



## Update On New History Volume

Dr. Walter N. Vernon (standing) of Nashville, Tenn., author of the new history of Methodism in Arkansas, reports to an Oct. 18 meeting of the Area Committee that 18 of the volume's 22 chapters have been completed. Finance Committee chairperson Judge Franklin Wilder of Fort Smith announced that 344 pre-publication orders had been received and urged an additional 1000 before the May 25 publication date. The committee set a goal of 200 such orders from each District by Feb. 1. At head table (above, from left) are Bishop Eugene M. Frank, luncheon host Mr. Roland Remmel, chairperson Dr. Ray Hozendorf, Dr. Vernon and Mrs. Vernon. Volumes may be ordered from Arkansas Methodist Publication Committee, Methodist Center — 715 Center St., Little Rock, Arkansas 72201 (\$7.95 each until May 25, 1976; then \$9.95).

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## New History Of Former Southwest Conference

Dr. W. D. Lester (standing) of Nashville, Tenn., retired member of the Little Rock Conference, reports to the Area Committee on the History of Methodism in Arkansas on the status of the new volume on the history of the former Southwest Conference, which he is authoring. He reported two of the 11 chapters completed, with an additional two nearing completion. Manuscript typing and other assistance is being given by the Rev. Harry Bass and members of Wesley Church, Little Rock. The new volume was projected at the last session of the Southwest Conference, before union in 1972 with the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. Dr. Lester reported that the volume would be ready for publication by the 1976 sessions of the Area's Annual Conferences. Details on how to order will be announced later.

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## Strategist says world hunger problem can be conquered — 'IF' . . .

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMC) — Despite seeming hopelessness of the world hunger problem, with millions doomed to suffering and death, the problem can be conquered in 20 years, providing a number of "ifs" come to pass.

That was the message of a nationally recognized church hunger strategist to more than 140 leaders at a National Hunger Consultation of The United Methodist Church here Oct. 6. The Rev. Dr. C. Dean Freudenberger, professor at the School of Theology, Claremont, Calif., and a consultant to foundations and churches, said he in no way minimized the hunger crisis with more than 1 billion persons facing starvation and malnutrition right now.

But, he declared, "I'm not a doomsday prophet like some who say a certain number of the human family will just have to starve. Hunger is both the most fundamental and most terrible reality facing humankind, but given positive results on a number of fronts, hunger is one of the problems most capable of solution.

"The future can come — if . . ."

Among the "ifs" he said are necessary:

- "If U.S. farm policy is seen in the global perspective of a hungry world and not as an extension of American diplomatic policy and profit-making only.
- "If The United Methodist Church will commit \$5 million a year for the next 20 years — \$100 million or more total to help solve the hunger problem.
- "If our church will take initiative in creating a \$1-\$2 million ecumenical annual scholarship fund to train non-western people in all areas of agriculture, since the 130 food deficit nations have almost no agricultural and other specialists in agricultural and rural development.

- "If we can get just 10 per cent of what the world spends on armaments — \$400 billion a year — converted to the fight against world hunger. A very serious, perhaps the most powerful, cause of hunger and famine is related to the global phenomenon of arms sales and military preparedness. One cannot travel anywhere in the world without being overwhelmed by this phenomena of high military expenditures and chronic hunger.

- "If Americans will change their lifestyles and values from accumulation of wealth and security to things of beauty and unity that recognize the sacredness and worth of all people. To that end, will the church help articulate a national purpose, or merely let the Bicentennial go by as a 'buy Centennial,' a year-long celebration of Christmas in terms of commercial orgies?

- "If the World Food Council, set up at the 1974 World Food Conference, can be made a workable reality, and if the nations will set up a \$5-\$8 billion international agricultural development fund and an international grain reserve."

Perhaps the basic question, Dr. Freudenberger said in the consultation's keynote address, is: "Can our nation articulate a national purpose that has something to do with being a responsible world neighbor, choosing to work for the development of the quality of life and full potential of every human being?"

### Conferences to Assault World Hunger

He spoke to persons from more than 60 United Methodist annual (regional) conferences who have been

designated to spearhead a hunger emphasis in their conference. The consultation Oct. 6-7 was to aid in planning strategy and action for a major denominational assault on global hunger. It was sponsored by the Board of Global Ministries in response to a recently declared churchwide priority on world hunger.

Dr. Freudenberger spoke of the grim dimensions of hunger, especially as it threatens the 130 food deficit nations, of which 32 are facing near-famine conditions. He outlined basic causes of the food crisis and said things will get worse if people do not get busy on a global basis now to do something. Among causes he cited were:

The "colonial legacy" in food deficit nations where raw materials have been produced to feed the industrial complex of colonial powers and food production was relegated to low priority; abuse of soil, water and other resources through ignorance, neglect and "ruthless profit motive;" complexity of agricultural development; the "false assumptions" that agricultural technology of the temperate zones can be transferred to the tropics and that all that is needed is to increase agricultural production, when in reality hunger will "never be overcome until the food deficit nations become self-sufficient within their own borders."

Dr. Freudenberger gave a vision of a future without a world hunger crisis. He said "rivers will not run red with eroded soil; rural life will come alive and migration to the cities as a final and desperate step for survival will cease; the violence of hunger, landlessness, famine, infant mortality and short life span will dissipate. We will dissipate the need for armies and policies.

"The future can come. It requires trust, sacrifice, faith and love."



## Bishop W. C. Martin, former NCC president, reflects on term of office

As a part of the observance of its 25th anniversary (Nov. 29) the National Council of Churches is honoring its nine former presidents, all of whom are living. Among these is Bishop William C. Martin of Little Rock, who served from 1952-54 as the second president of the ecumenical organization. Bishop Martin retired in 1964, his last episcopal assignment being the Dallas Area.

In its issue of Sept. 10, the Texas Methodist/United Methodist Reporter asked two of the three former presidents of the Council, who are United Methodists, to comment on their term of office and speculate on the future of the organization. The article containing Bishop Martin's comments is reprinted below with permission.

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As president of the NCC during the era of McCarthyism, Bishop Martin recalled that the Council was one of the first interchurch agencies to sound the warning that the senator was raising problems not proper in a free America. "Wild and unfounded statements were



Bishop Martin

being released about leading churchmen of various denominations, including Bishop Oxnam of the Methodist Church to the effect that they were leaning toward communism," Bishop Martin said.

### Concerning Conference on The Holy Spirit

- Approximately 950 registrations have been received to date.
- Non-Methodist and non-Little Rock Conference registrations are being regretfully returned in order to accommodate the 750 seating capacity of Pulaski Heights Church.
- Closed circuit television will be available at the Church during the Conference to accommodate some of the overflow.
- If registrants receive no letter, it indicates their registration has been accepted.

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### Packets for Holy Spirit Conference

Registration packets for the Holy Spirit Conference are being assembled by volunteers at Capitol View United Methodist Church. Persons who have pre-registered will pick up their packets as soon as they arrive at the Nov. 6, 7, 8 conference. Among items in the packet will be a name tag — required for admission into the Pulaski Heights sanctuary. Helping with typing are (from left, seated): Mrs. Buddy Bowman, Mrs. Denis Jensen, Mrs. Delvin Nation, and Mrs. Robert Gentry; (standing) Carl Weber, the Rev. and Mrs. Tom Nation. Recruits from other Little Rock churches will assist in completion of the project.

### Retired member of North Arkansas Conference dies

The Rev. Dan R. Robinson of Little Rock, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, died Saturday, Oct. 18, after an extended illness. He was 74. Upon his retirement in 1965 he had served 41½ years as a Methodist minister, holding pastorates in California, Texas, Louisiana and Arkansas. Arkansas pastorates served by Brother Robinson were Warren, Malvern, Crossett, West Memphis, North Little Rock First Church, and Rogers.

