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Groundbreaking for a new sanctuary at Pea Ridge was held Oct. 21. Shown with members of the building committee and other participants are (front row, left to right) the pastor, the Rev. Richard Benefield; Fayetteville District Superintendent, the Rev. Harold H. Spence; and Wayne Elington, chairman of the Building Committee. Work on the new structure began the next day.

## AMERICANS UNITED URGES COST OF LIVING COUNCIL TO RESCIND POSTAL INCREASE

WASHINGTON, D.C. (C/SNS) — Americans United for Separation of Church and State today urged the Cost of Living Council to rescind the postal rate increase scheduled to go into effect January 5, 1974. Americans United expressed deep concern that such a massive increase will drive many valuable nonprofit publications out of existence and strike a death blow at freedom of the press in the United States.

In a letter to Mr. John T. Dunlop, Chairman of the Council, Americans United executive director Glenn L. Archer endorsed the position expressed by the Catholic Press Association, Associated Church Press, the Evangelical Press Association and the American Jewish Press Association. Expressing concern that the postal increase and the paper cost increase will force many religious and other nonprofit magazines to curtail or suspend publication, Dr. Archer warned "To allow this would be a tragedy. Freedom of expression is needed now perhaps more than ever."

Latest report on U.S. United Methodism reveals . . .

## Expenditures up, membership and attendance down

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — Membership in the United Methodist Church in the United States is now 10,192,265.

In announcing the figure Nov. 21, the denomination's statistical office said that it is a decrease of 142,256 from a year ago. In addition to the full members, there are 1,669,736 preparatory members.

Total expenditures for all church causes in fiscal 1972 were a record \$885,708,000, on an adjusted basis, an increase of \$42,605,000 from fiscal

1971, or 5.1 per cent. The financial summary is on an adjusted basis because not all the denomination's annual conferences are on a calendar year fiscal period, according to R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church.

Other statistics show an average attendance of 3,631,261 at the principal weekly worship service in the 39,395 local churches, a decrease of 67,911 from a year ago. The number of organized churches is a decline of 231.

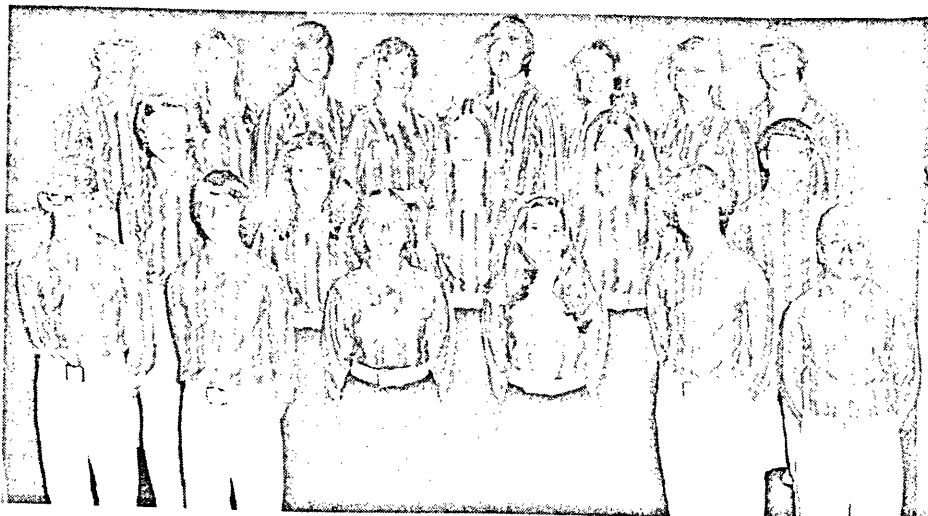
Church school membership fell 213,-

464 to a total of 5,166,683. Average attendance in educational programs was \$2,866,645, a decrease of 119,-589.

The value of churches, parsonages, other property and equipment was reported at \$6,576,006,234, an increase of \$320,930,560. Indebtedness on such property decreased by \$22,547,364 to \$571,328,684. Capital improvements totaled \$207,479,000 on an adjusted basis, an increase of about \$8,000,000.

Salaries paid pastors, and other re-

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The appearance of "Le Jubile Doux" (The Happy Meek), youth group from Mountain Home, will be a highlight at the Batesville District Youth Rally to be held Saturday, Dec. 8 at Central Avenue Church in Batesville. The theme of the rally has been announced as "By the way, I am . . ." The program will feature a skit on Youth Service Fund. Registration begins at 9 a.m. and the rally will conclude at 4 p.m. Arrangements are in charge of district and sub-district officers and Mrs. Bonnie Dark, Beebe, the new district coordinator.

## CONWAY DISTRICT YOUTH RALLY

Dec. 1 — 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Lakewood Church  
North Little Rock

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The Youth Group from  
First United Methodist  
Church, Conway  
will present

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GODSPELL

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THEME:

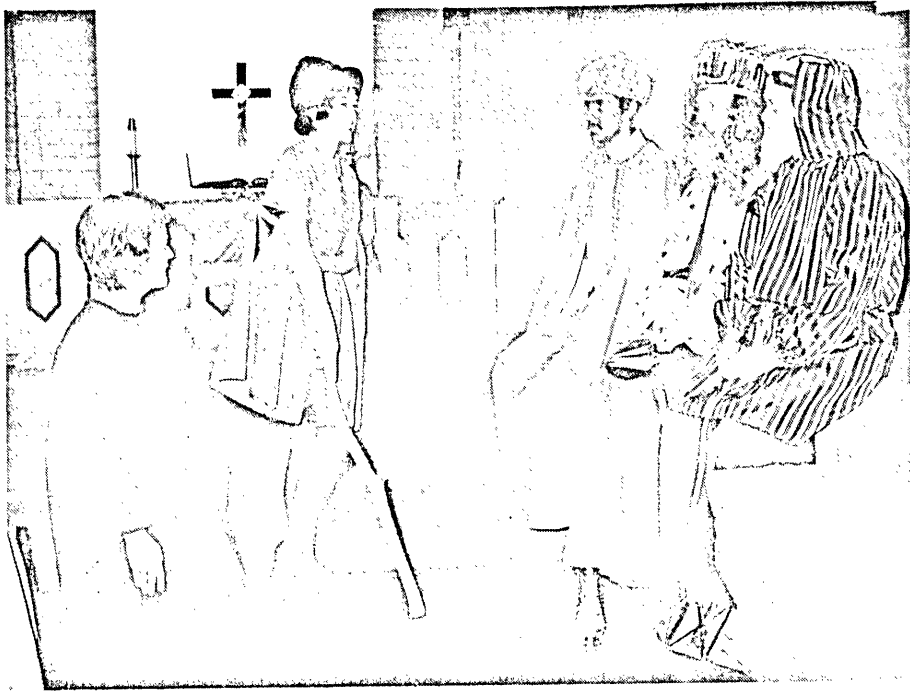
"We've Only Just Begun"

Library Annex at SMU's Perkins School of Theology.

Bishop Paul E. Martin and Mrs. Martin are well remembered for service rendered when Bishop Martin served as pastor in Wichita Falls, Texas and as Bishop of the Arkansas-Louisiana Area and later the Houston Area of the Methodist Church. After retirement, Bishop Martin served four years on the Perkins School of Theology faculty and presently serves as special advisor to Perkins Dean Joseph D. Quillian, Jr. The foreword to the new book is by Dr. Quillian.

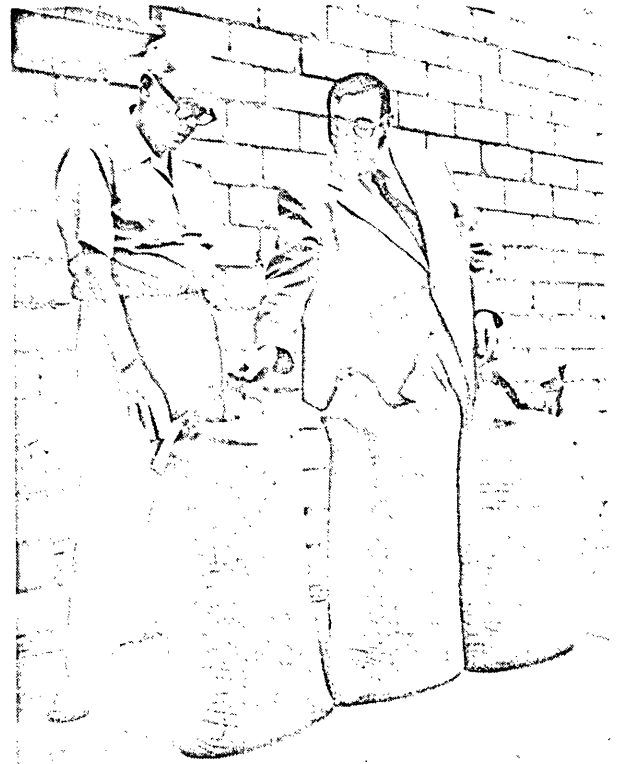
The title of the biography, *Forever Building*, is taken from a line of T. S. Eliot in the book's epigraph: "and the Church must be forever building, and always decaying, and always being restored."

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"Amahl And The Night Visitors" by Gian-Carlo Menotti will be presented at 6 p.m. by the Ministry of Music at St. James United Methodist Church, 321 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock as the Advent Season begins on Dec. 2. Leading roles will be performed by Mrs. Randolph Williams (second from left), Amahl; Mrs. Harold Hawley, his mother (at left); others (left to right) are Mitch Tapson, King Balthazar; Dr. Harold Hawley, King Melchior; Felix Thompson, King Kaspar. Bob Roberts will play the part of the page; Mrs. Loma Sharp and Bari Sharp, the dancers, and the Adult Choir will make up the chorus of shepherds and shepherdesses. The Music Ministry Program of St. James is under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. G. Felix Thompson, Jr. Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., is pastor.

Nine hundred pounds of peanut brittle will be the end product when these three 100 pound sacks of peanuts are made into candy by Fay James (left) of Hope. Proceeds from the sale of the candy will benefit the building fund of Hope's First Church, whose pastor, the Rev. Norris Steele, is seen at right. The peanuts came from Mr. Steele's sister, Mrs. Doris Beaird of Houston, Tex., who sent one sack last year and increased the shipment threefold this year upon hearing that the project had met with such success. (HOPE STAR photo, by Rebecca Lazenby)



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## REPORT

lated expenses, totaled \$262,171,000 on the adjusted basis, an increase of some \$14,000,000.

Of the total local church expenditures of \$885,708,000, \$46,715,789 went to support church programs at

the general level, or about 5.27 per cent, the remainder going for local, district, annual conference and jurisdictional expense items.

