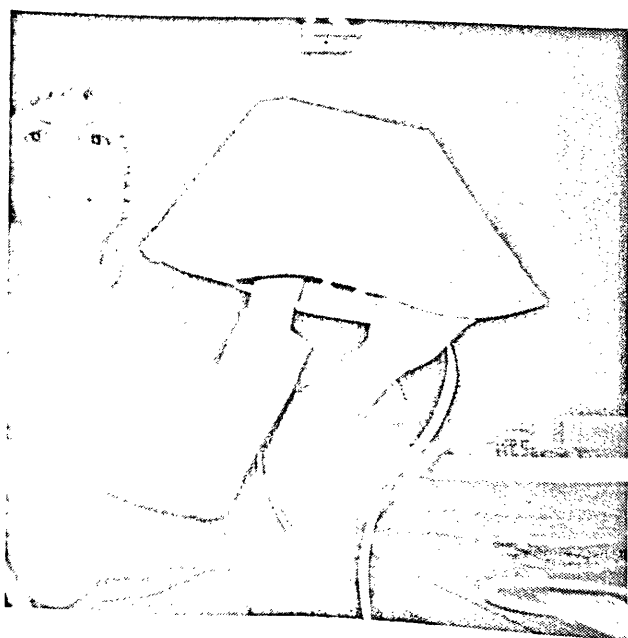




Markham Church in Little Rock participated in the Red Cross mobile program Sunday, Nov. 11. Twenty-two persons donated blood. The blood needs of an entire church for a year will be met when 25% of the membership families donate. Churches interested may contact the Red Cross in Little Rock. Shown above are (from left) Markham members Mrs. Ethel Wilson, Mrs. Linda Neaves, Mrs. Pat Racop and Dr. Karl Mathews.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Weld of Fisher presented the program for the annual harvest supper sponsored by United Methodist Women at Manila on Nov. 5. The film program, narrated by Mrs. Weld, president of the Jonesboro District UMW, featured the recent Cincinnati UMW Assembly, Enrichment Weekend at Mt. Sequoyah, Arkansas School of Missions at Conway, the District Officers' Workshop at Aldersgate, and Wayland Springs Camp — with emphasis on the four mission areas. (Left to right in photo) Mrs. Amos Decker, District mission coordinator for Christian Social Involvement, the Welds, Mrs. Dial Ballard, who presided, and Mrs. Johnnie Cullins, UMW president at Manila.



Kay Agee displays rain bonnet made of plastic, net, felt and sequins, one of the items which will be sold at the Nov. 30 bazaar sponsored by United Methodist Women of Western Hills United Methodist Church at 4601 Western Hills in Little Rock. Another special feature will be a church cookbook. A tea room will be in operation during the day, and a spaghetti supper is planned. The Rev. Robert W. Robertson is pastor.

### Hoxie UMW groups hold joint meeting

"Get involved through sharing your life," was the theme in an inspirational experience for three groups of Hoxie United Methodist Women who met on Oct. 8 in Hoxie First United Methodist Church.

The evening began with a fellowship supper. Even the table conversation became a meaningful part of the program. Responses to questions about "self" stimulated fellowship. Across the table an exchange of ideas concerning the assigned Bible reading prepared the group for the enrichment program led by Mrs. Frances Tennison, Paragould District chairperson for the committee on nominations. Mrs. Tennison, who recently attended an officers' meeting at Aldersgate, explained the new structure of the organization of the UMW.

Mrs. Jim Green, president of the

Hoxie UMW, conducted the business session. She reported that Mrs. Lenore Doyle had purchased a life membership in UMW in honor of her eight-year-old grandson, Matthew Doyle. The group made plans for a church-wide fellowship supper at Thanksgiving.

The benediction for the evening of sharing was a duet, "Fill My Cup, Lord," sung by Mrs. Green and Mrs. Jeannie Smith.

Visiting consultants were Mrs. Mary Stark, president of the Paragould District UMW; Mrs. Virginia Grissom, district mission coordinator for supportive community; and Mrs. Mabel Gramling, district leader for Christian personhood. The Rev. J. D. Lawrence, pastor, was present for the meeting.

## Presbyterian woman heads NCC

NEW YORK, N.Y. — The Governing Board of the National Council of Churches — federation of 31 national church bodies — elected Mrs. Claire Randall of New York City to the council's top executive post during the Oct. 13th meeting of the board.

Mrs. Randall, associate executive director of Church Women United, will succeed Dr. R. H. Edwin Espy, who will retire as general secretary Dec. 31.

The single nominee of the board's official "search" committee, headed by United Methodist Bishop Paul Washburn of Chicago, Ms. Randall will become the first woman general secretary in the council's 23-year history.

She defeated the only other candidate considered for the post, the Rev. Albert M. Pennybacker, pastor of the Heights Christian Church, Shaker Heights, Ohio. The vote was 110 for Ms. Randall, 61 for Mr. Pennybacker, whose name was placed in nomination from the floor.

An ordained elder of the United

Presbyterian Church, U.S.A., Ms. Randall has held a variety of church agency executive posts in the past 24 years. In the past decade her work with Church Women United — an interdenominational fellowship with 2,100 state and local affiliates — has covered a wide range of activities, from organizing efforts that led to the federal school lunch program to bringing women together to discuss theology. She is a key figure in what has come to be regarded as the women's movement in church life, dedicated to enhancing the role of women in the church.