"None ever accused me of leanings in that direction, but I suppose some suspected anyone related to the NCC in an official capacity," he said. "But it never worried me or annoyed me; I knew the light would prevail."

One of his greatest satisfactions with the NCC came as it "simply brought together leaders" in evangelism, overseas work and Christian education to share ideas, plans and practices.

Of its future, Bishop Martin said, "I have a definite conviction that the NCC represents an endeavor in ecumenical relations that must be fostered and enlarged if we are to have a witness to the Christian way of life this country of ours needs so much. If, for any reason the NCC ceased to exist, immediately efforts would begin to reorganize a similar body."

"Problems are continually arising and coming to the center of the stage. We need a body of Christian people who will meet together to arrive at a Christian viewpoint under the guidance of the Holy Spirit."

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Born Sept. 14, 1901 in Kansas City, Mo., he was a 1927 graduate of Lynchburg (Va.) College and earned the bachelor of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, in 1940. He was admitted to the Pacific Conference in 1923 and served his first Arkansas appointment (Warren) from 1944-46.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Tench Robinson; a son, Dan R. Robinson II of Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Willis Alderson of Walnut Ridge; five sisters, all of California, and five grandsons.

The funeral service was Oct. 20 at Ruebel Funeral Home with the Rev. Roland E. Darrow of North Little Rock officiating, assisted by Judge Roy Danhouser of Malvern. Burial was in Little Rock.

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### Lake Village Church goes over Pension Fair Share Goal

Lakeside United Methodist Church, at Lake Village, Arkansas, is one of the churches of the Little Rock Conference which is giving full support to the Pension Fund campaign.

Nine laypersons and the pastor of this church have made pledges and contributions totaling \$8,150, which is over 113 per cent of the church's fair share goal of \$7,200. The church has also accepted its apportionment to the Pension Fund.

The Rev. Clyde Swift is the pastor at Lakeside United Methodist Church, and the Rev. Everett Vinson is district superintendent of Monticello District, in which Lake Village is located. The layperson in charge of fund raising for this district is Mr. Merle Peterson, of Dumas.

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### Effects of Alcohol, Drugs on Women Studied

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMC) — The increased extent of alcohol and drug abuse among women, and a "double

## Jonesboro pastor, dies

The Rev. James Ransford Chandler, pastor of Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church in Jonesboro, died suddenly last Saturday, Oct. 18, of an apparent heart attack. Mr. Chandler, who was in his fifth year as pastor of the church, had been in his study preparing for Sunday's services, when he became ill, returning to his home at about 11:30 a.m. He was rushed to St. Bernard's Regional Medical Center where efforts to revive him were unsuccessful. He was 63.

A member for 33 years of the North Arkansas Conference, Mr. Chandler was currently serving as a member of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, the Commission on Archives and History and the Board of Directors of Aldersgate Retirement Center. He was one of three Life Trustees of the Methodist Children's Home and was widely known and respected as a faithful pastor and diligent worker in Conference programs through the years. He was a member of the Jonesboro District Board of Ministry. His civic interests and service included membership in the Jonesboro Kiwanis Club.

A native of Wichita Falls, Tex., he married Alice Beck on Dec. 17, 1942. He received the degree of bachelor of arts from Hendrix College in 1940 and the bachelor of divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, SMU, in 1943. He was ordained Deacon in the North Arkansas Conference in 1942 and Elder in 1944, the year he was admitted to the Conference in Full Connection.

Pastoral appointments served by Brother Chandler included Charleston, Mansfield, Cotton Plant, Hughes, Rector, Central Avenue (Batesville), Midland Heights (Fort Smith), Pochontas and Huntington Avenue, Jonesboro.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. James R. Chandler, current vice-president of United Methodist Women of the North Arkansas Conference; two daughters, Mrs. William N. Toll of Austin, Tex., and Mrs. Helen Austin of Iowa City, Ia., and one brother, Jack W. Chandler of Ridgecrest, Calif.

The funeral service was Oct. 20 at Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church with Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, superintendent of the Jonesboro District and the Rev. Floyd G. Villines Jr., superintendent of the Batesville District, officiating. Pastors of the Jonesboro District served as honorary pallbearers. Burial was in Jonesboro. The family suggests that in lieu of flowers memorials might be directed to the Building Fund of the Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church.

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standard" that lessens their chances of recovery, are the issues emphasized in this year's Drug and Alcohol Concerns Sunday.

Principal observance of the special day for United Methodists is scheduled for Nov. 9. "Women and Addiction," the title of the main resource this year, reports that the proportion of women among the nation's alcoholics is about one-third, and among abusers of illicit drugs, 30 per cent.





'THE EDITOR'S PULPIT' at 30,000 feet over the North Atlantic.

## Editorial Correspondence

(NOTE: The following correspondence arrived in our office the day before I returned. It continues on Heifer Project International's shipment of 140 dairy cows to Tanzania, which shipment I was privileged to accompany.)

### 'Not all worship happens in churches'

DAR ES SALAAM, Tanzania, Oct. 8 — Having written earlier (issue of Oct. 16) of formal worship experiences afforded during this adventure, it occurs to me that a number of informal or "unstructured" moments were equally significant from the standpoint of inspiring awe and wonder and providing the seeds for reflective meditation. Among such were the following:

#### 'Somebody else's project'

ACADIANA REGIONAL AIRPORT, New Iberia, La., Sept. 23, 11:30 p.m. — After almost three days of delays, the time has finally come for our departure. The entire Heifer Project staff, gathered from both coasts and in between for an annual seminar and planning session, is here to see the flight off to Africa. Warm expressions have been shared around the circle, spirits are high and good fellowship and good jokes are the order of the moment. It is a moving time for me, privileged to be on "the inside" of the rich fellowship of these newly-made friends, quickly bound close to them by the bonds uniting all who share in meaningful ventures.

Now Executive Director Ed Geers directs our thoughts along more serious lines. "Someone else is guiding this project," he is saying. It was a phrase I was to recall time and again in the days ahead as an almost unending series of difficulties and frustrations seemed determined to obstruct — or even terminate — this mission.

Now we are praying together The Lord's Prayer. Within half an hour we would be airborne. How fitting to be away on such a note.

#### 'Three-hundred feet left — no problems'

FORT LAMY, Chad, Sept. 25, 2:00 a.m. — Our pilots have gone to their computers at least three times in the hot, steamy, mosquito-infested cabin of this big DC "stretch" 8. They have concluded that an outside maximum of 20,000 pounds of fuel is all we can take aboard if we are to successfully get our 326,000 pounds of airplane and cows and cargo and seven people off this short 7000 foot runway.

Considering the 3000 foot elevation and the 80-degree, 2:00 a.m. temperature, on this humid, mid-Africa plateau — and a multitude of other factors — the three on-board computers have each agreed that our scheduled 40,000 pounds of fuel

needed for the direct flight to Dar es Salaam must be cut in half.

So that, of course, is done. We will have to make an unscheduled refueling stop at Entebbe, Uganda.

Our take-off has already been delayed by a number of factors — among them having to wait for the brakes to cool. They became overheated when the pilot had to strain to stop us from over-running the strip when landing.

Another event has come frighteningly close to ending our mission right here in this remote former French outpost settlement. Upon our arrival, the ground crew — whose members spoke no English — had a bit of a hassle with our flight crew — none of whom spoke French or Swahili — over parking procedures, etc. In the excitement they failed to block the big landing gear's wheels.

Shortly after the large, heavy stairs had been placed by the plane's open door, the 326,000-pound craft began moving backwards, causing the stairs to break off the 40-pound escape-hatch package (packed under 3000 pounds pressure) attached to the door, sending it crashing to the ground.