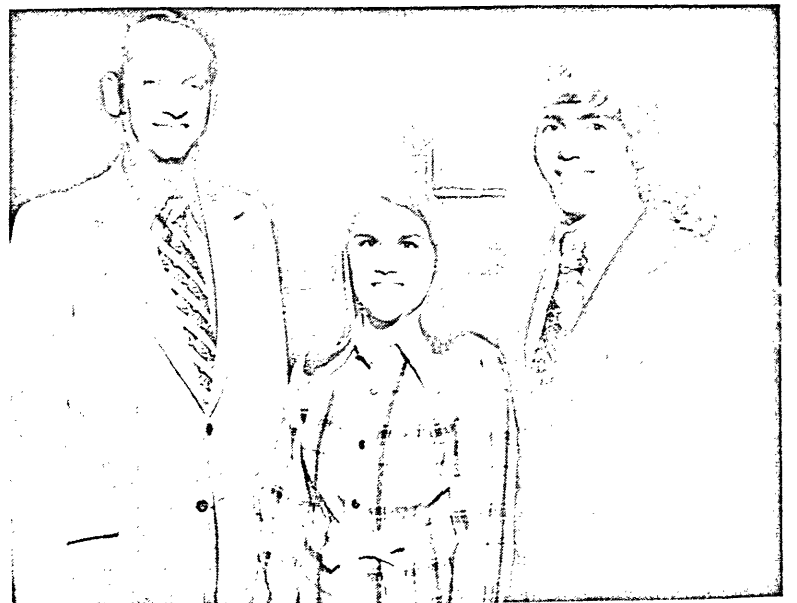
Reporting for the Annual Conference Structure Committee at Nov. 26th meeting of Little Rock Conference Council on Ministries meeting were (from left) the Rev. Fred H. Haustein, pastor of Little Rock's St. Andrew's Church and the Rev. David B. Wilson, pastor of First Church, Nashville. The report of the Structure Committee was the major agenda item at the meeting.



The Council on Ministries of the Little Rock Conference met Monday, Nov. 26 at the Headquarters Building, Little Rock. Among those participating in agenda items were (left to right, standing): the Revs. Fred H. Haustein; David B. Wilson; Alf A. Eason, Council director; John H. Thompson, associate Council director; Dr. George W. Martin, Robert O. Beck, associate Council director; Dr. J. Edward Dunlap; Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Mr. Grafton Thomas. Seated are (from left): Homer Winstead, secretary, and Bishop Eugene M. Frank.

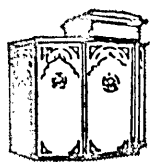


Shown at left are the Rev. Vic Nixon and Mr. Sam Williams, Jr., who recently was recommended for License to Preach by the Charge Conference of The United Methodist Church of Berryville. Williams is the manager of Williams Furniture Mart in Berryville, and his wife Marty is the art teacher in the Public School System.



Mike Orr (right) was recommended for License to Preach by the Oct. 28 Charge Conference of First Church, Marked Tree, where his father, the Rev. Bob D. Orr (left) is minister. Mike, his wife Connie (center), and young son, Lex, are now residing in Clarks-ville where he is associate student minister at First Church and expects to enroll in the College of the Ozarks.

## The Editor's Pulpit



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

FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT 1973 . . .

#### DISTANT TRUMPETS

If you listen carefully you can hear  
the sound of distant trumpets.

And the feathery, implacable thunder  
of angel's wings, hovering in mighty host  
beyond the far horizon, may be distinguished  
by the sensitive ear.

The sound of valley being exalted  
and mountain made low  
begins its vibrations upon the heart.

The whole creation awaits with eager longing  
the revealing of the Son of God!

The season is at hand to mark the fullness of time.  
It is time to prepare for His coming.

It is Advent!

It has always seemed strange to the world that amidst all of its  
sound and fury and in the confusion of its loud roar, these prior  
sounds should prevail. But prevail they do.

And they come as eternal hope.

They declare that it shall be peace and goodwill that shall  
triumph. They foretell that spear and sword shall give way to plow-  
share and pruning hook and that the sobbings of war shall be over-  
come by the shoutings of peace.

So we begin now our journey to Bethlehem. And how dear is  
the goal of our venture! No word short of "Salvation!" has been able  
to express what persons have found beneath the hovering wings and  
before the sounding trumpets.

And how welcome these sounds are!

"Like cold water to a thirsty soul  
is good news from a far country."



### FUEL SHORTAGE: OPPORTUNITY TO PRACTICE OUR PREACHING . . .

The local church should be first in the community to set a creative  
example in response to the energy crisis. It might even be said that the  
church should be first to make a Christian response to the situation. For  
the occasion offers a ready-made opportunity to do a little practicing of  
what we've been preaching for a long time. For us to do otherwise would  
be to make hypocrites of ourselves.

And what could this responsible example be? To get our guidelines  
for specific answers to that question we need look no further than the  
word we have preached all along: the word about doing unto others and  
about self-sacrifice and about going the second mile and about giving our  
coat as well and about it being better to give than to receive and about  
greed and about covetousness and about the good Samaritan and about  
a hundred other things that reflect the Christian response to human need.

There are some specifics that can be offered. One church in Little  
Rock — Henderson — has encouraged its members to use car pools in  
coming to services. Other possibilities are many: grouping activities at the  
church on the same evening in order to conserve fuel; worshipping and  
studying in cooler rooms; turning the thermostat to the minimum for opti-  
mum conservation; and setting forth and following other specific practices  
of good stewardship of fuel.

Church institutions such as hospitals and homes should receive the

same priority as public and private agencies serving these human needs.  
But in our local churches we are in the favored position of being able to  
enjoy the privilege of practicing our preaching.

In the days before us we may very possibly witness a mad rush to  
get to the front of the line for fuels. How sad it would be to see the  
church elbowing and pushing among those whose very livelihood or edu-  
cation depend on these fuels.

One church group recently asked for priority at the fuel pump,  
claiming that the vital role the church plays in community life merited  
such favor. This role, vital indeed, would better be fulfilled by the church  
offering its place in line to another. Could any other response be more  
in keeping with the way of life to which we witness?



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

#### Sneeze

If the folk who set thermostats in our building take to heart what is  
written in the other column on this page I'm going to have to dig down  
for my long handles. My office is at the end of the line on the heating  
and cooling ducts so I am blessed with a good dose of austerity already.

When the thermostat was set at 72 degrees — way back in the good  
old days — this office was usually about 68. Now with us going to 68  
I'll be down to 64. And if it catches on that we should really get sacrifi-  
cial in all of this I may have to thaw out this typewriter each morning  
and work with gloves on and sneeze all over your newspaper.

Oh well, I still mean it when I say that the church — and I guess  
that includes this newspaper — should set the example, so I may be in  
for a whole lot of practicin' my preachin'.

Yours for more balmy fall days and a mild winter.



#### Your Snappy Sermon Illustration Service — Item No. 3

*A regular feature appearing from time to time to aid the harried  
preacher in search of a last-minute sermon illustration.*

Today's offering:

*"Like a gold ring in a swine's snout is  
a beautiful woman without discretion."  
—Proverbs 11:22*

This week's service, rather than an illustration as such, is to alert  
resourceful preachers to a gem-dandy of a text they may have overlooked.  
While we cannot be expected to supply the exact sermon application, the  
following possibilities are offered: in sermons on Razorback football; in  
carefully worded statements on women's lib; as an item to be kept at  
hand for sudden, impulsive use during sleepy parts of sermons on any  
subject; or as a selection to be kept at hand for ready use when someone  
wants to know if you can quote any scripture from memory.

Just remember — King Solomon said it; we didn't.



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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Rhodesia's government has rejected the request of Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa for the return of his passport, withdrawn in September of 1972. The United Methodist Bishop of Salisbury had asked for its return so that he might travel to New York to receive a United Nations award for "outstanding achievements in the field of human rights," in special ceremonies on Dec. 10. The Interior Ministry said his request was denied "because of United Nations support for terrorist organizations," and because "the last time Bishop Muzorewa visited the U.N.," he had declared his support for sanctions against Rhodesia.

**Emphasis on mission, evangelism and biblical study is emerging to give balance to social action in the program of the Boston University School of Theology. Dr. J. Robert Nelson, dean of the United Methodist seminary which has a long liberal tradition and has placed heavy stress on Christian social responsibility, said: "We're not suddenly throwing over social action and becoming pietistic and moralistic, but we're saying beliefs have to be disseminated."**

Dr. Alan Olson, philosophy of religion professor at Boston School of Theology, said "we now have a group of institutionalized radicals without a constituency" so the school is once again "raising the basic question as to why one should be engaged in political action and social change." "Radical liberalism is dead," Olson stated. "Campus ministers can't mobilize students for anything any more, and that's part of the rationale for bringing together evangelism and mission."

**Social action and evangelism are being linked on many fronts, from the World Council of Churches to local coalitions of Christians, according to a Religious News Service assessment. A search for a "redirected meaning" is said to be taking place on regional and local levels. A new catch-phrase in describing the widespread quest is "social spirituality," the statement says.**

Churches and synagogues are the only institutions the U.S. has for lifting up values, integrity and justice, although they must realize their own weaknesses, according to Episcopal Bishop Paul Moore, Jr. He said that religious institutions have the responsibility of exerting "prophetic influence on the civil institutions." The interaction between religious and civil spheres, Bishop Moore states, is what keeps both alive and well.

**Texas Southern Baptists "elected" the wrong man during their recent annual convention in Corpus Christi. On the initial ballot, "computed" by a machine, the Rev. James G. Harris of University church, Fort Worth, was declared the next president. Harris had held a press conference and his election was announced by newspapers throughout Texas when it was discovered the computer had erred. The Rev. Ralph Smith of Hyde Park church, Austin, was the actual winner.**

An Episcopal clergyman from Pennsylvania, the Rev. Charles H. Long, Jr., has been elected to head the U.S. Conference of the World Council of Churches. He succeeds Dr. Eugene Smith, who resigned earlier this year to return to the United Methodist pastorate. Long has served as a missionary in China and Hong Kong, acting chaplain of the University of Pennsylvania, in addition to pastorates and wide experience in both denominational and ecumenical circles.

**"Let the earth hear His voice" has been selected as the theme of the International Congress on World Evangelization scheduled to meet in Lausanne (Switzerland) July 16-25, 1974. The congress is expected to attract 3,000 evangelical churchmen from some 150 nations, and will focus on the possibility of evangelizing the population of the entire world in the remaining years of this century.**

Declining church attendance among Roman Catholics has now reached "catastrophic" proportions, according to a report by a sociologist team on the staff of the National Opinion Research Center in Chicago. Data gathered showed a decline in weekly or almost weekly church attendance from 61 per cent in July 1972 to 48 per cent in July 1973. The team said "The phenomenon is dramatic. We know of no other time in the course of human history when so many people — particularly older people — so decisively removed themselves from canonically required ecclesiastical practices."