As general secretary she will have oversight responsibility for 60 and more different programs the council carries on in behalf of the member churches. They range from literacy and material aid for the needy overseas to domestic programs in stewardship and Christian education. The council's budget, to carry on this work amounts to \$14.6 million for the current year.

Touching in her news conference on a variety of social issues of church concern, Ms. Randall commented on the status of women: "Society and the church have a long way to go before overcoming the process of exclusion. Women have not had much opportunity to serve in other than traditional ways," she said. "Historically women have played an important part in the church's life — through gifts of money, prayer and voluntary services. But they have not had a full part in framing policy. I think this must change."

Ms. Randall joined the staff of Church Women United in 1962, as Director of Christian World Missions with responsibility for the World Day of Prayer. Later she became Director of National Program Development. In recent years as Associate Executive Director, she has given particular attention to strengthening local CWU units across the country, development of theological exploration among women and the women's movement in relation to the Church. Her work has

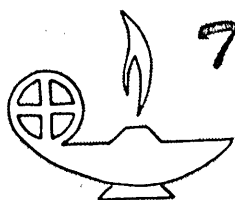
brought her into close touch with women's organizations among the Protestant and Orthodox communions, together with the Roman Catholic Church.

Long a strong advocate of ecumenism, she represents Church Women United on two key ecumenical commissions in the National Council — regional and local ecumenism, and faith and order.

Earlier in her career she served the Presbyterian Church U.S. as associate in missionary education for the Board of World Missions, and Director of Art for the General Council.

She studied art in the San Antonio (Texas) Art Institute, later attending Schreiner College in Texas and the Presbyterian School of Christian Education, Richmond, Va. She received her B.A. from Scarritt College, Nashville, Tenn.

A native of San Antonio, Ms. Randall began her career there doing Christian education work in two local churches.



## The Sunday School Lesson

by the Editor

### LESSON FOR NOVEMBER 25:

"Always Of Good Courage"

**ORIENTATION:** With today's lesson we complete the first quarter of the 1973-74 church school year. The theme for this quarter (Sept.-Oct.-Nov.) has been **THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO PAUL**. The first two of this quarter's units have been entitled **Ministry of Reconciliation** and **The Message of Reconciliation**. We complete today the quarter's third and last unit entitled **The Life of Reconciliation**. Our lesson for Nov. 25 is entitled **Always of Good Courage**.

**THE SCRIPTURE LESSON:** 2 Corinthians 4:1 through 5:10

**MEMORY SELECTION:** We know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.—2 Corinthians 5:1

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON:** To see that the reconciled life is a life marked by hope; to see that suffering, "man's extremity," is in reality "God's opportunity"—that God's grace is sufficient for man's needs; to see that the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ are God's sign and seal upon life: that they are symbol and expression of victory—that as Jesus Christ was victorious over man's last great enemy, death, so man need not falter before his greatest fears; to see that the Christian is afforded the resources to be "always of good courage."

#### THE RECONCILED LIFE: CHARACTERIZED BY HOPE

We come to the final lesson both in this unit and in this quarter of study. Our quarter's theme has been **The Gospel According to Paul** and our unit title has been **The Life of Reconciliation**. Space allows only a brief recap of this great theme of reconciliation.

By his sin man has separated himself from fellowship with God. The great good news is that God desires that this fellowship be restored. But Paul saw that his readers were wrongfully striving to accomplish this restoration by a strict keeping of the law in an effort to win God's favor. Such, he says, is not the function of the law.

Man may indeed be reconciled to God, says Paul, but not by his strict observance of the law. This reconciled state is the result of the free gift of God's grace, acknowledged and appropriated by man's response of faith. This is the great good news of the gospel. It brings man to that relationship with God which our unit has called the life of reconciliation. For our purpose today we gain a better insight by referring to this state as that of the reconciled life.

The quality of hope is one of the great characteristics of the reconciled life. It is a life identified by hope; a life infused with hope. It is a life which uses hope, reflects hope and makes hope one of its gifts to others. As Christians we may rejoice in our hope! That such hope is possible is good news for our world.

Our procedure today will be, as previously, to examine this theme as reflected in our scripture. Our quotations are again from **The New Testament in Modern English**, the translation by J. B. Phillips.

#### "NOTHING CAN DAUNT US"

This is the ministry which God in his mercy has given us, and nothing can daunt us.

—2 Corinthians 4:1

The fourth and fifth chapters of 2 Corinthians

form a great statement of Christian faith and victory. In 4:1 Paul seeks to acknowledge the fact that such truths are God's creation and wisdom and are not man's idea. Our ministry as Christians, the message we proclaim, and the reconciled life in which we are blest to participate are all the creation of God and are not in any degree our own doing. This may seem obvious to us; it is a simple truth but a profound one of which we can't remind ourselves too often. It is by God's good mercy that we benefit from the reconciled life and not because of any cleverness of our own.

It can be a recurring source of strength to us to realize that the message we have to share with the world is not dependent upon our own creativeness to originate. We are witnesses to what God has done and is doing, and because we are witnesses to such truth "nothing can daunt us." It is, again, important for modern, sophisticated man to remember this. To do so is not to demean ourselves to any degree; it is, rather, to recognize a fundamental truth which makes the gospel what it is: *God's* good news and not just man's best wishes.

With this assurance to strengthen him, Paul proceeds to look at some harsh realities of the human situation.