Had the explosive mechanism been triggered, it could have blown a hole through the airplane. Or had the door been jammed or sprung in the smallest way, we would not have been able to take off; our air-pressure seal would have been broken. And there would have been no possible way, at this small field with limited facilities, to offload the cows — and the steadily rising temperature in the plane was already a serious concern, the air-conditioning being inoperative while on the ground. Our venture could have ended right there in a tragic failure.

So — when at the end of our maximum-power takeoff gallop, with all of 300 feet of runway left when we finally became airborne — Doc Henning and I, who have watched it all over the pilot's shoulder, breathe a sigh of relief!

During our nearly two-hour stay on the ground the mosquitoes have literally filled the plane's cabin, necessitating our wearing coats and hats for most of this hot time here — and for the next few hours to come. An attempt to suck them out of the cabin, once we are airborne, by opening the periscope vent in the ceiling, results only in five minutes of screeching, ear-splitting noise and produces little relief from the thousands of insects.

I am taking pride in my assignment as Chief Mosquito Eradicator, swatting the little demons by the handfuls with a fly-swatter from the Holiday Inn at Jersey City, N.J., which someone has, gratefully, left in the pocket behind the flight engineer's chair. The cabin door, my swatting board, soon becomes splotted red with blood recently borrowed from the five of us in the cabin. Our two load-masters, in the cargo area with the cows, are having an equally tough time of it with the mosquitoes and the heat.

But with the lights finally out and the air conditioners on, it is soon comfortable once more. We have a chance to reflect, once again, on the wonder of it all and remember again Ed Geer's words that "Somebody else" is guiding this venture. It has to be so.

#### 'Two more miracles'

MOROGORO, Tanzania, Sept. 25, 9:30 p.m. — It is the evening of the day we have landed, finally, in Dar es Salaam with our precious cargo of 140 cows, destined to be a foundation herd from which, we firmly believe, many generations will benefit for years to come.

We saw this morning, from the airplane's cockpit windows, the eager greeting party of over 200 persons and the welcome sight of more than a dozen trucks lined up and waiting to offload our animals. And we have followed that caravan the 125 miles here to the University Farm at Morogoro.

Now it is evening, and "Doc" and Dorothy Henning — reunited after her commercial flight over — and Dr. "Charley" and Mary Arntson and Jack Herron (USAID's project director for this program, an "Arkansas boy") and others and I visit about the experience to date. We share highlights of the trip, recalling the problems and the joys.

I believe I will always remember what Doc says, and the way he says it and means it, with a tear in his voice and in his eye: "All we need now is just two more miracles."

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DAR ES SALAAM, Oct. 8, 1975, 10:30 p.m. — All that (above) was two weeks ago tomorrow. Our 850-mile round trip Jeep ride to Kitulo Plateau, reported in an earlier correspondence, has already used up both of Doc's two miracles, and possibly some more. And we've still got that same trip to make with the ten-truck convoy loaded with our heifers.

That happens tomorrow. I have a feeling there're more miracles left from where all the others came. It'll take several of them, I am convinced, to get that many trucks with that many cows over that kind of road and up that kind of mountain! We shall see.

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(See related pictures on page seven)



NEXT WEEK: 'Reflections while aboard a PanAm Clipper' — conclusion of articles on HPI's Tanzania Project, Phase Two.

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## Your Audio-Visual Resource Library

One of the very important departments administered by your Conference Council on Ministries is the Audio-Visual Resource Library. We are delighted to receive so many requests for these resources from all over the state. The resources are being used by many churches. One of our problems is that with so many users, the resources soon become "quite used."

Following are some suggestions which we think will make it possible for us to give even better service to you:

1. Send in requests early enough (approximately two weeks ahead of proposed showing date) to allow booking and mailing of resource.

2. Operation of the Projector: Have someone who is familiar with equipment to show the resource. Thread the film through projector as outlined in instruction manual or according to the diagram inside the case. Use the blank leader for threading — never the title. Be certain that the film is firmly engaged by the sprockets and gate claws and that the gate is properly closed. Test the threading by giving the mechanism a few turns by hand before starting the motor.

If possible, have a trial screening during which you can accurately adjust the focus and sound volume before the audience arrives. Never force a film or film strip. Be ready at all times to stop the projector instantly if there is any indication that it is not running properly.

3. Make sure equipment is clean —

otherwise dirt and dust on lenses cause scratches on the A-V resource.

4. Placement of Projector: Place projector high enough so that the light beam will not be obstructed by the heads of the audience or arrange the seats with a wide aisle running from projector to screen. Locate the projector so that the minimum of mechanical noise will be heard by the audience. Locate the projector at a distance to fill the screen with the projected image.

5. Placement of Speaker: Place the speaker as near the screen as possible at about head height of the seated audience. Arrange all cables so that no one will trip over them in the dark. Connect speaker cable to amplifier before connecting power cable to amplifier.

6. Preparation of Projector: Center the light beam on the screen. Clean the gate and the lenses thoroughly. Dirt in the gate will show on the screen and may scratch the film. Have spare lamps on hand.

7. To prevent damage to lamp, do not move projector while lamp is hot.

8. Return the A-V resource as soon as you are finished with it as other persons may be waiting to use it.

9. If the A-V resource is damaged — please let us know.

10. If you have suggestions for any new resources, share your ideas with the Conference Office.

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**Arkansans Attend Consultation**

Left to right, Edwina Traylor, film librarian for Little Rock Conference, Tom Nankervis, United Methodist Communications specialist of Nashville, Tenn.; Vina Calhoun, film librarian for North Arkansas Conference; the Rev. Herschel McClurkin, a representative of the North Arkansas Conference Committee on Communications, and Sue Banner, of the United Methodist Communications Council, Dallas, Tex.

## Consultation for film librarians

Have you talked with Herschel McClurkin, Vina Calhoun or Edwina Traylor during the past few weeks? If so, you are aware that they are from the North Arkansas and Little Rock United Methodist Annual Conference Audiovisual Libraries respectively and have recently returned from the Eastern Regional Film Librarians Consultation held in Dayton, Ohio.

More than 80 annual conference film librarians and their supervisors spent three days at Bergamo Retreat Center sharing concerns, ideas and objectives from their individual library experiences.

One of the primary objectives realized by the participants was the organization of a working exchange program between librarians which will keep them advised of new resources and ways to evaluate and recognize resources which should be

removed from their listings.

Other questions dealt with during the Consultation included ideas on obtaining funding for libraries; defining Resource Centers (including films, filmstrips, cassettes, video materials, puppets, and simulation games); choosing, securing and evaluating films and what is in the future for media?

Basic resourcing needs of the local church were dealt with by the participants who had the opportunity to meet individually with general agency staff persons, film producers and directors to preview many of the newest audiovisual materials.

This was the first United Methodist Audiovisual Consultation to be held since a similar conference in Estes Park, Colo. in 1972.

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## McCauleys to Itinerate in North Arkansas

Mr. and Mrs. E. Delos McCauley, United Methodist missionaries to Nepal, shown here with their family, will be speaking in the North Arkansas Conference during November and again in January. McCauley, a civil engineer, has served in Pokhara, Nepal since 1970, where he has oversight for the construction of a boys' boarding school. When finished, the complex will include 20 buildings of native stone built by local labor. Born and reared in Arkansas, the McCauleys are graduates of the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville — he, with a degree in civil engineering, and Mrs. McCauley, with a degree in journalism. In addition, McCauley received seminary training at Asbury in Wilmore, Ky.