**Referring to the hymn "Like a mighty army moves the church of God," Dr. Philip Potter, who heads the World Council of Churches, declared: "But there isn't much movement. There are a few guerrillas here and there. But there is little contact with the main army, which is uncertain of its task, ill-equipped, timidly led and intimidated by unknown, hidden enemies." The general secretary said "There is plenty of restructuring, retrenchment here and there, but little clarity about where we are going and how."**

Declaring that marriage and family life are seriously threatened in the U.S., Father Patrick Peyton, C.S.C., 64-year-old-globe-trotting priest who has spent 25 years as founder and director of the Family Rosary Crusade and the Family Prayer Crusade, said that many solutions have been tried and it's time to "try God." He said he believes that if people can be persuaded to turn to God in prayer — especially through the family — they will be given the divine grace they need for the solution of problems on a family, national or global basis.

Dr. Clark Lamberton, a veteran Seventh-day Adventist missionary dentist in Thailand, helps cure opium addicts of the mountain tribes as part of his "extracurricular" activities. Noting that most of the addicts are aged and the young do not use the drug, Dr. Lamberton expressed the belief that opium addiction will soon be a problem of the past among the hill tribe people. The Thai government, anxious to wipe out the problem, is providing substitute crops, notably beans and peas, to replace opium — once a principal crop.

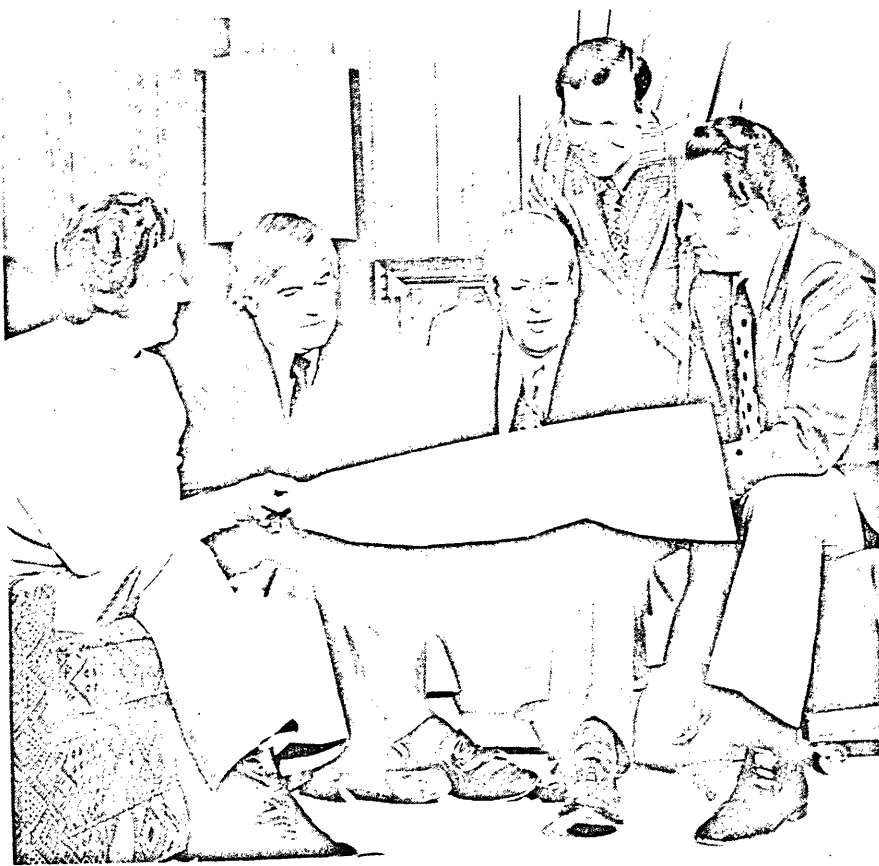
**The 1973 General Synod of the United Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany has urged its member regional Churches to approve an agreement setting aside 16th Century mutual condemnations between Lutheran and Reformed Protestantism. Endorsement of the Agreement by the synod was hailed as "a remarkable step of historical importance . . ." During the 16th Century Reformation, Lutheran and Reformed branches of Protestantism disagreed on numerous theological and polity issues and went their separate ways, with mutual condemnations declared.**

Delegates to a recent regional meeting of the Catholic Press Association were told that "the Catholic press must assume some of the responsibility for the apathy in the Church" and that they must augment the "teaching and evangelistic mission" of the Church. John F. Fink, president of the CPA and executive vice-president of Our Sunday Visitor, Huntington, Ind., said that the Catholic press, more than ever, must present news about and for the Church, as well as an explanation of doctrine to its readers.

**Texas Governor Dolph Briscoe, Jr., addressing the annual Southern Baptist Convention said "When the people of this country return to God in prayer, mighty things will take place. This land will be healed, and America will more clearly prove herself to be the greatest place in the world to live and raise a family."**

The "get something for nothing desire" was credited by the Rev. Benjamin Bubar of Augusta, Maine with producing the over-whelming vote by which Maine's residents approved a state lottery, 151,793 to 88,897, in a referendum. The superintendent of the Maine Christian Civic League said "Maine has been taken in. There is no reason to believe the game will be any cleaner here than it has been in other states."

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**HEADING FOR YUGOSLAVIA — Dr. Buckner Fanning (right) and four laymen from Trinity Baptist church in San Antonio discuss their upcoming trip to Yugoslavia. The group has been invited by Yugoslavian Baptist leaders to share in a pastoral-laymen conference on "Evangelism and the Ministry of the Church." More than 100 Yugoslavian pastors and laymen will attend the meeting, which will be the first of its kind ever conducted in Yugoslavia. Dr. Fanning has traveled and spoken in Russia, Poland, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, accompanied by the church's singing group, "The Sound Foundation."**

(RNS Photo)

NOVEMBER 29, 1973



## Council Directors to Local Churches

### Be a friend who cares . . .

This letter came, recently, to the desk of many Pastors. To me, it is an impressive letter and it is passed along for repetition and action.

"Winter, 1973

Dear Friend,

For most of us, this is a season of joy, thanksgiving and happiness — a time for family reunions and street corner Santas.

It is a season for children — our own and children everywhere. Unfortunately, as I'm sure you realize, there are countless boys and girls for whom there will be no holidays . . . children like those I've personally seen in poor villages in Ecuador, in orphanages in Taiwan, in the inner cities of our own United States . . . children whose lives are visibly marked by hopelessness and hunger.

These children need your help. *They need it now.* Through MEALS FOR MILLIONS, you can give a gift of food, self-help and learning for hungry children . . . boys and girls much like those in your neighborhood . . . like those in your own family.

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. . . Similar programs are followed in many U.S. Head Start programs.

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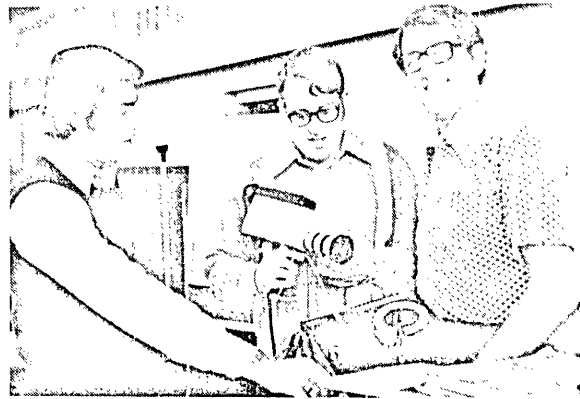
### Hendrix dean contributes to youth publication

Dr. Francis M. Christie, Dean of Hendrix College, has written an article, "Youth and Current Religious Movements," which was published in **Youth Leader**, a publication of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries.

The article appeared in the current Winter issue of the publication, which is for leaders, parents and counselors of late teen-agers.

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The Rev. Larry D. Powell (left), minister at Cavanaugh United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, shown with, left to right, Bob Robertson, head of Texas United Methodist communications, and Bill Richards, producer for United Methodist Communications in Nashville, Tenn., during recent South Central Jurisdiction Cable TV Workshop held in Kansas City.



### Insurance quotations requested by 5,500 churches

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — Some 5,500 local United Methodist congregations have requested quotations in the denomination's new General Insurance Program, according to information released here by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church.

Dr. Brawner said that four general agencies have joined the program and congregations are entering at the rate of 25 to 30 per week. The Council

on Finance and Administration, which developed the plan through Frank B. Hall Co. and Atlantic Mutual, also has announced development of what is described as a relatively low-cost appraisal program to help churches determine the amount of insurance needed. It is expected that most churches will fall within a minimum \$60 appraisal fee.

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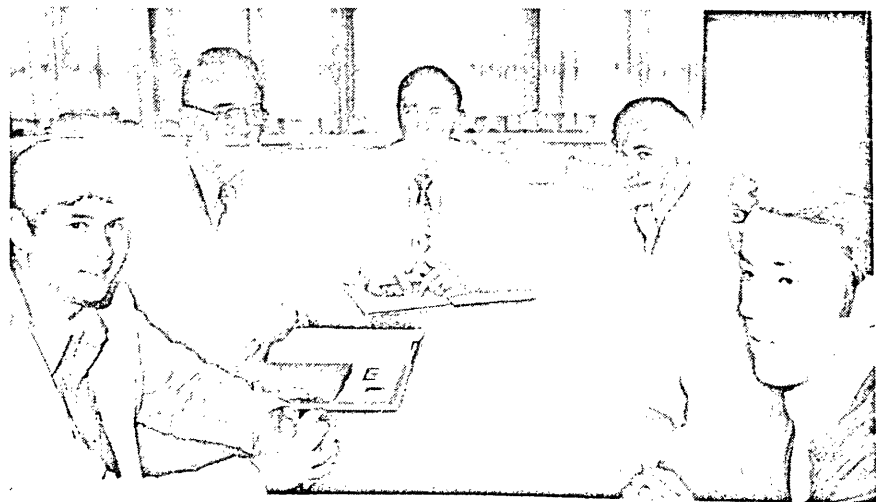
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A task force on planning Young Adult Ministries in the North Arkansas Conference was held Nov. 17 in North Little Rock. Attending were (from left): the Rev. Joe Kennedy, Paragould, conference coordinator of Young Adult Ministries; the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, Council associate director; the Rev. James Harrison, Greenbrier, Conway District coordinator; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Ashley, Paragould; and Herb Bland, Paragould District coordinator.