#### KNOCKED DOWN BUT NOT OUT

We are handicapped on all sides, but we are never frustrated; we are puzzled, but never in despair. We are persecuted, but we never have to stand it alone: we may be knocked down but we are never knocked out!

—2 Corinthians 4:8, 9

What a tremendous statement this is! These words are not just the casual remarks of one who had never known suffering. They are the witness of one who had suffered much and had found a grace sufficient for all his needs.

Resilience—the capacity to recover from adversity—is a great quality of the human spirit. It is a human quality which is further enriched, enhanced and strengthened by the courage, faith and hope which the reconciled life affords.

But we should not be unrealistic about the harsh realities of life. Nothing in the Christian faith is designed to shield man from the true fact of life's hardship, suffering and sorrow. Life is rough; it is hard. Someone has wisely said "Be kind. Everyone you meet is having a hard time of it."

Authentic Christian faith acknowledges that sorrow is real, that suffering is a present and painful reality and that death is a fact. Paul acknowledges these but goes beyond them. "Every day we experience something of the death of Jesus, so that we may also know the power of the life of Jesus in these bodies of ours . . . and we know for certain that he who raised the Lord Jesus from death shall also raise us with Jesus" (2 Cor. 4:11,14).

The reconciled life, characterized by Christian hope, enables us to look at life straight on and then go further. No rose-colored glasses, to shade out the harsh realities, are needed. Life is tough but with God there is a way. We may be knocked down but we are never knocked out.

Perhaps it is at this point that our rhetoric—for which we Christians are famous—can get in our way. It is easy to speak such words; it is another thing to live the truth which they express. And by our own strength we are unable to do so. But it is at this point that the reconciled life, marked by the quality of Christian hope, breaks open to us the resources—beyond those of our own power—which enable us to cope. Paul refers to these next.

#### OUR INNER NATURE RENEWED EVERY DAY

This is the reason we never collapse. The outward man does indeed suffer wear and tear, but every day the inward man receives fresh strength.

—2 Corinthians 4:16

Paul is giving witness to an experience which persons of faith have shared throughout the centuries. Our Lord speaks of this resource: "I have food to eat that you do not know about" (John 4:32). Lamentations records a similar experience: "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is thy faithfulness" (Lam. 3:22, 23).

The Christian may be of good courage always because of such "well-springs" of spiritual nourishment. Again, here is an aspect of our faith which has suffered in some circles because of the rhetoric we have used in witness to it; but that does not negate its truth. It could be interesting and helpful for members of your class to try to share, in "new words," devoid of the customary rhetoric, some personal experiences of such nourishment of their spirit.

Paul moves now to express yet one more reason that man may be "always of good courage."

#### EARTHLY TENT AND HEAVENLY HOUSE

For we are looking all the time not at the visible things but at the invisible. The visible things are transitory: it is the invisible things that are really permanent. We know . . . that if our earthly dwelling were taken down, like a tent, we have a permanent house in heaven, made, not by man, but by God.

—2 Corinthians 4:18—5:1

Paul here expresses two great ideas. One reveals a revolutionary way of looking at life. It expresses yet another gift made possible through the reconciled life: to be able to live in the present and yet look beyond to the eternal.

Reconciled man is given new values; he sets the things of the spirit above the things of the world. He is given new vision; he looks for the eternal hidden amidst the temporal. He is given new understanding; he sees beyond the immediate meaning of a situation to those dimensions which are of ultimate import. He is given new sight; upon seeing a neighbor he beholds a brother. He is given new hearing; he perceives not only the word but senses the human need veiled by the audible expression. The reconciled man is given a new vision. He sees in the present those things which are eternal.

The second great idea expressed above by Paul reflects the greatest evidence of Christian victory: that in his own way God has provided for our lives here and hereafter. The last enemy to be defeated is death. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ God accomplished this victory. In the light of such a mighty act, how could any follower of his Lord not be "always of good courage"?

**NOTE:** With the lesson for Dec. 2 we begin a new quarter's study, the theme of which is **THE GOSPEL OF JOHN**. We are happy to announce that our guest writer for the Sunday School Lessons for this quarter will be Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference now living in Siloam Springs, Ark. Dr. Dodgen is a widely known and much beloved minister and we welcome him to this page.

**NEXT SUNDAY:** Why the Gospel of John? John 20: 30-31; 1:6-13; 17:1-3



## 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.

### WOMEN'S DIVISION DOESN'T REPRESENT HER

Board of Global Ministries  
Women's Division  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York, N. Y. 10027  
Ladies:

This is to inform you that the resolution you passed urging the impeachment of the President does not represent my opinion. If this is an example of the hysterical response you make to the hysterical publicity inflicted on us daily, it is very doubtful you will ever represent me.

I consider it my responsibility as a Christian, a citizen of this democracy and an active Methodist to practice an objective and prayerful concern for my country. If ever those who represent Christ on earth look for the worst in men and listen unquestioningly to destructive reports, how long can this nation endure?

Sincerely yours,  
(Miss) Marjorie H. Holloway  
Holly Ridge, La.  
c.c. The Louisiana Methodist

### BOARD'S ACTION "VERY BAD MISTAKE"

Dear Sir:

I had just read the Bishop's article "The Truthful Good News" and had just said Amen. Then I looked and read the article on the Global Ministries and the note that they made on impeachment of the President of the

United States. I will admit it bothered me very much. It is really hard for anyone to believe that a group of responsible people could come up with a vote such as this, but it is in black and white on page ten of last week's LOUISIANA METHODIST.