## The Delos McCauley's Intineration North Arkansas Conference

| November             |   |
|----------------------|---|
| 2 Sunday             | A.M. First Church, Batesville (Preach)                      |
| 2 Sunday             | P.M. Central Avenue Church, Batesville (Slide Presentation) |
| 3 Monday             | P.M. Grace Church, Batesville District, Searcy              |
| 4 Tuesday            | Noon Lions Club, Cabot                                      |
| 4 Tuesday            | P.M. Batesville District, First Church, Cabot               |
| 5 Wednesday          | Open  |
| 6 Thursday           | Open  |
| 7 Friday             | Open  |
| 8 Saturday           | Go to Forrest City — Stay with the Elmo Thomasons           |
| 9 Sunday             | A.M. First Church, Wynne (Preach)                           |
|                      | P.M. First Church, Earle (Slide Presentation)               |
| 10 Monday            | P.M. First Church, Marianna                                 |
| 11 Tuesday           | Open  |
| 12 Wednesday         | Open  |
| 13 Thursday          | Open  |
| 14 Friday            | No Schedule   |
| 15 Saturday          | No Schedule   |
| 16 Sunday            | A.M. Midland Heights Church, Fort Smith (Preach)            |
|                      | P.M. Goddard Church, Fort Smith (Slide Presentation)        |
| 17 Monday            | P.M. St. Johns — Van Buren                                  |
| 18 Tuesday           | P.M. First Church — Van Buren                               |
| 19 Wednesday         | P.M. First Church, Booneville                               |
| 20 Thursday          | P.M. First Church, Alma                                     |
| 21 Friday            | P.M. Hendricks Hills, Fort Smith                            |
| 22 Saturday          | No Schedule   |
| 23 Sunday            | A.M. 8:30 and 10:30, Central Church, Rogers                 |
|                      | P.M. First Church, Springdale                               |
| 24 Monday            | Open  |
| 25 Tuesday           | Open  |
| 26 Thanksgiving Week | No Schedule   |
| 27 Thursday          | No Schedule   |
| 28 Friday            | No Schedule   |
| 29 Saturday          | No Schedule   |
| 30 Sunday            | A.M. First Church, Paragould (Preach)                       |
|                      | P.M. First Church, Paragould (Slide Presentation)           |
| January              |   |
| 11 Sunday            | A.M. 9:40 and 10:50 First Church, North Little Rock         |
| 18 Sunday            | A.M. Jonesboro District — Place TBA                         |
|                      | P.M. Jonesboro District — Place TBA                         |

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# NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard



Requests for American missionaries remain strong, contrary to some reports that they are no longer wanted by overseas churches, according to the mission agency of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern). The board expressed "great concern" that only 21 of 198 personnel requests received from overseas partner churches and ecumenical agencies in 25 countries could be filled because of the "budget crunch."

North Pole, Alaska, site of the Santa Claus House and the famous North Pole postmark, has a newly organized American Lutheran congregation, and is scheduled to have a new house of worship fronting on the Alaska Highway sometime next year. The probable construction of a pipeline and oil refinery is expected to bring up to 4,000 new residents to the community of 350 persons. New homes are under construction in subdivisions surrounding the community, and a 525-unit mobile home park is scheduled for completion in December.

In Los Angeles, Superior Court Judge Lester E. Olson has ruled that Family Ministries, an evangelical adoption agency, acted unconstitutionally in requiring that Cambodian children be made available for adoption only by evangelical Protestant families. The decision said that the agency is a tax-exempt organization that obtained the children through government expense involved in their transportation and admission to the U.S. The judge ruled also that World Vision, an evangelical relief agency, which turned the children over to Family Ministries, had acted improperly in taking the children from Cambodia before they had been "properly relinquished."

Rep. James C. Corman (Calif.), a member of the House Ways and Means Committee, told the Baptist Joint Committee on Public Affairs that proposed federal tax reforms will not change deductibility provisions for gifts to churches and other charitable organizations. He said that provisions for appreciated property gifts will also likely remain unchanged, and predicted no change in the rule allowing ordained clergy tax-free use of church-owned parsonages.

The Baptist Joint Committee, composed of representatives from nine Baptist bodies in the U.S. and Canada, declined to adopt a resolution endorsing the concept of national health insurance. The Corman-Kennedy plan, sponsored in the Senate by Sen. Edward M. Kennedy (Mass.), calls for a broad-based compulsory program of national health insurance to be financed in part from the treasury's general fund and in part through payroll deductions similar to present Social Security deductions.

The Dallas Baptist Association is considering action that would remove from its fellowship churches which engage in charismatic activities. Last year, the Association declared that if such congregations "cannot work in harmony with our historic views, we strongly urge they voluntarily withdraw from our association and seek fellowship with churches of more common practice."

Bread for the World, an ecumenical anti-hunger lobby, is organizing a nationwide "offering of letters" to obtain public support for a "right to food" resolution being considered by Congress.

Bishop Frank L. Robertson, of the Louisville Area of The United Methodist Church, has appointed a commission to study possible merger of the Kentucky and Louisville annual conferences. The study was requested by both conferences at their 1975 sessions. A report will be made in 1976.



—RNS Photo

## 'Peoplehood' Tensions

NEW YORK — Dr. Martin Marty, delivering the first Herbert L. Seamans Lecture sponsored by the National Conference of Christians and Jews, said that as America enters its third century, religious tensions centering on "peoplehood" are displacing earlier styles of religious conflict. The church historian, a professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School and associate editor of the Christian Century, said American religious groupings now relied not so much on denominational lines as on "nation, blood, race, ethnicity, shared experience, class."

Dr. Edmund Marshall, a Methodist member of the British Council of Churches and a Labor Member of Parliament, told the Free Church Federal Council that it is a "grotesque tragedy" that so much of the brutality in strife-torn Northern Ireland has been committed in the name of religion. He said, "... in Northern Ireland the division between Protestant and Catholic must be overcome and treated as inconsequential by all sincere Christians."

The U.S. Supreme Court is scheduled to hear arguments this fall on the question of whether government funding of church-related colleges and universities is a violation of the First Amendment principle of the separation of church and state. A decision, considered crucial to the future of these institutions, is expected early in 1976.

The hymn most widely used among congregations of the Lutheran Church in America is "Holy, Holy, Holy," according to a recent survey conducted by the Rev. Ralph R. Van Loon, LCA worship coordinator. The survey, made to assist the Inter-Lutheran Commission on Worship in selecting hymns for a new service book and hymnal gave Martin Luther's hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," second place.

The Family Research Center at Mormon Church-related Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah, is the recipient of a \$62,409 grant from the Lilly Endowment, Inc., to assist in its project of conducting studies and preparing resource materials on moral development and ethical reasoning in children.

United Methodism's Theological School at Drew University in Madison, N.J., has reported the highest autumn enrollment in a decade with the more than 300 students representing an increase of 15 per cent over a year ago.



UMC Photo, by Ray Chaney

## 'High And Lifted Up'

The familiar cross-and-flame insigne now graces the white Indiana limestone front of United Methodism's building at 601 West Riverview Avenue in Dayton, Ohio. The insigne was fashioned from steel, chrome and enamel by the Rev. Ralph Holdeman of Elkhart, Ind. It was mounted to the

building on Oct. 2. Housed in the United Methodist building besides the General Council on Ministries are the headquarters office of the Joint Committee on Communications and a Women's Division regional office of the Board of Global Ministries.



# News from the churches

MR. JIM LANE, a member of Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, was the speaker for the Laity Day observance at First Church, Bald Knob on Sunday, Oct. 5th. Again using the Bicentennial Laity Day theme, he spoke on the topic: Shaping Our National Life, for the observance at Lakewood Church in North Little Rock on Sunday, Oct. 19.

DR. ROY SHILLING, president of Hendrix College, was the Laity Day speaker at Central Church, Fayetteville, on Sunday, Oct. 19.

LAITY DAY speaker at First Church, Arkadelphia, was Dr. Robert F. McCrary, a Hot Springs physician. Hugh Lookadoo, church lay leader, assisted.