# NEWS and NOTES

**THE PRESCOTT MINISTERIAL Alliance** sponsored a Community Thanksgiving Service Sunday evening, Nov. 18 with First United Methodist Church hosting the event. The Rev. N. E. Jones, pastor of Munn's Chapel Baptist Church, delivered the sermon. Mr. Jones, a black pastor, is the immediate past-president of the ministerial alliance. The Rev. Charles O. Walthall, pastor of the host church, is the current president of the alliance.

**YOUTH CHOIRS** of El Dorado's First United Methodist Church made their annual fall concert tour last week. The 35 members of the Sanctuary Choir and the Covenant Handbell Choir were accompanied by five adults. In the Washington, D.C., area they gave concerts at Cherrydale United Methodist Church, Arlington, Va.; the U.S. Senate; the U.S. Soldiers' and Airmen's Home; and Catonsville United Methodist Church, Catonsville, Md. On Thanksgiving Day they gave a concert in historic Bruton Parish Church, Old Williamsburg, Va. Gordon and Helen Betenbaugh are directors of the groups.

**CONWAY YOUTH** are scheduled to present "Godspell" in First United Methodist Church, Wednesday night, Nov. 28. Using costumes, sets, skits to highlight the music, "Godspell" is based on the parables from the Gospel of Matthew. The cast of over 30 is directed by Elise Shoemaker, with Mary Williams as production assistant. Dr. Harold Eggensperger is their pastor.

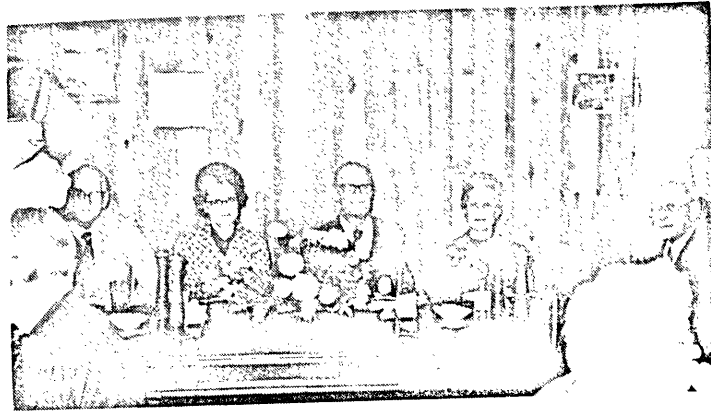
**THE UMYF** of Salem United Methodist Church, Batesville District, collected \$109 in their Halloween UNICEF drive. The Rev. DuBois M. Pettit is their pastor.

**FIRST UNITED Methodist Church** in Osceola will begin the celebration of the Advent season with a special Chrismon service on Sunday evening, Dec. 2 at 7 p.m. At this time, the Christian symbols which will decorate the church's Christmas tree this year, will be shown and their significance explained. Special music will be presented. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers is pastor.

## COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT ASHDOWN

A Joint Thanksgiving Service was held in Ashdown at the First Baptist Church on Tuesday evening, Nov. 20. The Rev. William A. Cheyne, pastor at First United Methodist Church, was guest speaker. Six ministers participated in the service, and a united choir representing several churches presented the special music. An offering of \$109 was received to support a ministry to persons in special need in the community.

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Bishop and Mrs. Eugene M. Frank (center, right) and Batesville District Superintendent, the Rev. Floyd G. Villines and Mrs. Villines (left of center) were guests of honor at a dinner given by members of Bull Shoals United Methodist Church at Fishermen's Inn in Lakeview on Nov. 10. The Rev. George Cleary, pastor, is shown at right. Bishop Frank presented the message for the Sunday morning worship.

**MRS. OLIVER LOGAN** has returned home after two months spent in The Methodist Hospital in Memphis, Tenn. She underwent four major operations during this time, but has had a good report from her doctor and is improving daily. She is the wife of the Rev. Oliver W. Logan, minister of the Wilson United Methodist Church.

**FIRST CHURCH, WYNNE**, was host to the Forrest City District two-day Youth Rally, Nov. 16 and 17. The Youth Choir from First Church, Helena, presented the Christian musical "Godspell." Host pastor was the Rev. William Wilder.

**AMANDA TINKLE**, a retired missionary nurse who served in Africa, was the eleven o'clock speaker in Asbury Church, Little Rock, Sunday Nov. 18. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is the Asbury pastor.

**GODDARD UNITED Methodist Church** was host to the Thanksgiving service sponsored by the Fort Smith Ministerial Association, Thursday morning, Nov. 22. The Rev. Archie Boyd, host pastor, gave the message.

**HELENA FIRST CHURCH** members had as guest speakers, at the family night supper, Sunday, Nov. 18, the Memphis Chapter of the Panel of American Women. The women, representing Catholic, Jewish, and Black and White Protestant faiths, told of their experiences with racial and religious prejudice. The Rev. Jim Beal was host pastor.

**BULL SHOALS UNITED Methodist Church** reports the addition of 11 new members since Annual Conference in June. Recent events at the Bull Shoals church have included a fellowship dinner which featured the film "Once Upon An Island," and community singing; a Men's Club potluck dinner which drew 19 men and featured pictures of Sun City, Ariz.; a roast beef dinner sponsored by United Methodist Women, participation in an organ dedication service at the Baptist Church, and weekly Prayer Group meetings. The Rev. George Cleary is pastor.

## STUTTGART CHURCH SETS GOALS

First Church, Stuttgart hosted a congregational potluck dinner Sunday, Nov. 18 at which time 15 goals for the new year were announced. Bob Lindsay, chairman of the Goals Committee, made the presentation to the 100 persons present, noting that "people will give and will attend Sunday school and church when these goals are met."

Jock Coker served as master of ceremonies. Others participating were J. W. McCollum, Grady Green, Wanda Fontz, Bob Knoll and the Rev. Bryan Stephens, pastor. Entertainment was given by the youth of the church under the direction of Shorty Moss.

**AN ALASKAN METHODIST** Mission project was the subject when Doug and Cathi Holt showed slides and explained their work there for members of Oak Forest Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, Nov. 18. The Jesse Lee Home for Children was started in 1890 by a Methodist deaconess, and was moved from Seward to Anchorage after the earthquake in 1966.

**RUSTY JONES** told about his work this past summer when he served as a missionary in the Bahamas, when he spoke in Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith, Sunday evening, Nov. 18. He shared his musical talent during the Sunday morning worship service. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is the Midland Heights pastor.

**PRIMROSE UNITED METHODIST Church**, Little Rock, is planning a new parsonage and Rupert Fair was appointed chairman of the building committee, with Mrs. Paul Dixon, Jr., as vice-chairman. The Rev. Carl Beard is the Primrose minister.

**THE MANSFIELD-HUNTINGTON** United Methodist Church held a revival early in November with the Rev. David Scroggins, pastor of St. John's United Methodist Church, Van Buren, as evangelist. Jerry Nichols of Alma directed the music. The Rev. John R. Benham was host pastor.

## DAILY BIBLE READINGS

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Dec. 2—Sunday	Isaiah 11:1-10
Dec. 3	Isaiah 12:1-6
Dec. 4	Isaiah 4:1-6
Dec. 5	Ezek. 34:11-22
Dec. 6	Ezek. 36:24-38
Dec. 7	Zech. 12:10-13.1
Dec. 8	Acts 15:14-17
Dec. 9—Sunday	2 Sam. 7:8-16

## CHRISMON TREE AT FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK

First Church in North Little Rock will display a Chrismon Tree Dec. 5 through Dec. 30, and invites the public to view the tree on week days from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. on Sundays.

More than 100 women of the church participated in making the white and gold ornaments during a year-long project. The idea originated when Mrs. Roland Darrow, president of the United Methodist Women, and a group of persons viewed a similar tree last Christmas at St. Paul's church in Little Rock.

A Chrismon program will be presented by the U.M.W. on Dec. 5 at 7:30 p.m. The Handbell Choir of the church will participate. The Rev. Earl B. Carter is the pastor.

## ASHDOWN'S NICENE CREED CHOIR RAISING FUNDS FOR MEXICO TRIP

The Nicene Creed Choir of First United Methodist Church in Ashdown is busily engaged in various fund raising projects for a planned choir trip to San Antonio and Mexico next May. Members of the choir have picked loblolly pine cones as a conservation project. They have also picked pecans, and held two rummage sales.

"Call A Kid" is their latest project, in which individual members volunteer for yard work, running errands, babysitting, and other needs. There is no charge, but contributions for the planned trip are welcomed. Harold Sikes is director of the choir, and Mrs. Diane Pickett is pianist.

**FIRST CHURCH, Forrest City**, held a "Christian Faith Mission" in November with Dr. Paul Worley as guest minister. Dr. Worley has served churches in Tennessee and Virginia and presently is associate director of development at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. He was conference preacher at the last session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference. Dr. Earl Hughes is the Forrest City pastor.

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NOVEMBER 29, 1973

## Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Jan. 1-31

NEW YORK (UMC) — Prayer, deepened spiritual life, guided mission study and an offering are the focus of the 1974 "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial."

It is considered one of the major annual observances by about 1,500,000 women in 35,000 local units in the United Methodist Church. They are members of United Methodist Women, the women's organization in the denomination.

As in recent years, the suggested period in 1974 for observing the Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is Jan. 1-31, though each local United Methodist Women unit schedules its own observance on one or more days. Major suggested features of the observance include a "Quiet Day" service, private and group prayer, and an interpretation of mission projects in the U.S. and abroad to which a special offering will go.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial is sponsored by the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries. The Division is the national policy-making body for United Methodist Women.

Division leaders say the Call "provides a time in which to consider the meaning of self-denial and stewardship, and to give sacrificially in response to needs of the world, as these needs are specifically designated. . . Women are urged to reflect on what it means to be the church and the people of faith as those called into mission in the whole world. The people of God are called to minister to the needs in the world everywhere and always."

The Women's Division has selected mission projects at home and around the world to receive the 1974 Call to Prayer and Self-Denial. The projects are recommended to the Division by the National and World Divisions of the Board of Global Ministries. The Division says of the 1974 projects:

"In the U.S., the offering will be used for 'Ministries to Young Children

and Teen-Agers.' Through this Christian service the needs of many young lives will be met in community centers, schools, homes, career development programs and day care. Health, meaning and purposefulness will be brought into some young lives, where special approaches will be used to reach neglected, mistreated or hostile children or teen-agers who have already formed patterns of antagonism and resentment.