This was poorly timed and a very bad mistake, especially when our President needs our backing and he really deserves it.

It is my sincere belief that this is a time for all "to seek God and His righteousness" and stop downing our President. In other words, "He or she that is without sin cast the first stone."

Rev. Paul Durbin  
Retired  
Minden, La.

### METHODIST MINISTERS "QUENCHED"?

Dear Sir:

I think the Methodist hierarchy is a political machine, operating more for its own benefit than for God. If I am wrong, I apologize.

The statistics of the denomination parallel the deterioration of its ministry. I am not saying there are no faithful Methodist ministers; I am saying that those who do desire to preach and teach Jesus Christ are quenched by the hierarchy. I am sorry.

I suggest that the preachers who want the same salaries as high level professionals go out and take some of those jobs and if they have a contribution to make for God, let it be done as laymen.

Thank you.

Respectfully,  
Martha W. Curtis  
Pecan Grove, Ark.

## Rhodesian bishop to receive UN award

NEW YORK (UMC)—Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa, episcopal leader of the Rhodesia Area of the United Methodist Church and considered perhaps the leading spokesman for civil and human rights of Africans in Rhodesia, is one of six persons named to receive an international award from the United Nations.

Announcement of the human rights award was made by the United Nations. Another of the recipients is former United Nations Secretary-General U Thant. Bishop Muzorewa is the only church figure among the six.

The bishop, who is president of the African National Council, an organization working for majority government in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia), has been invited to New York for a special session of the United Nations General Assembly Dec. 10, to receive the award.

It was not known as of Oct. 31 whether Bishop Muzorewa, whose travel papers were taken away in 1972 by Prime Minister Ian Smith's white minority government, will be able to attend. The bishop spoke before the United Nations Security Council in early 1972 on behalf of the African National Council and its large constituency. He is believed to be the first ecclesiastical leader to have addressed the Security Council.

The General Assembly President, Leopoldo Benites of Ecuador, in

speaking of the awards recipients said, "Bishop Muzorewa, with complete self-abnegation and in extremely difficult circumstances is working to defend human rights in Southern Rhodesia."

On a three-day visit to the United Nations and the United States in February 1972, Bishop Muzorewa told the Security Council that "no settlement to the Rhodesia problem (5,500,000 blacks ruled by 250,000 whites) can be achieved without the active participation of the African people, through the leaders of their choice, in the actual process of negotiation leading to any settlement to be approved by them."

At a United Nations press conference he startled some of the correspondents as he observed quietly, "As a minister of religion involved in a moral issue, I sometimes start press conferences with prayer." Whereupon he closed his eyes and addressing "God of all people of all colors," he prayed briefly for help to "live as Thy children" in peace and brotherhood.

The bishop also addressed the 1972 United Methodist General Conference and drew a standing ovation with his plea for justice in Rhodesia through "non-violence, negotiation and reason." His message closed with the words, "I love the church. I love you all."

## Overhaul of diaconate asked

NEW YORK (RNS) — A complete overhaul of the diaconate in the United Methodist Church has been proposed by a denominational agency here. The shifts, if eventually approved, would elevate deaconesses to the same level as pastoral ministers.

Proposals for a "permanent diaconate" were developed within the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service of the Church's Board of Global Ministries. The draft document was discussed at a recent meeting of the agency in Cincinnati and has now been forwarded to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry in Nashville for consideration.

It is expected that the suggestions will find their way to a Commission on the Study of Ministry which will report to the denomination's legislative General Conference in 1976.

The ministry of the United Methodist Church is now historically organized along two levels, basically the same as that found in Anglicanism, out of which Methodism arose.

Fully ordained United Methodist ministers, men and women, are called "elders" (Anglicans use the word "priest" and, in most areas, limited the order to men). "Deacon" is a lower, preliminary level of ordination. In addition, the Church has deaconesses who are consecrated and given special recognition but are not comparable to deacons seeking elder orders.

The Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service feels that neither deacons or deaconesses as currently defined should be "merely auxiliary" to elders but should have a

"distinctive" standing more in keeping with practices in the early Christian Church. There are about 300 United Methodist deaconesses. They are assigned to a variety of ecclesiastical and social service posts.

In explaining the proposals on the "permanent diaconate," Allene Ford, the executive in charge of deaconesses, said, "The hope is to restore the New Testament understanding of the ministry of deacon as a distinct order in serving ministry — not as a way station toward a higher order or ordination."

According to the document, establishment of the diaconate would not only meet specific needs but would also create an order that might be more appropriate for the many United Methodist clergy who now hold special, non-pastoral appointments.

"And are there not many others—medical doctors, teachers, social service workers — who would eagerly qualify and enlist in a properly conceived diaconate?" the paper asked.

At its Cincinnati meeting, the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service also asked the denomination's Certification Council to "seriously consider" dropping the word "Methodist" from the name of a Pikeville, Ky. hospital where non-professional workers are on strike.

The committee felt the Church's name should not be associated with the hospital until administrators have "responsibly" dealt with the labor question.

### Washington Building's Symbolic Value Praised

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMC) — The United Methodist Building here is a symbol "capable of nourishing what is good and desirable and ideal in our national consciousness," a Supreme Court justice said October 21.