EDWARD D. TRICE, Texarkana (Ark.) Public School superintendent, presented the Laity Day message at First Church, Ashdown. Gerald McElhannon, chairperson of the Administrative Board at Ashdown Church, was the speaker at Richmond Church for Laity Day services. The Rev. William Cheyne is pastor of both churches.

DR. BILL BAKER, president of North Arkansas Community College, was the Laity Day speaker at First Church, Russellville.

ROLAND SHELTON, former Little Rock Conference lay leader, was guest speaker at Highland United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Laity Sunday.

HAYS CHAPEL, Hartman, Mt. Olive, and Spadra United Methodist Churches in Fort Smith District observed Laity Day with lay men and lay women leading the services. A quartet and organist assisted the speaker at Hartman. In the evening, the organist and a soloist assisted at Spadra.

GENTRY PARISH, Fayetteville District, observed Laity Day, Sunday, Oct. 12 with speakers in all three churches. Miss Cindy Henry of North Little Rock was the speaker at Springtown. Conference Lay Leader Bob Cheyne presented the message at Gentry, and Judge Railey Steele spoke at Highfill. The Rev. David Driver is pastor of the Gentry Parish.

SOME MEMBERS of the congregation of First Church, Clarksville, have planned a Fall Tour of Color for Saturday, Oct. 25. A bus will leave the church in the morning and make a 60-mile tour of the mountain area around Clarksville.

SIX LADIES from Ogden Church, Hope District, recently toured north Arkansas, visiting Dogpatch USA, handcraft and antique shops, and Eureka Springs. At Eureka Springs they viewed the Passion Play.

## Daily Bible Readings

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

Oct. 26—Sunday ..... Mark 10:49-52  
Oct. 27 ..... II Tim. 4:16-18  
Oct. 28 ..... Deut. 4:27-31  
Oct. 29 ..... Titus 1:15  
Oct. 30 ..... Luke 5:17-19  
Oct. 31 ..... Luke 5:20-23  
Nov. 1 ..... Luke 5:24-26  
Nov. 2—Sunday ..... Matt. 25:6-13

THE REV. JACK WILSON, pastor of First Church, Stuttgart, presented the revival messages at Center Grove United Methodist Church, Oct. 5-8. The Rev. Horace Grogan is the Center Grove pastor.

THE REV. J. ROBERT SCOTT, pastor of First Church, Magnolia, was the revival speaker at Glenwood United Methodist Church, Oct. 13-15. The Rev. Bill Eason is pastor.

THE REV. BOB ORR, pastor of Marked Tree United Methodist Church, was a recent pulpit guest in First Church, Blytheville.

THE REV. ED MATTHEWS, pastor of Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff, was the leader for a Fall Preaching Mission held at First Church, Bentonville, Oct. 19-21.

HARMONY GROVE CHURCH, Camden District, recently honored their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Earl C. Mathis, with a potluck luncheon and money tree.

METHODIST MEN of Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, held a Brotherhood Dinner on Monday evening, Oct. 20. Each Methodist man invited a friend of another denomination to the dinner at which Father George Tribou, principal of Little Rock Catholic High School, was the featured speaker.

RANDALL MATHIS, Clark County judge, was the Laity Day speaker at First Church, Lonoke.

## Personalia

MRS. SARAH GALLOWAY, wife of Dr. E. D. Galloway (retired member of Little Rock Conference), entered St. Vincent's Infirmary Sunday, Oct. 19, for tests. She expects to be back at home in a few days.

THE REV. BENNIE RUTH, pastor of Stamps United Methodist Church, recently suffered a light stroke. Mr. Ruth is now convalescing at his home. The address is: The Rev. Bennie Ruth, 1002 Parson St., Stamps, Ark. 71860.



## 'Myrtle Morton Night'

Honored recently for her many contributions and services during 61 years of membership at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was Mrs. Myrtle Craig Morton. She is shown here clasping the hands of some of the 200 friends who came to pay tribute to her dedicated Christian influence in the church and community. For 30 years Mrs. Morton served as youth director. She helped found the Triune Sunday School Class, the Morton-Wayland group of UMW, is a charter member of the Pearle McCain group, and of the King's Daughters Sunday School Class. She was presented a scrapbook covering occurrences through her years of service.

DR. CLINT BURLESON, pastor of Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, will be revival speaker at Levy Church, North Little Rock, Sunday, Oct. 26, through Thursday, Oct. 30. Song leader Robert Goss will direct the singing for the 7:30 p.m. services.

WANDA AND ED SIPE, husband and wife duo, will present a concert of sacred music at Highland United Methodist Church, 4000 West 13th, at 7 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 26th. The Sipes, who recently relinquished positions with the U.S. Department of Defense to devote their talents to the gospel music ministry, reside at 6716 Chateau Drive, Little Rock, and are available for concerts or special music. (Telephone: 565-8573)

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN of Fairview Church, Camden, recently sponsored a picnic for the residents of Kilgore Nursing Home. The residents were served on the grounds of the home. The Camden Church Women United assisted the Fairview UMW with the project.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR of First Church, Paragould, recently hosted a churchwide fellowship following Sunday evening service. The Rev. Bill Connell, pastor, presented a money tree to the Randall Jenkins family, whose home was recently destroyed by fire.

## MEMORIAL GIFTS TO PRESCOTT CHURCH HONOR FORMER MEMBERS

Nine stained glass windows and new entrance doors for the sanctuary were recently dedicated at Prescott United Methodist Church in memory of former members.

Persons memorialized and the individuals contributing to the memorials in their honor included:

Leo Cox Davis and John A. Davis, by Mr. and Mrs. Whit Davis of Jacksonville; Richard Clarke White and Gertrude Davis White, by Mrs. Gertrude Canon of Longview, Tex.; Ottis Grady Hirst, by Mrs. O. G. Hirst of Little Rock; Charles Douglas McSwain, by Mrs. C. D. McSwain of Little Rock; Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Thomas White, by Mrs. Gertrude Canon; Mr. and Mrs. Alex C. Smith and Mr. and Mrs. John E. Joplin, by Mr. and Mrs. J. Ed Smith; Dr. and Mrs. James Gentry Thomas, by Mr. and Mrs. Charles C. Thomas; Jim Jr., David and Marian Thomas, by Mrs. and Mrs. Charles C. Thomas; Martin White Greeson and Carrie Tedford Greeson, by Mrs. O. G. Hirst; Mr. John A. Eagle, by Mrs. J. A. Eagle.

## Duncan Church Honors Former, Present Pastors

The congregation of Duncan United Methodist Church, Little Rock, honored the former and present pastors and their wives with a potluck dinner recently. ABOVE RIGHT: Mrs. J. W. Lofton and the Rev. Lofton, present pastor, and Mrs. J. H. Thompson and the Rev. Thompson, former pastor. BELOW RIGHT: Communion stewards in charge of the dinner were, left to right, Mrs. Grace Robinson (also UMW president), Mrs. M. Patton, Mrs. Parnetha Barber, and Mrs. Blanch Bankhead.



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## BENEFIT TEA

The Aldersgate Senior Citizen organization cordially invites you to a tea, Sunday, Oct. 26 from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. at the House of Beauty, 1210 Cross Street in Little Rock. Donations will be used toward the purchase of a new deep freeze for Aldersgate Camp. Mrs. Austine Williams is general chairperson for the event being sponsored by the Senior Citizens. Contributions will be appreciated.

## PARAGOULD DISTRICT WOMEN SHARE "DAY APART"

Eighty-six United Methodist Women of Paragould District met at Wayland Springs Camp on Oct. 2nd for the annual "Day Apart" observance. Mrs. Howard Johnson, a past president of the North Arkansas Conference WSCS, was The Listening Hour speaker. The subject of her morning meditation was Gifts of the Spirit. In the afternoon she spoke on Fruits of the Spirit.