"Overseas, the offering will be directed toward 'Ministries and Movements for Peace and Justice.' The Bible always links peace to righteousness and justice. Some of these ministries in Asia, Africa and Latin America are a part of the program of partner churches abroad. Some join hands with religious and secular movements not contained within familiar and formal structures of the church. . . These efforts may range from projects in an urban community to struggles for national independence to international programs concerned for change and development."

Missionaries and nationals from around the world have provided information for Call to Prayer and Self-Denial materials. The service for the Quiet Day, titled **The People's Story** and dealing with Christians as the "people of God," was written by the Rev. Jeanne Audrey Powers, a staff executive for Ecumenical and Inter-religious Concerns in the Board of Global Ministries. Resources in addition to the Quiet Day service include a handbook, prayer card, offering envelope, poster and news release.

The 1972 Call offering totaled \$680,144. United Methodist Women is the successor to two former groups — the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

The Call to Prayer and Self-Denial materials were edited by the Rev. Juanita B. Wright, literature editor for the Board of Global Ministries.

DeWitt women  
reorganize

In an impressive evening ceremony on Nov. 12 at First United Methodist Church in DeWitt the former Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild united in one inclusive organization — United Methodist Women. Sixty-one persons attended the event.

Mrs. Jack Essex, chairman of the Planning Committee, was in charge of the program, assisted by the presidents of the uniting organizations, Mrs. H. E. Hampton and Mrs. G. R. Whitcomb.

Preceding the Uniting Litany, tribute was paid to former members in a memorial service conducted by Mrs. W. P. Miller, Mrs. Raymond Perry and Mrs. Claude Jenkins assisting. Mrs. W. H. Davis and Mrs. Shelby Burnett placed "memory flowers" for the nine members deceased during the past two years.

The purpose of the United Methodist Women was stressed, key-note phrases being "to come to know God," "to expand concepts of mission," and "to develop a creative fellowship."

Officers of the United Methodist Women will assume their duties in January, 1974.

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### CONWAY DISTRICT PARSONETTES MEET

The Conway District Parsonettes and two visitors met at the home of Othella Peters Nov. 15 for a potluck dinner. Velma Cordell, vice president, presided in the absence of Katherine Eggensperger, president.

The retreat committee expects to have a definite time and place to announce at their December family Christmas dinner to be held in Fellowship Hall of First Church, Conway, Dec. 7 at 6 p.m.

Mrs. Luther Turnbow, chairperson of the "Christian Storytellers" and a member of the Amboy United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, presented the devotion. This league of storytellers is the only one in Arkansas at the present time. Mrs. Turnbow told how a story league could be formed and the services such a league could render.

The group shared holiday gift ideas and recipes.

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Mrs. Euba M. Winton

### Fayetteville District Women hold annual meet

Mrs. Euba M. Winton, coordinator of Christian Social Involvement in the Fort Smith District and Community Developer at Mallalieu Community Center in Fort Smith, was the speaker for the annual Fayetteville District women's meeting held at the Berryville United Methodist Church on Sunday, Nov. 11. The theme of the meeting was: "Many Gifts, One Spirit."

District officers presented their reports in the form of a skit entitled "Getting Involved." New officers were elected to serve the District United Methodist Women's organization. Various musical instruments were used in the service of installation to symbolize the different areas of leadership.

One hundred and ninety-one women from over the district attended the event. As an expression of the theme of the day, many baskets of food were presented as love gifts for use at Mallalieu Community Center.

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MRS. EULAH B. BYNUM was recently honored by the members of the Colt United Methodist Church. A plaque presented to her by the Rev. Berlon Davis, Colt pastor, stated: "Eulah B. Bynum, 1913-1973, in appreciation of 60 years of faithful Christian service, member, teacher, leader. Colt United Methodist Church."

### NEWS and NOTES

**CENTENNIAL SPEAKER** in First United Methodist Church, Harrison, Nov. 11, was the Rev. Perry Rowland, pastor of the Dale Street United Methodist Church of Springfield, Mo. Mr. Rowland grew up in Harrison and entered the ministry from that church. The New Covenant Singers presented special music. The Rev. John McCormack is the pastor.

**FIRST CHURCH SPRINGDALE**, honored retired ministers, wives and widows during the month of November. The following are members of the Springdale congregation: Mrs. Harold Ginther, Mrs. C. A. Harvison, Mrs. Ed Kaetzell, Mrs. A. W. Martin and the Rev. and Mrs. Thomas Whiddon. The Rev. Clinton Atchley is their pastor.

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### 'Project Woman'

**SPRINGFIELD, Ohio (UMC)** — A United Methodist pilot program here in the field of women's concerns is gaining momentum, according to leaders of the enterprise known as "Project Woman" and sponsored by the Ohio West Annual Conference and the Board of Global Ministries through the Springfield Metro Ministry.

Goals of the program, according to the Rev. Walter R. Dickhaut, Jr., chairman of the conference Board of Church and Society, are to work for dignity and respect of women in churches, educational institutions and employment in the city; to raise consciousness to the "common plight" of all women and how institutions affect our lives; and to develop task forces to work for "qualitative and quantitative changes in the condition of women." Activities may include a documentary film, development of a speakers' bureau, research, development of a job bank for women, a study of sexism in school text books, and cooperative day care centers.

### INVEST IN UNITED METHODIST EDUCATION OUTDOORS MAKE A CHRISTMAS GIFT TO THE NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE CAMPSITE

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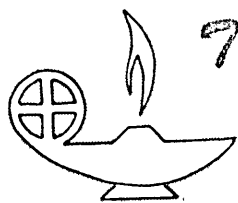
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## The Sunday School Lesson

by Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen

### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 9:

## "Who Is This Jesus?"

**ORIENTATION:** The study of the Gospel of John this quarter proposes to help us develop a point of view from which to get a better understanding of the message of the book and receive the message through a faith that enriches our lives as followers of Christ. This is the second lesson in the first of three units. This unit is entitled **THE SON OF GOD CAME TO US**. Today we will seek to understand what people thought of Jesus in his day, what John teaches about him, and what we think about him after twenty centuries.

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** John 1:29-51, 10:22-39

**MEMORY SELECTION:** I and the Father are one.  
—John 10:30

**PURPOSE OF THE LESSON:** To strengthen our faith in Christ as our Savior. To clarify our understanding of Jesus, and to commit our lives to him in love and service.

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### RESTATING OUR POINT OF VIEW OF THIS GOSPEL

We noted last week how John's gospel was a favorite book with many people. Having been written after many years had elapsed since his death and resurrection it gives a spiritual or philosophical interpretation of Jesus that appeals to our modern day thought. Its primary audience was people of the western world and culture. The purpose of the Gospel was different from the first three (synoptics) gospels and therefore treats its subject in a different way. The parables and stories of the synoptics do not serve the writer's purpose and are not used. So it is fitting that we study this book with a different method than if we are reading history in its exact chronology or time sequence. The unit will deal with selected passages rather than taking the material verse by verse.

The writer has organized his material around seven signs wrought by Jesus that should lead the reader to believe in him as Jesus Christ, Son of God and Savior of man. Three have to do with healing, one with the raising of Lazarus from death, and the other manifestations of Jesus' supreme power over the forces of earth.

Dr. Barclay interprets what John was saying to the Greeks at Ephesus: "All your lives you have been fascinated by this great, guiding, controlling mind of God. The mind of God has come to earth in the man Jesus. Look at Him and you see what the mind and thought of God are like." (P.xxii, Introduction, THE GOSPEL OF JOHN). If the book of John can say this to us today it could end our

frustration and uncertainty. If not, perhaps someone should write us another Gospel.

### "TELL US PLAINLY" — DOES JESUS AVOID THE ISSUE?

"It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered them, 'I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name, they bear witness to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep.'"

There was a difference of opinion in Jesus' day about who he was. It is not easy for us to put ourselves in the situation of those who had to try to fit him into their idea of God and the Savior he would send into the world. They wanted God's help in many areas of life, but perhaps were not willing to receive the help God gives. They expected God to send a deliverer (messiah) but they were not sure this man was the one they were expecting. So they asked for a definite answer. Or did this group of Jews in the temple want to trick him into blasphemy?

Did Jesus evade their question? Some questions cannot be answered with a straight yes or no. Some are framed in such a way that a simple answer without explanation does not give the true picture. How does a man on a witness stand answer the cross examination when the question is "Do you still beat your wife?"

Jesus was not trying to evade the issue. He understood only too well the ideas they held about the coming messiah. How could he say he was the fulfillment of their idea of the Messiah? Yet how could he deny that he was from God and came as the deliverer? What was his answer? "I have told you about my mission from God (I and the Father are one). You have observed my life and my work. My life and my work are sufficient witness. These you must accept as the real answer to your question." How much more effective is a kindly deed than all protestations of compassion and concern? The strong word of faith is the way it affects our lives. The deeds we do in Christ's name speak more eloquently than all our devotionals, sermons, and claims of faith.

### FOR WHAT GOOD DEEDS DO YOU STONE ME?

"The Jews took up stones again to stone him. Jesus answered them, 'I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of these do you stone me?' " Sometimes the rightness of our adversary only increases our anger. This seems to be the case with the Jews. Jesus did not fit into their idea of God and his representative. It only angered them that they could find no real fault in his life. They fell back on the one charge: blasphemy — being a man to make himself equal with God. If Jesus represents the nature of God, then He is not a vengeful God. His method is not the way of violence. His power is in truth and love. These are the characteristics of Jesus. This is the way of God. The way of the world ultimately.

### ACCEPTING THE CHALLENGE OF CHRIST

"If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father." Again they tried to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.—John 10:37-39

Here is the test of genuineness and sincerity. The writer in the Adult Bible Studies tells us of a television program "Frontiers of Faith" in which a short play was presented under the title: "Will the Real Jesus Christ Please Stand Up?" Characters were auditioned for the part of Jesus in a play. The real Jesus appeared but he did not fit the idea the director had in mind, as a masterful, dominating character and was rejected. The influence of Jesus through the centuries is more convincing than the concept we may have of a charming, influential, or driving manager of men and events. Do not accept simply my claims, said Jesus, but look at the influence of Christianity. Accept the genuine concerns and work of Christ. This should lead to belief. If these do not convince you then do not believe.

### WHOM DO YOU SAY HE IS?

The scene of the opening scripture takes place in a beautiful setting. Jesus is strolling in a portion of the temple grounds in winter protected from the cold. Was he worshipping and meditating? If so, he was rudely interrupted by the harsh questions of the world. What is the meaning of your life and teachings. Who are you. What evidence can you give us that we should believe you?

Perhaps our worship is rudely interrupted today by a skeptical and cynical world. Who is this Jesus? Why should we believe in him? Our answer is first, our own experience of faith in Him and what he has done for us. Second, consider his life, his deeds, his promise.