In a service celebrating the building's 50th anniversary as a center for social action, Associate Justice Harry M. Blackmun outlined the relationships of law and morality. He pointed out that, though "our performances always fall short of our goals, the structure's presence and activity have been a great force and accomplishment."

### Church and Economic Development Studied

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (UMC) — In the South, the future of the church and economic development are largely dependent upon each other, United Methodist Church leaders were told here Oct. 17.

To escape from a "colonialism" dictated by economic decisions made elsewhere, the church must now make reconciliation and justice the framework for development, the Rev. Ted McEachern of Nashville, Tenn., asserted to the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council on Ministries. He urged the church to attune itself to a population growth that will be primarily urban, but to keep the area's cities from going the way of the metropolis elsewhere in conflict and pollution and politics.

### Indian Leaders Thank Church for Help

NEW ORLEANS, La. (UMC) — Thanks for a church that became "actively engaged in situations which are denying people the right to live" was expressed by American Indian leaders here Oct. 26.

Dennis Banks, executive director of the American Indian Movement, told the annual meeting of the Board of Global Ministries that Indian's former "extreme criticism of the churches" for their "failure in social responsibilities" had been answered in part by two United Methodists who "placed themselves between the lines of fire" at Wounded Knee, S. D., and started negotiations to end the crisis. The men were the Rev. Homer Noley, Global Ministries field representative for Indian work, and the Rev. John P. Adams, director of law and justice for the church's Board of Church and Society.

### Religious Alternatives To Violence Stressed

NEW YORK (UMC)—Religion in American Life (RIAL) unveiled its new campaign materials at a press briefing here October 23.

The interfaith campaign, which began Nov. 1, is based on the theme: "The community of God. Make it your way." Special emphasis of the message is the religious alternatives to violence. Executive vice president of RIAL is the Rev. David W. Gockley, a United Methodist minister.

In Nashville Board meeting,  
Oct. 31-Nov. 1

## Higher Education and Ministry:

*"move to the offensive"... personnel changes*

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC)—Personnel actions dominated the annual meeting of the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry here Oct. 31-Nov. 1, with the election of one new top executive and changes for three others.

The Rev. Robert W. Thornburg, 46, pastor of First Church, Peoria, Ill., was named associate general secretary for the Division of the Ordained Ministry. He succeeds the Rev. Gerald O. McCulloh, who after 20 years in the post was reassigned as associate general secretary for special services, a new position for the board.

The Rev. R. Harold Hipps, in education leadership training here for the past ten years, was elected associate general secretary for the Division of Lay Ministries, a position he had held in an acting status since January. The Rev. John D. Humphrey was advanced from assistant to associate general secretary for administration. All other professional staff members were re-elected for the coming year.

The board also nominated unanimously, for General Council of Ministries confirmation, its general secretary, the Rev. F. Thomas Trotter. Actually on the job only three months, Dr. Trotter was formally installed at a worship service during the meeting here, by Bishop Ernest T. Dixon, Jr., board president.

Major business actions of the board included agreement to enter a one-year trial of central support services

with the neighboring Board of Discipleship, to combine treasury, personnel, mailing and similar operations; joined other church boards who will pay their members not only travel costs but costs of child care where needed when members are on board business; established a National Commission for United Methodist Higher Education to study the problems facing colleges related to the church, and options open to them.

The national commission is to have seven task forces to gather facts regarding the problems and to analyze them in order to develop options that can be developed to meet them. The principal problems, as outlined by the Rev. Fred E. Harris, associate general secretary for the Division of Higher Education, are college-church relations, college-state relations, institutional governance and management, academic delivery systems and "how our institution states its value systems."

In his first report to the board, Dr. Trotter called for church-related colleges and universities to move from a defensive to an offensive stance at a time when the historic advantages of public higher education, such as free tuition, fade away.

Dr. Trotter said that, as a teacher, he had hopes that the church's schools and its professional ministry may be mobilized to "turn the nation around." Before coming here, he was dean and professor of religion and arts at the

School of Theology, Claremont, Calif.

The new ordained ministry executive, Dr. Thornburg, will begin his Nashville work Jan. 1. Following pastorates in Chicago and Northbrook, Ill., and Bethel, Conn., he has been at the Peoria church which has more than 4,000 members, the largest in the North Central Jurisdiction.

Other stop staff members elected by the board include Edwin E. Smith, Jr.,

treasurer; the Rev. Woodrow Geier, director of information and publication; Dr. Reber Boulton, legal counsel; Dr. Harris, associate general secretary for higher education; and the Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, associate general secretary for Chaplains and Related Ministries; the Rev. Richard H. Bauer, executive secretary for the Office of Personnel.

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### 'Crisis' in church school prompts pluralistic approach in curriculum

Dr. Ewart G. Watts, editor of church school publications for The United Methodist Church, told a recent meeting of the Board of Publication, the governing body of the United Methodist Publishing House, that a decline in the sale of curriculum is related to a crisis in church school education. He said that during the last 17 years there has been a decline of 30 percent in church school enrollment.

Dr. Watts said the curriculum editors and planners are aggressively attempting to meet the pluralistic needs of the 10-million member United Methodist Church. "We are providing a variety of resources so that people will not feel locked into any one resource," he said. "People have said, 'Give us a choice.' We are doing our best."