Mrs. Dalton Henderson of Imboden, district Mission coordinator of Christian Social Involvement, was program leader. Mrs. Keith Griffith of Pocahontas and Mrs. Larry Corbett of Alicia presented solos. A sharing time provided opportunity for each one present to share a song, a prayer, or some relevant experience.

On Sunday afternoon, Oct. 5th, Mrs. Henderson presented the highlights of Mrs. Johnson's "Day Apart" meditations to a group of 30 ladies who could not attend the Thursday meeting because of their working schedules. Mrs. Robert Shannon of Corning, Paragould District president, presided at this meeting, also held at Wayland Springs Camp.

## UNICEF ITEMS AVAILABLE

A booth for the sale of UNICEF greeting cards, calendars and gift items is in operation at M. M. Cohn Company at University Mall in Little Rock. United Church Women of Little Rock are staffing the booth.

The booth at M. M. Cohn Company at McCain Mall is staffed by United Church Women of North Little Rock.

The sale will continue until Nov. 1

BETHESDA UNITED METHODIST Church recently honored their new pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Marc Cooper, with an old-fashioned "pounding."



# Heifer Project's Tanzania program completes 'Phase Two'



"REMEMBER ME? Number 83? You saw me in Arkansas when my face was clean. This is me in my new home in Africa, a bit weary after all that travel but happy to be here!"



HOME AT LAST: Kitulo Farm, Mbeya Region, United Republic of Tanzania — Friday, Oct. 10, 6 p.m.



"THIS PROGRAM shows that somewhere in the world there are persons concerned with the livelihood of others whom they have never met, whom they do not know . . . ; that they are willing to give, to share. It is very inspiring." — Tanzania's Minister of Agriculture, J. Mungai.



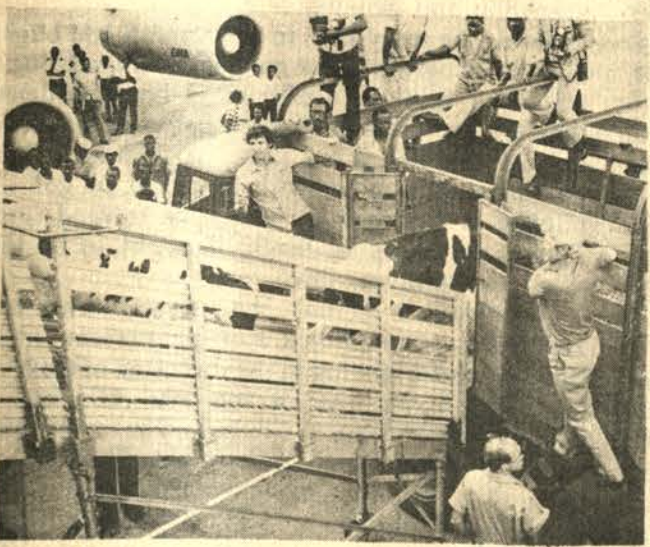
"LET'S SEE, my computer says we ought to be about here." . . . "Mine says we are about right — there!" . . . "My pencil says we're over 1000 miles from both those places!" . . . "Maybe we ought to ask the chaplain . . ."



DAR ES SALAAM: Cattle trucks stand by to offload 140 Heifer Project cows after 26 hours in flight.

## HPI is 'Love in Action'

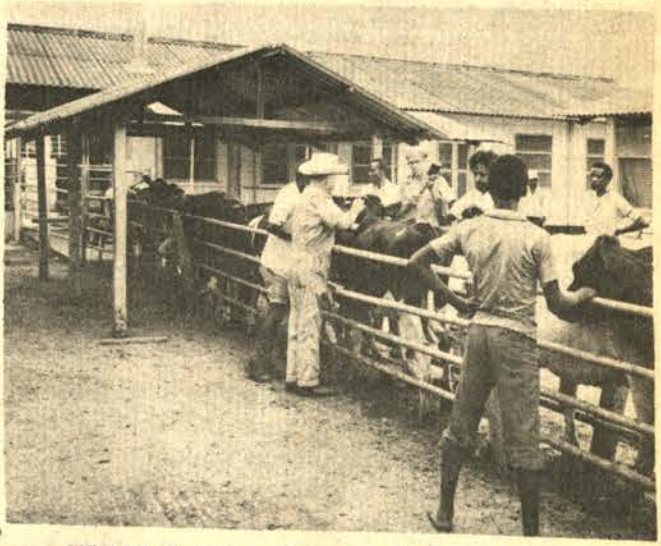
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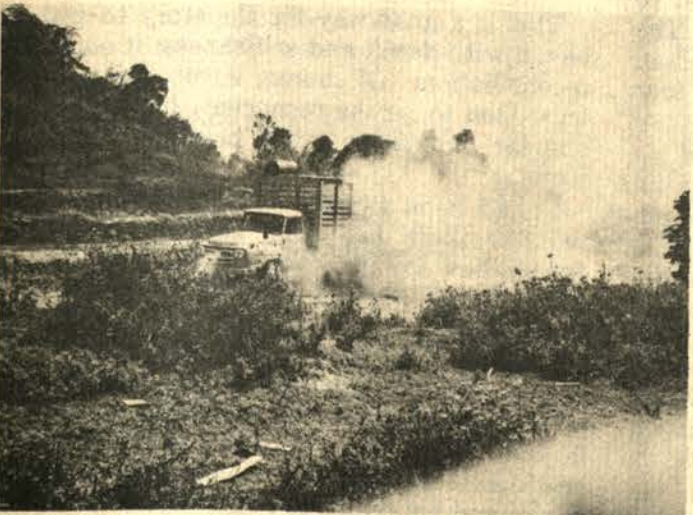
OFF THE PLANE at Dar es Salaam, on the way to Morogoro.



"WE MUST SEE that these cows get off the plane in good shape!" — Dr. S. A. Madallali, Managing Director, Tanzania Livestock Development Authority.



HERE WE ARE getting our shots at Morogoro.



BY TEN-TRUCK convoy, 525 miles to Kitulo Farm.



OUR FIRST MEAL at our new home.





# From Dream to Fulfillment

By JOEL COOPER Pastor, Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, Ark.



## Lesson for November 2

**ORIENTATION:** Last Sunday in our Biblical cast of characters we saw examples of what ought not to be done, that is, attempts to be self-sufficient. In today's lesson, we see Jacob making progress in his spiritual pilgrimage, that is, see him being confronted by the holy God, see him struggling with God and himself, see him finally reconciled with God and his brother Esau. The story is one which tells how a selfish wanderer became a pilgrim, a seeker after God.

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 28:10-22; 32:1 through 33:4.

**CONCLUSIONS HOPED FOR:** (1) That you might see spiritual progress being made in the life of Jacob; (2) that you might recognize God's initiative in this progress; (3) that you might find reason in this lesson for hope for your own life; (4) that your "wanderings" might be changed to a pilgrimage; (5) that reconciliation might finally come to your life — reconciliation with God and your fellows.

### "This is . . . the house of God . . . the gate of heaven"

Jacob is running to escape the wrath of his brother, Esau. We remember from last week that he was headed toward Haran where his uncle Laban lived. One night on the journey he camps unknowingly at a holy place, Bethel.

Keep in mind, if you will, that Jacob at this point in his life is a wanderer, physically and spiritually. He does not know the direction that his life is going to take; he does not have his faith worked out. He has tricked his father and his brother to gain something for himself; he is attempting to live without God and only for himself. Right now he is running for his life.

And then things begin to happen to change him. He had left home in such a hurry that he may not have had all of the equipment he needed for camping.