Remember the purpose of John: That you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and believing, have eternal life.

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### DAILY BIBLE READINGS SUGGESTED:

December 3—John 1:35-42  
December 4—John 1:43-51  
December 5—John 10:22-30  
December 6—John 10:31-42  
December 7—John 1:1-5  
December 8—John 5:1-5  
December 9—I Peter 1:3-9.

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These are suggestions that will prepare you for the discussion of questions about who men thought Jesus was, what Jesus said about himself, and who we think he is.

Next Week: Belief or Unbelief?



# Bishops summon church to responsibility

The following statement was approved by the Council of Bishops on Nov. 15 at their recent meeting in Nashville, Tenn. We present it here in its entirety.

We the Bishops of The United Methodist Church residing in the United States of America (\*) summon our people to declare by word and deed our responsibility for the world God made and loves, which he reconciles to himself by entering history in the person of Jesus Christ, and in which he continues to work for righteousness, justice, mercy and peace through the Holy Spirit.

We affirm that the sins of blind self-interest, economic exploitation, racism, sexism, nation worship, the arms race and de-humanization are enemies of peace.

De-humanization is caused by selfishness, pride, ignorance and all other conditions and attitudes that debase human values. These function in a climate of immorality that is marked by political expediency, arrogant opportunism, and corruption in individual, social and political life.

We cannot condone the low estate of morality in our nation, and what appears to be a national contempt for human values.

1. Persons have been exploited and debased by the corruption of political power. Trust in our political system has been severely shaken by persons and groups whose commitment to poli-

tical goals makes them seek power at any price. A democratic republic is dependent upon the morality of leadership which must honor with absolute honesty and as priority the rights of every person. No political end justifies the corruption or circumvention of legal processes. The corruption of political power threatens the future of this nation no less than war and places in jeopardy the constitutional foundation of this nation.

2. Persons have been exploited and human rights disregarded by our involvement in war. A decade of war in Southeast Asia continues in varied forms. It has produced untold misery and brutality in that region and has resulted in the brutalization of conscience. The effects of this war and the present conflict in the Middle East have resulted in economic and moral waste so deep and pervasive that the effects themselves become enemies of future peace. Our nation is divided by anger and frustration. Political and economic actions that are de-humanizing and enemies of peace are condoned under the guise of national security and world peace.

3. Persons are being exploited and debased by obscenity. In the name of freedom, the unrestrained distribution of pictures and books that reduce persons to sex objects is allowed. Equation of human sexuality with temporary pleasure, disregarding the responsibility and abid-

ing affection which distinguish it from promiscuity, prostitution and degeneracy, debases and demeans personhood.

We urge all persons to join with us in seeking divine forgiveness for our corporate sins and in a new commitment in the faith that the fulfillment of God's will for humanity demands justice, respect, compassion, purity of motive and honesty in government, business, church, marriage and every other human relationship. We declare our own commitment to the belief that God's will for humanity is reconciliation, peace and good will; that God's purpose for humanity cannot tolerate the debasement of human values and that God's kingdom will prevail.

(\*) While recognizing that the issues included in this statement are focused on the situation in the United States, we the undersigned Bishops of Central Conference associate ourselves with the statement insofar as it concerns moral problems throughout the world.

Paul L. A. Granadosin  
Ernst Sommer  
Bennie B. Warner  
Jose L. Valencia  
Ole E. Borgen  
Escrivao A. Zunguze  
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## Two Chicago area seminaries unite

The final legal steps in the establishment of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, the product of a union between two Chicago area United Methodist schools, were taken last week.

The boards of trustees of Garrett Theological Seminary of Evanston and Evangelical Theological Seminary of Naperville ratified a memorandum of agreement upon the union and also approved a set of by-laws for the new

institution, which will formally come into existence in January, 1974. The Northern Illinois Conference of The United Methodist Church had earlier passed legislation facilitating the union. Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary will occupy the present Garrett facilities on the Evanston campus of Northwestern University.

In a joint statement expressing their gratification with the progress being made toward consummation of the un-

ion of the schools, Presidents Merlyn W. Northfelt of Garrett and K. James Stein of Evangelical emphasized that the major function of Garrett-Evangelical Seminary, like that of its predecessor institutions, will be the preparation of men and women to serve the church and society in the parish and in other forms of ministry.

Garrett Theological Seminary was founded as Garrett Biblical Institute in 1853 in Evanston, Illinois. It was

affiliated with the denomination then known as the Methodist Episcopal Church, and is the second-oldest Methodist seminary in the United States.

Evangelical Theological Seminary began in 1873 as Union Biblical Institute, under the auspices of the Evangelical Church, which later became the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

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## From Our Readers

### Readers protest action of Women's Division

Mrs. C. Clifford Cummings,  
President of the Women's  
Division United Methodist  
Church  
475 Riverside Drive  
New York, New York 10027

Dear Mrs. Cummings:

I am writing to you in reference to the resolution asking for the impeachment of President Nixon that was passed by the sixty-five executives and delegates of the Women's Division meeting held recently in New Orleans, Louisiana.

I am a Life Member and an Honorary Life Member of the Women's Society of Christian Service. I have served that organization in many capacities including that of Treasurer in two of the largest societies in Methodism being the first Methodist Church, Houston, Tex. and the First Methodist Church, Shreveport, La. With this as background I feel I am well qualified to voice an opinion that I abhor the action taken regarding this resolution.

I personally feel that no other action could hurt our organization more than this one. As much as I dislike the thought that any one could do anything that might contribute to the destruction of our country I detest more the idea of a little group of sixty-five

women who could presume that they were speaking for one and one-half million Methodist Women. Certainly everyone is entitled to think and act as they wish — that is our American Heritage but to act otherwise is dictatorial and is bound to split our organization rather than embrace it.

My only hope is that you will endeavor to establish in every publication across our country that each of you were speaking and voting only for yourselves and not for the Methodist Women at large.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. E. C. Browne  
Shreveport, La.  
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Dear Mrs. Cummings:

We wish to go on record as opposing a statement published in a recent issue of the Times-Picayune which was made by the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries advocating the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon.

How dare this 68 member board presume to speak for all Methodist Women? The decision in question was reported to have passed by a two-to-one margin. We wish to know what number of women voted, how many voted in favor, and how many opposed this stand. We strongly feel that this statement should have been made by

the board members as individuals and not under the auspices of the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

At the time this statement was issued many members of the national Senate and House of Representatives, feeling that they did not have all necessary facts, would not take a stand on impeachment. Not so the W.D.B.G.M. Do they perhaps have access to information not available to our lawmakers of both parties?

Strong opposition to this statement has been voiced by the 120 members of our W.S.G. and W.S.C.S.; of the 38 members present at the Nov. 6 W.S.-C.S. General Meeting, 37 voted to go on record opposing the above mentioned statement, and one member abstained. At the Nov. 13 W.S.G. meeting eight of the twenty members attended and voted to oppose the statement.

We submit the following resolution: Whereas the Women's Division of Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church does not represent the official position of the United Methodist Church.

Be it resolved that the W.S.G. and the W.S.C.S. of Munholland Memorial Methodist United Church, Metairie, Louisiana feels the statement made by the Women's Division of the Board of Global Ministries in New Orleans

calling for the impeachment of President Richard M. Nixon is precipitous and irresponsible.

We would appreciate hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. William N. Smith  
President, W.S.G.  
Mrs. M. C. Baldrige  
President, W.S.C.S.  
Metairie, La.  
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Miss Theresa Hoover  
Associate General Secretary  
Women's Division, Board of Global Ministries

Dear Miss Hoover:

The resolution passed urging the impeachment of President Nixon has certainly left a false impression in our nation. The number of persons affirming this resolution represents only a small number of the United Methodist Women. The resolution seemingly involves all, which is incorrect.

Speaking for the local unit of Prospect United Methodist Church, Florien, La., (an active though small unit) we support President Nixon, even though we do not always agree with his views, and do not favor impeachment.

Yours very truly,  
Mrs. C. W. Hightower, Secretary  
Chairperson, Global Missions  
Florien, La.

# GCOM meets; called to "keep touch with grass roots"

ST. LOUIS (UMC) — It was "full steam ahead" for the United Methodist Church's General Council on Ministries which met here Nov. 7-10.

During its action-packed three-day meeting, the 128-member Council called upon the church to observe Dec. 2 as "a day of national penitence," elected top executives of the church's program boards and its own staff, adopted a \$633,000 budget, and carried out a heavy grist of committee work in its three major sections of work — coordination, evaluation and review, and planning and research.

Summing up the session as the body adjourned, Dr. John T. King of Austin, Tex., said he felt the Council was "coming to grips with its responsibilities and working as a family unit." Dr. King, who presides over the Council, is president of Huston-Tillotson College and lay leader of the Southwest Texas Conference.

In his report to the Council, the Rev. Paul V. Church of Dayton, Ohio, said he believed that the General Conference "wanted the General Council on Ministries to be a representative body that would express grassroots

thinking and bring that thinking to bear on general church program structures."

Dr. Church also expressed the belief that the General Conference "expected that the Council would have enough authority, as it worked with general program agencies, so that it could help them be responsible to the desires of the annual conferences, districts and local churches."

As general secretary, Dr. Church heads the Council's executive staff at its headquarters office in Dayton.

Dr. Church warned: "If the general council loses touch with the grass-roots, it can never fulfill the expectations that the church has for it."

Acting upon the nominations of the denomination's several program boards, the Council elected the following general secretaries: Board of Church and Society — the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, Washington, D.C.; Board of Discipleship — the Rev. Melvin G. Talbert, Nashville, Tenn.; Board of Global Ministries — the Rev. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, N.Y.; Board of Higher Education and Ministry — the Rev. F. Thomas Trotter,

Nashville.

In other action, the Council re-elected Dr. Church as its general secretary and the following assistant general secretaries: the Rev. Gerald L. Clapsaddle, the Rev. Virgil W. Sexton, the Rev. Alan K. Waltz, and Mrs. Mildred Wilkerson. The Rev. William H. Jenkins was elected treasurer. All are of Dayton, Ohio.

Also re-elected to head related units of the Council were the Rev. Curtis A. Chambers of Dayton, Ohio, Joint Committee on Communications (United Methodist Communications), and the Rev. Joe Walker, New York, director of the Advance Committee. All terms are for the year 1974.

In a forward-looking move, the Council adopted a motion which recommended that all church boards establish a policy of open meetings except necessary executive sessions to deal with personnel matters. The Council asked that even at such executive sessions of other boards the Council's regularly-appointed observer-evaluators be permitted to be present.

Speaker at a fellowship luncheon was the Rev. Robert W. Huston of

New York, chief ecumenical officer of the denomination and associate general secretary of the Board of Global Ministries.