He made particular reference to

"Good News," an unofficial caucus of evangelical United Methodists which has been particularly critical of the curriculum resources. While Dr. Watts said he and his staff are open to suggestions and criticisms from any particular interest group he was determined to keep any group from controlling the curriculum of the church.

Book Editor Emory S. Bucke also referred to the "Good News" caucus by saying that their concerns had prompted the production of more books for an evangelical audience. "Good News started out as a beligerent movement but they have become helpful," he said. "The United Methodist Church needed the kick in the pants which Good News gave it. They have helped us see our role as publisher for a pluralistic church."

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## International-Intercultural Studies group approves 1974 projects

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Representatives of the 37 colleges and universities related to the Association of Colleges and Universities for International-Intercultural Studies (ACUIIS) met here Oct. 26-27, elected officers, approved the membership of the first state-supported college, and approved five major study projects for students and faculty during 1974.

ACUIIS was incorporated in 1967 as a consortium of United Methodist colleges organized for co-operative planning and development of international-intercultural education in the United States and abroad. Related to the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, ACUIIS involves 35 United Methodist schools and Presbyterian College, Clinton, S. C. Newest member, approved at the October meeting, is Pan-American College, Edinburg, Tex., a state-supported four-year coeducational institution, with more than 4,000 students.

Dr. Richard N. Bender is executive director of ACUIIS which has a budget of more than \$250,000 annually, including membership dues, student fees for projects, grants from the U.S. Department of Health, Education and Welfare, the U.S. State Department, private sources, and the United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

The Graz Center, most popular among the ACUIIS programs, will host its sixth summer program during seven weeks of July and August, 1974.

Approximately 125 students and 50 faculty and family members will be offered four courses: Balkan Studies, Russian and Soviet Studies, Central and European Studies and music through the American Institute of Musical Studies. Dean of the 1974 Graz program will be Dr. Charles Semke, professor of psychology and director of counselling at Westmar College, Le Mars, Ia.

An unusual 1974 seminar will be a month's study of the "cradle of the evolutionary theory" with a tour in the Galapagos Archipelago, Charles Darwin Research Station, and side trips to Quito, Ecuador, and Panama. Two weeks will be spent on the campus of Birmingham-Southern College in preparation for the expedition. Working from a cruise yacht, the 30 students and a 4 faculty members and professional persons will focus their study on South American art, history, geology and tropical biology. Director of the project will be Birmingham-Southern professor of biology Dr. Dan C. Holliman.

Approximately 25 faculty members will participate in a study program on "Socio-Economic Development in Pakistan" June 17-Aug. 5 with a week of orientation in Washington, D.C. Director of the program will be Dr. George Montagno, director of non-Western studies at Mount Union College, Alliance, Ohio.

A six-week seminar of "Latin America in the Modern World" will involve approximately 25 stu-

dents during the summer with major attention on Columbia and Peru.

Approximately 50 students and three faculty members will participate in a United Nations seminar Jan. 1-15 to be directed by Dr. Leonard Kramer, professor emeritus of Nebraska Wesleyan University who serves part-time as assistant director of ACUIIS.

ACUIIS also will co-sponsor a year-abroad program with the University of Evansville (Ind.) with students based at Harlaxton, England.

In addition to expanding operations abroad, ACUIIS sponsors a wide variety of projects on the campuses of the participating colleges. The cooperative effort enables the member schools to grant academic credits to the participating students.

Re-elected president of ACUIIS for a second, two-year term was Dr. John Van Valkenburg, vice president of Huntington College, Montgomery, Ala. Elected vice-presidents of six regions were: Dr. J. Hamby Barton, dean at Southwestern College, Winfield, Kans.; Dr. Exalton Delco, dean of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex.; Dr. Andrew Talton, professor of French and director of international center at Baldwin-Wallace College, Berea, Ohio; Dr. Dan Holliman, professor of biology and department chairman, Birmingham-Southern College; Chaplain C. W. Gibson, Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va.; and Dr. William Kornegay, dean at Bethune-Cookman College, Daytona Beach, Fla.

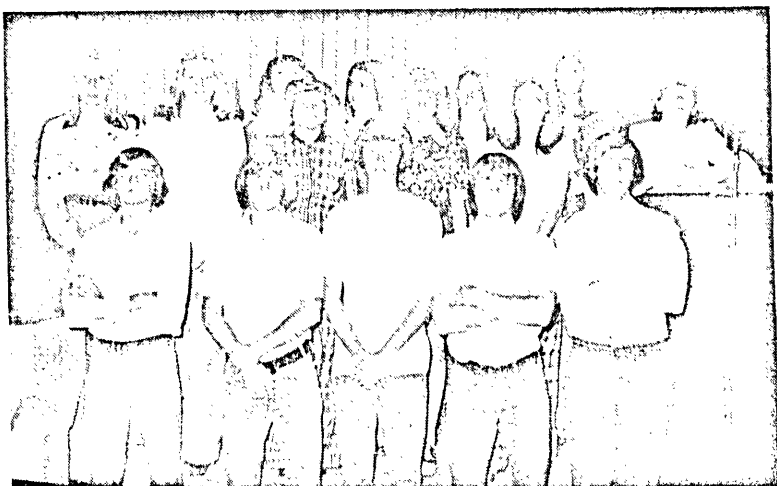
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## Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in October 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.