In any event, he props himself up against a rather large rock and goes to sleep. He dreams. In his dreams he sees a ladder which extends from the ground to heaven. And on this ladder, going both directions, are angels of God. Furthermore, the Lord himself is standing by the ladder and speaking to Jacob: "I am the Lord, the God of your father Abraham and the God of Isaac. This land on which you are lying I will give to you and your descendants . . . I will be with you . . . and will bring you back to this land . . ."

Jacob awakens with a start. As he thinks of his dream, he concludes that the God of his grandfather and his father has spoken to him at last. I can imagine that that was the experience he had been hoping for. His grandfather's experiences and his father's had been told in his presence over and over again, but God had never spoken to him before.

It must have been an exciting moment. Jacob speaks to himself, "Truly, the Lord is in this place, and I did not know it." As he continues to think about what has happened to him, he becomes frightened and exclaims, "This is no other than the house of God, this is the gate of heaven."

As we know, the experience at Bethel did not perfect Jacob's life. His selfishness showed itself again in his dealings with Laban. But I cannot help but believe that his experience at Bethel changed his perspective and opened the way for a change in his life.

And note, if you will, that God was the one who took the initiative in the confrontation. Furthermore, God did not come to him breathing fire and condemnation. God came with promises, with love.

Perhaps one of you reading this lesson has had such an experience. There may have been a time when you were wandering from one pleasure to another, from one interest to another, one job to another, even, one companion to another. And then God came to

you. Your perspective was changed, and the way was opened for your character to be changed.

### "... the Lord will be my God ..."

Now, it is important to note the response that Jacob makes to God's intervention in his life. He makes a commitment in the words: "... the Lord shall be my God." He is saying that he accepts the god of his fathers as his own God. That was a giant step, and a necessary one.

It is necessary for us. It is not enough for us to talk about the faith of our fathers. That faith has to be "internalized." It is like St. Paul talking about the risen Jesus. He tells how Jesus appeared to various persons and concludes by saying, "I saw Him, too!"

In this bicentennial year we shall be remembering the faith of the founding fathers, but unless the principles which they espoused are applied to our national life today, the celebration will be so much sound and fury. The "internalizing" comes through commitment. It is saying with Jacob, "The Lord shall be my God."

But I do not want you to think that Jacob's commitment was everything it ought to have been. God promised, and Jacob responded with a commitment, but it was a **conditional** commitment. Jacob said, "If God will be with me . . . protect me . . . give me food . . . and clothes . . . and I come back safely to my father's house, then the Lord shall be my God." Jacob is still bargaining — even with God. He is yet to learn that commitment to God must be unconditional.

And many of us have yet to learn this. We attempt to bargain with God. We say in essence, "God, if you will spare the life of my loved one, or if you will see me through this trial, et cetera, then I will live my life for you."

My father lay dying when I was eleven years old. I tried to bargain with God. I said, "O God, if you will spare my father's life, I will become a minister." My father died and I have learned that my attempted bargaining was not what God wanted. He wanted my unconditional commitment.

### "... a man wrestled with him ..."

After Bethel Jacob went on to Haran, married Leah and Rachael, had a family, and became wealthy. Twenty years were involved. One day he tells Laban that he wants to go home. Then follows those ugly stories about Laban cheating Jacob and Jacob cheating Laban. Finally, peace is made between uncle and nephew and Jacob is permitted to continue his journey homeward. But there was still the unresolved conflict between Jacob and Esau.

Jacob was worried. After twenty years would his brother still hold a grudge? Jacob sent messengers on ahead to contact Esau to see if he would receive him in peace. The messengers returned with the news that Esau was already moving toward Jacob with four hundred men.

This really distressed Jacob. He divided his people and livestock into two companies, thinking that one company might escape if the other were destroyed. And then he got on his knees. He prayed to the God of his fathers, the God he had taken as his own God. He confessed his unworthiness — a new mood for Jacob. He gave God credit for his prosperity. And he concluded by asking God to save him from Esau, and by reminding God of what he had promised, i.e., descendants like the sands of the sea.

But Jacob did not turn it all over to God. He worked out his own plan to appease Esau, a plan that involved the presentation of a large gift of livestock, one herd at a time. Jacob starts the herds toward Esau. Then the story breaks

away from the Jacob-Esau problem and swings to one of the most interesting of the Jacob incidents.

Jacob and his family camped to spend the night at Mahanaim. But during the night Jacob took his family, waded the brook called Jabbok (one of the tributaries of the Jordan) and sent them and "all that he had" across the deep gorge through which the brook ran. Jacob camped by himself.

During the night, he had another spiritual experience. The New English Bible says, "a man wrestled with him," but it is clear that Jacob's adversary was no ordinary man. Usually, we talk about Jacob wrestling with an angel.

However it is expressed, we must conclude that God and Jacob were having another confrontation. The text does not tell us what the confrontation is about, but it must have been some kind of spiritual struggle that Jacob was going through. I assume that it was related to the problem at hand, namely, how can reconciliation come between Jacob and Esau.

If this incident is approached psychologically, we might pose this possibility: one side of Jacob's nature kept telling him that he had to be shrewd, had to outwit his brother, had to "pay him off." The other side of his nature kept saying that he had to trust God with the outcome.

I wish I could say that Jacob's struggle ended in a full trust in God as the reconciling force between men, that the wanderer had become a full-fledged pilgrim. But I cannot say this. I believe that Jacob moved in the direction of unconditional trust in God, but subsequent events show that he had not given up all of his suspicion and distrust of Esau.

Now, this story says to us: we can and ought to make progress in our movement from being a wanderer to being a pilgrim. I have assumed that we know the difference between the two, but let me spell it out now. A wanderer is a person on the move with nowhere to go. A pilgrim is a person on the move toward God. That is the story of Jacob; it ought to be the story of our lives, too.

A Christian is not the person who has reached a certain ethical-spiritual plateau; he is the one who is moving in the direction of God. A Christian is not the person who fills out a prescribed profile of a Christian; he is the one who moves Godward. Where the Christian is located on the incline plane toward God is not so important as that he is on his way toward God. This is another way of talking about salvation by grace through faith. We are not saved by our achievements; we are saved (by God's grace) as we face toward God (our faith).

### "Esau . . . embraced him . . . kissed . . . and they wept . . ."

This is a good way for the story to end. It began with deceit and selfishness; it ends with reconciliation. Of course, Jacob did not fully trust God to be the reconciler, but he trusted him far enough to make possible a touching scene.

It had been twenty long years since these twin brothers had seen each other. Esau approaches toward Jacob with four hundred men. It may be that he really intended to do Jacob harm. As Jacob approaches Esau, he bows low seven times before his brother. They stand a few feet apart and gaze silently at each other for a long moment. And then — they are in each other's arms, kissing and crying. Esau restrained his desire for vengeance; Jacob restrained his desire to run away, and gave up his reliance upon his own craftiness. But it was God who effected the reconciliation.

And so it always is!

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# Role of science and religion in moral issues discussed

ST. PETER, Minn. (RNS) — Two prominent theologians say that science, which displaced religion as the ruling "queen" of cultural life, may itself be facing dethronement.

A suggestion by one of the theologians that scientists need to "repent" of their "sins" and learn from the fate of religion drew cool reactions from scientists taking part in the 1975 Nobel Conference at Gustavus Adolphus College.

Twenty-seven Nobel prize winners took part in the conference, the third largest such assemblage in history.

Dr. Langdon Gilkey, professor at the University of Chicago Divinity School, who gave one of the four major addresses at the conference, said he believes science is losing its sovereignty because, like religion, it made itself predominate over the other aspects of life and the sole source of knowledge and of healing.

"The ascendancy of applied science as the cure of our problems, as the key to freedom from fate, has proved to be a morally dangerous error," he declared.