In his address, Dr. Huston traced the development of the nine-member Consultation on Church Union (COCU).

He said there is "a new mood of quiet confidence" in COCU because "it has never lost its understanding that there is no real alternative and it has passed through a time of testing with a new claim to be part of the future."

"Unity, like peace," Dr. Huston said, "is something which must constantly be done . . . and that is why COCU, drawing closer together diverse traditions, has not died, but is in a new phase of its service."

The Rev. Richard Cain of Phoenix, Ariz., chairman of the Council's finance committee, brought in the report on the proposed \$633,000 budget for 1974, which was approved.

Next meetings of the GCOM are set for March 13-16, 1974, in Cincinnati, and Nov. 7-10, 1974, in Dayton.

## Jurisdictional history released

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMC) — A history of the South Central Jurisdiction has been released by the Jurisdictional Commission on Archives and History headed by retired United Methodist Board of Discipleship staff member Walter N. Vernon, Nashville, Tenn.

Author of *The South Central Jurisdictional, 1939-1972, A Brief History and Interpretation* is Dr. Theodore L. Agnew, professor of history at Oklahoma State University, Stillwater, and an active United Methodist layman.

A copy of the 96-page, soft-cover book has been mailed to each member of the 1972 Jurisdictional Conference and to other officials of the eight-state area. Copies are available for purchase from the Jurisdictional office, Bixler Building, 2400 N.W. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107 for \$1.50 per copy.

Not a summary of all that has happened in the jurisdiction, the study concentrates on: (1) the way bishops have been elected (including an interesting series of Thirteen Rules for Electing Bishops in the Jurisdiction), (2) the social and professional composition of the members of the various quadrennial conferences, (3) the way the jurisdiction has been structured, and (4) the scope of work by women in the area.

The committee planning and guiding the production of the history included Dr. Vernon, chairman, Dr. A. Sterling Ward, Dr. Agnew, Bishop Don W. Holter, and Mrs. A. R. Marquardt. Both Dr. Virgil D. Morris, former executive secretary of the jurisdiction and Dr. S. Duane Bruce, present executive director, have assisted the committee.

Francis Johnson, a church school teacher at Epperson Memorial United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Fla., for more than 40 years, has been named National Big Brother of the Year.

## Recent Judicial Council rulings

TUCSON, Ariz. (UMC) — Ten actions related to special appointments, ministers' retirement eligibility, affiliate members' rights and general agency membership were taken here Nov. 8-10 by the United Methodist Judicial Council.

The council decided that:

\*Only ministers appointed to a church can be counted in determining the number of annual conference lay members which that church is entitled to elect. This does not include retired or other ministers employed by a church.

\*Forty years of service for a minister's retirement eligibility means conference years and not necessarily calendar years. Because many conferences have abbreviated conference years, this could result in a minister's being able to retire after service of fewer than 40 calendar years, but his pension credit is based on the calendar years, as are pension premium payments.

\*Affiliate and associate members of

a local church are not eligible to be members of that church's administrative board or its church or charge conferences.

\*The Methodist Church of South Asia (India) was reminded, for the fourth time, that "union must be consummated" with the Church of North India "without further delay."

\*Guidelines for selection of at-large members of general agencies are "advisory, not mandatory," meaning that total board membership and not just the at-large category is to be representative of various minorities and age groups.

\*Part of the 1972 legislation for special appointments "in and to society" is unconstitutional, as a violation of this historic itinerary.

During the meeting, council members were guests of Tucson District at a dinner on University of Arizona campus, with the Rev. Robert A. Stanley, superintendent, in charge.

## Leaders study Development, Quality of Life

NEW YORK (UMC) — Meeting against a background of domestic political turmoil and fragile international peace, about 50 United Methodist leaders from eight national bodies grappled here Oct. 31-Nov. 2 with how to put flesh on two denominational priorities for the 1973-76 quadrennium.

They participated in what is believed to be an unprecedented seminar on national-international issues focused around the priorities of "Justice and Self-Development of Peoples" and "Quality of Life." Confronted with massive input dealing with such questions as the influence of multi-national corporations on foreign policy, the energy crisis, women's rights and the unequal distribution of the world's re-

sources, the leaders agreed on the importance of "impacting the church" with the urgency of dealing with such issues "in light of the Gospel."

The United Methodist Leadership Seminar, as it was called, was part of the tenth anniversary observance of the Church Center for the United Nations (CCUN). It assembled representatives from the Council of Bishops and top policy-makers and staff from the General Council on Ministries, Board of Discipleship, Board of Church and Society, Commission on Religion and Race, Commission on the Status and Role of Women, Board of Global Ministries and the Coordinating Committee for the Bishops' Call for Peace and the Self-Development of Peoples.

## General Conference talk —

### '76 and '80

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UMC) — Invitations for the 1980 United Methodist General Conference are now being received by the commission charged with planning the church's top law-making body.

Meeting here Nov. 13-14 to discuss preliminary details relating to the 1976 session scheduled for Portland, Ore., the Commission on the General Conference set a deadline of July 15, 1974, for receiving bids from areas wanting to be host in 1980.

Three invitations have been received already, according to the Rev. Gene E. Sease, chairman of the commission. These are from Indianapolis, Ind., Niagara Falls, N.Y., and Philadelphia, Pa.

In asking for the invitations, Dr. Sease noted that traditionally the conference has moved from jurisdiction to jurisdiction and that 1980 bids will be welcome from all sections, but particularly from the Northeastern Jurisdiction. The last previous session in that jurisdiction was 1964 in Pittsburgh, Pa.

A wide variety of details relating to the 1976 session were considered at the meeting here, but final decisions were delayed pending more work in the commission's standing committees. Included were such items as the Daily Christian Advocate, allocation of facilities in the Portland Memorial Coliseum, worship services, recognition of the U.S. Bicentennial, and registration procedures.

Dwight E. Newberg, a staff executive of the United Methodist Board of Discipleship, has received a "Distinguished Service Award" from his alma mater, Kansas State Teacher's College in Emporia.

# ALDERSGATE: Just Having Fun !



The following appeared in the August issue of *NEWS + COMMENT*, journal of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is here reprinted by permission. Photo by Dr. Kelsy Caplinger, member of Trinity church, Little Rock.

You couldn't blame him, really. Jimmy Leo was just like most eleven-year-olds their first time at summer camp—lonely and a little afraid. His first day at Aldersgate he refused to eat and spent most of his time alone.

But the counselors and the camp director were understanding, because Jimmy had bigger problems than homesickness.

Jimmy had cystic fibrosis. He had to take medication regularly, and receive inhalation treatments three times a day. At night, he slept in a tent surrounded by a medicated mist that made his hair wet and sticky and soaked his sheets.

And playing was not easy either. He could run only about ten yards before he began coughing up a greenish fluid from his lungs, lungs that operated at only ten per cent of capacity.

What was Jimmy doing at camp in the first place? Why wasn't he home in bed, or in the hospital?

Jimmy and a dozen other kids with medical problems were at camp because the AAP's Arkansas Chapter and its chairman, Dr. Kelsy Caplinger, thought they deserved a chance to enjoy themselves outdoors in the summer, just like other kids.

That idea led to Aldersgate Medical Camp, near Little Rock. The camp held its first week-long session in the summer of 1971, the first year Jimmy attended. Each year since then, more and more children with medical problems have been swimming, hiking, cooking outdoors, and having fun at Aldersgate.

## VARIETY OF PROBLEMS

The kids at Aldersgate have a wide variety of medical problems. The 45 campers who attended the full-time camp last June 25-30 included children with asthma, allergy problems, sickle cell diseases, diabetes, cerebral palsy, seizure disorders, hyperactivity, learning disorders, emotional problems, hemophilia, and leukemia.

The 1973 summer session also saw a day camp operation for children with orthopedic problems. The 20 children—most of them in wheelchairs—were bused out to the camp each day. They were each assigned a volunteer to act as their guides and helpers, and together they went swimming, boating and fishing.

The children at Aldersgate range in age from 8 to 16, and come from all parts of Arkansas. They are referred by parents, teachers, doctors, social workers, and nurses.

Depending on what health problems the individual camper has, a program of medical supervision is worked out with the camp and the child's doctor. Nurses dispense the required medication, provided by the child's parents. Physician coverage on a 24-hour basis is provided through the cooperation of Dr. Robert Merrill, chairman of the Department of Pediatrics of the University of Arkansas Medical Center. The camp is located only 15 minutes from Arkansas Children's Hospital, which also maintains a 24-hour emergency clinic.

## THE GOAL IS FUN

Despite the medical precautions, however, the emphasis at Aldersgate is on normal camping activity. "Our main goal is for the kids to have fun," Dr. Caplinger said. "We try to minimize the effect of their illnesses."

As a result, activities can include building homes in the woods, nature hikes, cooking some meals outside, fishing, swimming, ping-pong, archery, softball, boating, drama, music and crafts.

What does Dr. Caplinger hope to give the children who attend the camp? "We mostly hope they can find a chance to enjoy themselves for a week, and maybe be on their own a little bit. Sometimes they don't get a chance to develop their independence as much as they'd like because of their medical problems."

"There are other effects, of course. One of the big things we notice is the way children compare their medical problems with each other. Often they find that someone else has it worse than they do."

"I remember once when Jimmy Lee was sitting in the tent waiting for his medicine, a little diabetic girl came in and gave herself an injection of insulin. And Jimmy looked at her and said, 'Boy, I'm glad I don't have to do that.'"

"The kids seem to develop a kind of unspoken rule that they must help each other when it's needed."

Dr. Caplinger said one of the camp's goals is to "graduate" its members to regular summer camps, once they have had exposure to a camping situation at Aldersgate.

"I have an asthmatic boy in my practice who requires regular medication and attention," Dr. Caplinger went on. "He came to Aldersgate the first summer, but last year and this year he's been going to a regular summer camp—with my blessing."

## HELPING PARENTS

Dr. Caplinger feels the week at Aldersgate helps not only the children but their parents as well.

"The parents of many of these children are afraid and protective, because of their child's health problems. We sort of see the camp as a mechanism

to help the parents and the kids overcome this kind of fear.

"It's even good for the counselors, most of whom are college students. Often they are scared about caring for these kids at first, and worried it might be too much for them to handle. They are always relieved to find that the kids are just regular folks."

The counselors are actually hired by the board of Aldersgate Camp, operated by the National Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. Aldersgate has a variety of programs for disadvantaged children, so during the week the medical camp is taking place, other groups are using the camp at the same time.