D. A. ANDERSON  
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by Grady and Allen Clift  
by Mr. & Mrs. D. W. McKay  
by Mr. & Mrs. James E. Bentley  
by Mr. & Mrs. James W. Hutson  
by Mr. & Mrs. Alvin Reap  
MACK LESTER  
by Mrs. Nancy E. Beatty  
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by Beulah & Isabella Smith  
J. S. MOSES  
by McCaskill Methodist Church  
MRS. ALICE G. MACK  
by Mr. & Mrs. W. H. Murphy  
MRS. GEORGE METZLER  
by Mr. & Mrs. Garland Triplett



The Youth Choir of First United Methodist Church, DeWitt, under the direction of Don Mooney, presented the musical Who Wants To B. Free?, on Sunday evening, Oct. 28. The Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.

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### PICTURE POSTCARDS FOR SALE

Attractive picture postcards (in color) featuring the seven acres of daffodils owned by Wye United Methodist Church, midway between Highway 10 and Bigelow, Ark., on Highway 113, are available at 10 cents each. They may be obtained from Mrs. Austin Harmon, Route 1, Bigelow, Ark. 72016.

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### P. K. KORNER

JEREMY RICHARD RUTH was born at the Stuttgart Memorial Hospital on Oct. 12. He is the first child of Ricky and Eliece Ruth. His grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Bennie G. Ruth and Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Knupp, all of Des Arc.

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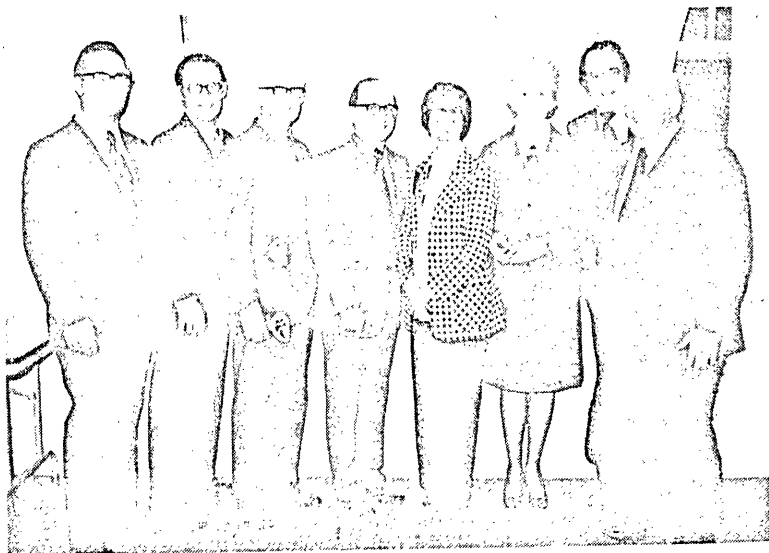
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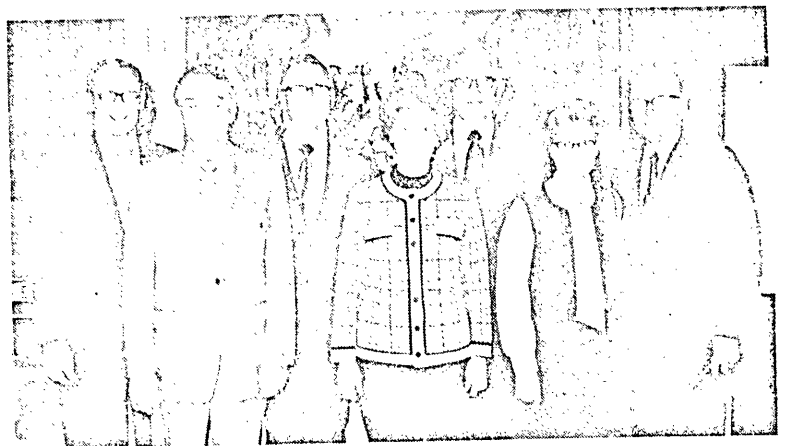


## Missions Workshops in North Arkansas Conference

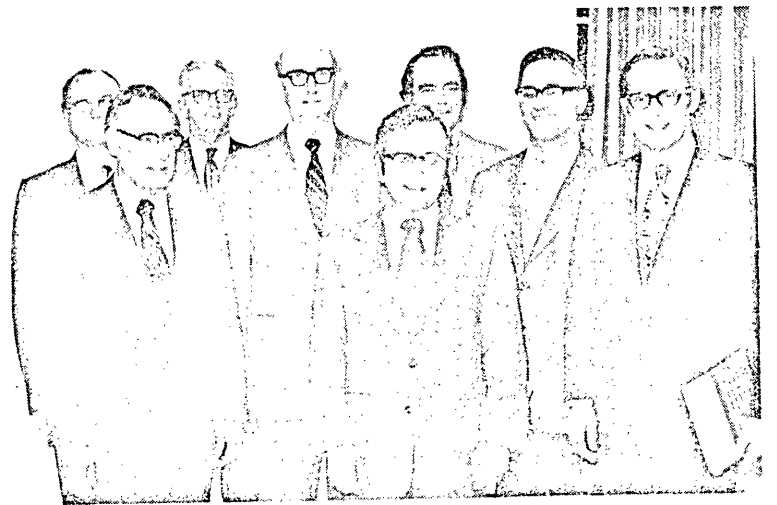
Between Oct. 29 and Nov. 1 some 252 persons from local churches of the North Arkansas Conference participated in a series of Missions Workshops. The events were coordinated by Dr. Myers Curtis, director of the Conference Council on Ministries. Resource persons were: Dr. Don Struchen of the Board of Global Ministries, New York; the Rev. Ken McIntosh, regional director of the Advance, Board of Global Ministries of Dallas, and the Rev. Gene Efird of Little Rock, director of the Arkansas Guidance Foundation. (Scenes from the workshops appear here)



(Left to right) Mr. McIntosh; Dr. Struchen; the Rev. David Conyers, chairman of the conference board; the Rev. Ben Jordan, Paragould District superintendent; Mrs. Jordan; Mrs. J. Ralph Hillis; Dr. Curtis; Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Jonesboro District superintendent.