This is also instructive for the children who attend the medical camp, Dr. Caplinger said. "For instance, this year one group of severely retarded children was using the camp space near ours," he said. "So the kids who attended our medical camp saw some other kids whose problems were more severe than theirs."

## FINDING FUNDS

The Aldersgate Medical Camp—the official name for the Arkansas Chapter's program—is operated as a nonprofit organization. Cost for the week-long program is \$60, and about 75 per cent of the children attending the camp are on some sort of scholarship.

Meeting costs with so many children on scholarship is not always easy, Dr. Caplinger admitted. This year more than \$2,600 was donated to the program from sources including private physicians and nurses, the Arkansas Medical Society, the Arkansas Pharmaceutical Association, the Pulaski County (Little Rock) Medical Society, and others.

Such contributions can't pay all the bills, however, and Dr. Caplinger said he is presently trying to find a more permanent method of financing the program.

But no matter how much money is raised, Dr. Caplinger said the camp will be in operation as usual next year, hopefully with as many children as the staff can handle.

## MAKING CONTRIBUTIONS

"We want to be able to give this experience to as many kids as we can," he said. "Camping can be an effective socializing force for children who lots of times don't have the opportunities for group interaction that their friends do."

"Sure, we have had kids who called their mothers and left camp after the first day, but for the most part we find the kids enjoy making contributions for the good of the camp as a whole."

What about Jimmy Lee? Did he finally join the group, or did he go home after that first confusing day?

"Jimmy stayed with us," Dr. Caplinger recalled. "By the second day he began to show a little interest, and by the end of the week he was one of the most involved kids in the camp. He even formed a strong attachment to one of the counselors, probably one of the few times in his life he had gotten that close to someone outside his family."

"He eventually became one of our biggest boosters. I remember the next winter I was visiting an asthmatic patient of mine in the hospital. As I walked into the room, there was Jimmy, who was also in the hospital. And he was recruiting my patient for next summer's session of the camp."

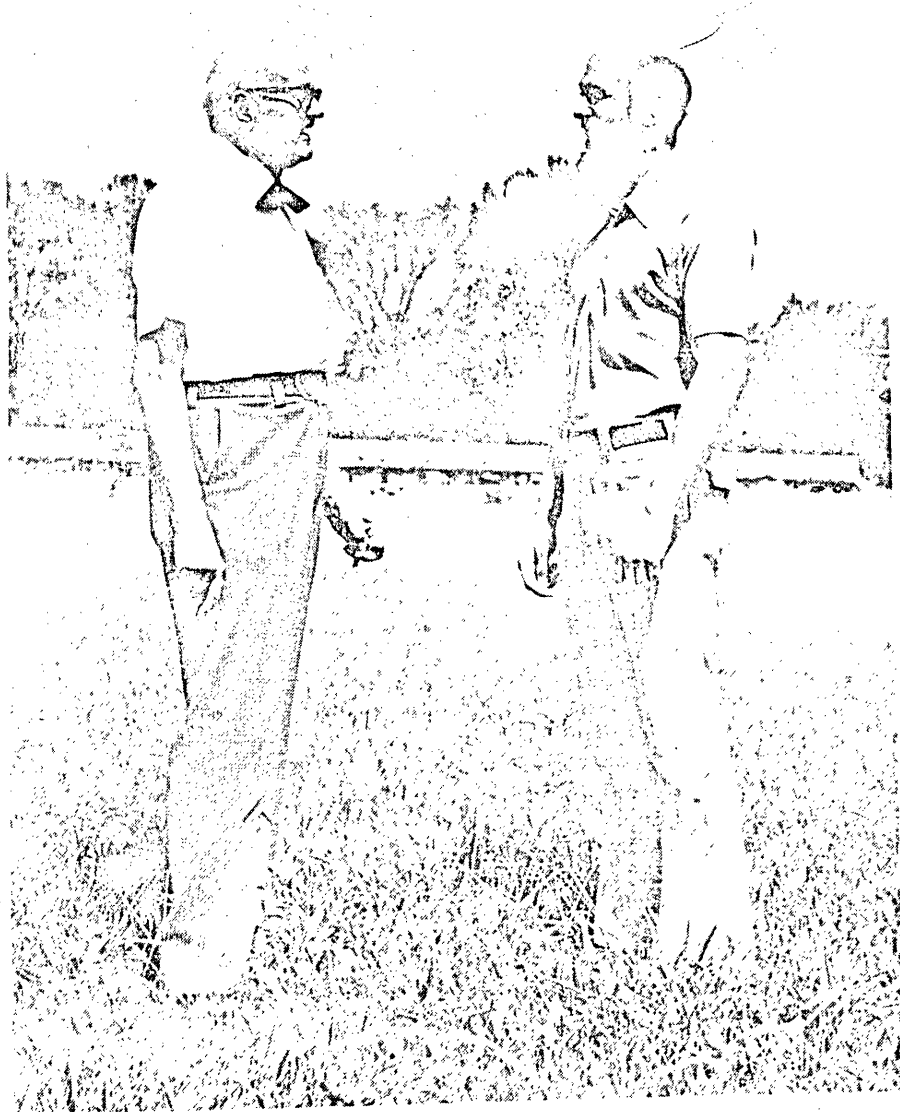
"Jimmy, of course, came back the following year, and he was looking forward to coming back again this year."

But this time Jimmy couldn't make it to camp. He died April 1 of this year.

"I think about a case like Jimmy's and I wonder if we made the quality of his life a little better, did we really give him something to look forward to, did we make him a happier boy?" Dr. Caplinger asked.

Probably only Jimmy could answer that, but for the dozens of other children who have experienced the fun at Aldersgate Medical Camp, the answer must surely be yes.





Ivan Grove and Gerald Cound reminisce on the field of partially demolished Young Stadium.

## Hendrix College landmark gives way to progress

by bill whitten

One of the landmarks in Arkansas athletics is dying, and one of the state's most remarkable athletes and coaches hates to see it go.

Young Memorial Stadium at Hendrix College, in its time one of the finest football and track facilities in the South and the first concrete stadium in the state, is being razed to provide space for the new Wilbur D. Mills Center for the Study of the Social Sciences.

Tentative plans are now being developed for a track and other athletic facilities to be built across from Grove Gymnasium on the east side of Highways 64-65. According to Morton Hutto, athletic director, the sports complex will be designed in such a way as to provide facilities not only for varsity athletes but for the entire stu-

dent body as well.

Erected in 1923, Young Stadium was the site of the first night track meet held in Arkansas. The overall state track meets were also held at Hendrix for several years beginning in 1924. The stadium was naturally the home of the Hendrix football and track teams for decades.

Ivan H. Grove, former Hendrix coach and a charter member of the Arkansas Hall of Fame, regrets the demise of a place where he spent innumerable hours instructing countless young men in the finer points of football and track.

Grove, who led the nation in 1916 in five separate categories of collegiate football, at one time or another coached football, basketball, track and

tennis at Hendrix from 1924 until his retirement in 1962. He was selected "Arkansan of the Year" in 1948 and later was named to the All-Time Tulsa University Football team. As a triple-threat quarterback at tiny Henry Kendall College (later Tulsa University), Grove led his team to their first two victories over the Sooners of Oklahoma University.

A four-sport letterman in college, Grove joined his former coach, Francis Schmidt, as an assistant when Schmidt became head football and basketball coach at the University of Arkansas in 1922. One of his best athletes that year was a young man named J. William Fulbright.

In 1924, Grove became head coach and athletic director at Hendrix. Even today he can still recall the first time he laid eyes upon Young Stadium. "In the spring of 1924, when Coach Schmidt and I first saw the stadium, we thought it was beautiful, but we could not understand why the 220 straightaway was set on the wrong side of the track!" said Grove.

The young coach soon learned that the straightaway was not the stadium's only peculiarity. He discovered that the stadium, designed after one at Vanderbilt University, did not permit adequate viewing from every seat, due to its insufficient height.

Grove also did not find the cinders on the track to his liking, but he quickly got to work upgrading the stadium and track to meet his own high standards. With his own hands he helped to replace the cinders and install the lights, which Hendrix had purchased from a bankrupt sporting goods firm in Kansas City. With an excellent drainage system already built-in, the stadium and track was then a superb facility.

The first of many state track meets was held at Hendrix in the spring of

1925, but in those days a state meet was much more than an athletic contest. "Besides track, there was competition in piano playing, singing and debating," said Grove, "and the big schools and the little schools of the state all competed together in one classification."

In those days Hendrix and the University of Arkansas engaged in athletic competition. Two particular track meets between the two schools are firmly planted in the old coach's memory.

"In the spring of 1924 when I was still at the University, we beat Hendrix 71 to 59 at Fayetteville," Grove said. "The next year, my first at Hendrix, we defeated the U. of A. by the identical score at Conway." His Warrior track teams went on to capture the state championship that year and the next four years in succession.

Young Stadium was the scene of some memorable football games for Grove also. Forty years ago an undefeated team from Arkansas Tech came to Conway to face the Warriors. "We beat them by one touchdown, and they were heavily favored to win," said Grove.

Perhaps Grove's greatest victory as the Hendrix mentor came on November 1, 1929, when Hendrix, a Methodist institution, defeated Ouachita, a Baptist college, for the first time in 19 years, 7-6. "Johnny Estrada of Little Rock kicked the decisive extra point, and it was such a momentous occasion that school was called off for the next day," Grove related.

Although the ravages of time and the wheels of progress have finally caught up with Young Memorial Stadium, memories of frustrating defeats and glorious victories will linger long in the minds of many Hendrix devotees, particularly one.

## Poetry Panorama

by barbara mulkey

"I wanted the address of someone who could do for Christianity what Franz Liszt did for the pianoforte — exemplify a technique." (Author Unknown)

### Caring

I saw it in your eyes today  
You did not say a thing,  
But all you felt has come to me  
Bright as an angel's wing.  
Your quiet thought and caring  
Your faithful, steadfast way  
Has lightened all my burdens  
And brightened up the day.

-by Betty Heidelberger

### Thought Lines

If I cannot toss you a rose as I pass,  
I certainly shall not throw a stone —  
For in sorrow I, too, have traveled a road,  
Forsaken and all alone.

-by Etta Caldwell Harris

### Harvest Of Love

When one man  
feels the pain of another,  
then God is present  
and like the tiny flower  
that growing can split the rock;  
man with courage to break from out  
the iron clamp of lethargy,  
can uproot the ugly weeds of prejudice  
and plant the seeds of faith  
and Brotherhood —  
gather in a rich harvest of love  
and watch the weeds of hate fall dead  
as dry leaves in autumn wind . . .  
and mysteriously  
in his selfless love  
know he has caught an unveiled  
glimpse of God.

-by Jaye Giammarino