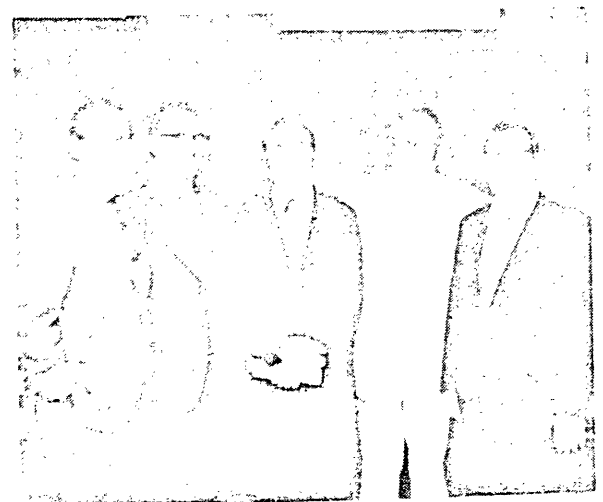
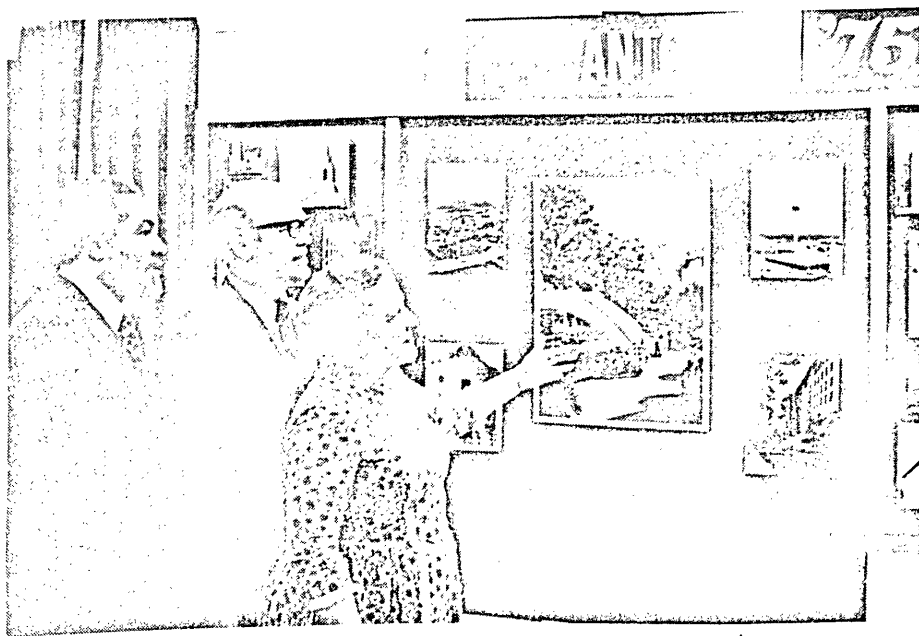
FROM LEFT: Dr. Struchen; Dr. Charles Richards, pastor, First Church at Searcy; McIntosh; Mrs. J. Ralph Clayton; Dr. Clayton, Conway District superintendent; Mrs. Floyd G. Villines; the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Batesville District superintendent.



(Left to right) Leslie McCulloch, Arkansas Guidance Foundation; the Rev. William Wilder, pastor at Wynne; Stanley Harrison, chairman of Missions Area at First Church, Helena; the Rev. Elmo Thomason, Forrest City District superintendent; Efird; Dr. Curtis; McIntosh; Dr. Struchen.



AT LEFT: Dr. Kenneth L. Teegarden (left), a former head of the Christian Church in Arkansas, is escorted to the platform by Dr. Gaines M. Cook of Christmount, N.C., following his election as General Minister and President during the denomination's recent General Assembly in Cincinnati. BELOW; Looking forward to the next General Assembly of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in San Antonio, Tex., in 1975 are (from left) Dr. John Compton, new vice-moderator; Judge James A. Noe, first vice-moderator, and Dr. Jean Woolfolk of Little Rock, first woman elected as moderator of the denomination.



(Left to right) Dr. Struchen; McIntosh; the Rev. Harold Spence, Fayetteville District superintendent; Dr. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith District superintendent; the Rev. Pryor Cruce, Midland Heights Church in Fort Smith.

### News in Brief

Alaska Methodist University has received a 780-acre farm from Louise Kellogg, a founding trustee of the school. The area will be called the Kellogg Campus.

Drs. Harold L. and Alice M. Patterson, retired United Methodist ophthalmologists from Larned, Kans., have been appointed to a two-year term of medical mission service in India by the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).