Dr. Gilkey said that society is becoming increasingly disillusioned with and distrustful of science, which is being blamed for all technological and ecological ills.

Calling on the scientific community to reassess its role in cultural life, he noted that "in a similar situation the only way religion has been able to recover its own integrity and rediscover a creative role has been to take herself through such a painful process of reassessment, yes, even of repentance and disavowal."

"A reassessment of scientific knowledge in relation to

the other cultural modes of encountering, knowing and shaping reality would set science among the humane arts and thus help to humanize rather than to dehumanize our common world," Dr. Gilkey said.

Another theologian, Dr. Richard R. Saltzmann, directing editor of the Research Institute of America, New York, who spoke at a Walter L. Ruglund Assembly dinner held during the Nobel Conference, also referred to the diminishing popularity of science.

Science and technology, he said, "could experience the same fate as theology and religion did some time ago. At the very least, one can say that the heroic image of science and technology as developed after World War II and especially since Sputnik has started to erode."

As evidence, Dr. Saltzmann cited a Harris Poll measuring public confidence in social institutions which showed a drop for science and technology from more than 56 per cent in 1966 to about 40 per cent in 1974, a drop exceeding the average among the 15 institutions measured.

"To some extent this drop in public confidence has reflected itself in a corresponding drop in government and public funding for scientific research," he noted.

## Research Editor Asks For On-going Dialogue Between Science And Religion

Dr. Saltzmann called for an on-going dialogue between science and religion to deal with some of the moral issues raised by advanced technology.

Such a dialogue, he suggested, presents some real problems because both sides "would come as wounded veterans in a hesitant, perhaps even defensive mood."

Dr. Gilkey's paper was discussed by Nobel laureates and theologians in five panel discussions that followed his presentation.

Robert Hofstadter, 1961 Nobel physics prize winner, who teaches at Stanford University, said, "I didn't hear him (Gilkey) say anything that was correct. He set up a straw queen and knocked her down."

He said he was not concerned about the popularity of science and could see nothing for which scientists should repent. "A good scientist," he added, "will never say he knows the whole answer."

Robert Mulliken, a 1966 Nobel chemistry winner and a University of Chicago professor, said he thought Dr. Gilkey had confused science with technology. Technology may have been a "queen," but not science, he said.

Polykarp Kusch, 1966 Nobel physics winner who teaches at the University of Texas, said he thought Dr. Gilkey's analysis was "quite correct," although perhaps "an example of overkill."

Dr. John Cobb Jr., of the Claremont (Calif.) School of Theology, one of the theologian panelists, said he was concerned that the role of government in cultural life may become too strong if both religion and science lose their predominant roles.

He called for a "pluralism" in which both religion and science would exercise strong influence.

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## From Our Readers

### More on Church School literature

#### CHURCH SCHOOL LITERATURE THE BEST EVER!

To the Editor:

Ever since the article answering the question, "What is wrong with our Methodist Church School literature?" appeared in the Methodist a few weeks ago, I have been meaning to write. And my answer is a resounding **Nothing**. It is the best literature I have ever used. And I have been teaching children or youth almost continuously for over fifty years.

My co-worker and I have talked so many times of how easy it is to get the ideas across to the children. We are teaching elementary 4-6 and they are such an enthusiastic group. There are plenty of Bible references and such down-to-earth applications to their every day problems.

We and the children love it. Don't change it. Or if you do, not too drastically.

I enjoy every article in the Methodist. They are the results of a dedicated personnel, I know.

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#### "WHAT EVANGELICALS WANT"

To the Editor:

Your recent editorial on "Our Church School Literature" was informative but left some unanswered questions. I was glad to note that there are "pastors and lay persons who represent evangelical and conservative voices" on the Program-Curriculum Committee; but, now I'd like to ask why their influence is **not** reflected in the literature. To my knowledge there is no United Methodist literature available to the adult, conservative, evangelical, Bible-believer.

One large independent conservative

publisher is supplying 8,000 United Methodist customer churches with from one to all classes using their material. So apparently a large number of United Methodists feel the same way.

It was stated in the article, "How UM Curriculum Resources Are Developed," that one of the sources of ideas for unit study is local congregations. How are local congregations consulted to find out their views and preferences?

Liberal and conservative scholars have differing views on what is "sound Biblical scholarship." The literature from Nashville represents liberal scholarship. As to the opinion that the church school curriculum is based on "Wesleyan theological tradition," can we really believe that Wesley himself would put his stamp of approval on the theology expressed in our literature?

What evangelicals want is literature written by scholars who believe every word of the Bible is God-breathed, and thus believe the Scripture to be authoritative and accurate, writers who take seriously the supernatural (spiritually discerned) approach to the interpretation of the Scriptures. A number of scholars are available if Nashville would choose to take advantage of the opportunity.

It has been conservatively estimated that there are at least one million United Methodists who are in the category of evangelicals. Surely in an avowed effort by the hierarchy to be pluralistic that many people rate consideration with the resulting action of acceptable literature.

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#### A PLEA FOR PRAYER

To the Editor:

Surely you and some of your readers remember the banter between me and

Mr. Ewart Watts of UM Curriculum, at least you published our letter interchange.

I call you and your readers' attention to the article entitled "How UM curriculum resources are developed" as published on page four of **Arkansas Methodist**, Sept. 25, 1975. (Humanism at its best) When I read the twelve listed guidelines (even between the lines), I found myself at first thinking "this is great" but when I read (in far too many cases) the current UM literature that stems from these same guidelines, I find not only the literature to be somewhat lacking, but I also find that HE is not mentioned in the guidelines and sometimes not even in the literature.

Now I know that it is **assumed** that prayer or seeking God's will in the matter is supposed to take place before, during, and after each of the twelve steps, but because it (PRAYER) is not specifically mentioned, I ask you to ponder the possibility — that this assumption (lack of prayer) — just might be a big contributing reason for the state of our literature in general.

Readers, I ask you to think of the many, many times you have attended even a Sunday school class or various UM commission meetings where PRAYER (seeking God's will) was omitted.

I submit that we UM must ever increase our commitment to HIM and one of the ways HE tells us to do it, that is pleasing to HIM, is for us to publicly and privately turn to HIM for everything and then the results (such as literature) will be blessed and successful because HE ordained it so.

I say "Praise the Lord and Amen" to the letter by Johnson W. Warren (same issue of **Arkansas Methodist**). We pew warmers must pray and pray that our clergymen "seriously and intensively TEACH" the whole Bible as we have it before us today, and I for one say that a lot of this teaching could be done from

## New World Mission in second phase

NASHVILLE (RNS) — In an effort to help United Methodists develop a deeper understanding of other parts of the world, the denomination is sponsoring a second phase of its "New World Mission" program this Fall.

Some 75 people from 22 countries will appear in 56 of the 73 United Methodist annual (regional) conferences during late October and early November.

Among the visitors is Dr. Alan Walker, the noted Methodist evangelist from Sydney, Australia, who will speak at missions in Knoxville and Charleston, S.C.

Other visitors include Mrs. E. Wiyata Kandakai of Liberia, one of the few women who serve as district superintendents in world Methodism; the Rev. V. H. Mungaloa of Tonga, where the Methodist percentage of the population is among the highest of any area in the world, and bishops from Argentina, Kenya, Panama and Chile.

The visitors were nominated by the indigenous church leadership of their own countries.

Each one will participate in three one-week missions, speaking at local churches, community events and ecumenical rallies.

After an orientation period in Nashville, they were scheduled to be commissioned in a special service at the Upper Room Chapel by Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson, president of the Board of Discipleship, and Bishop L. Scott Allen, chairman of the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries.

The "New World Mission" program is sponsored by the Board of Discipleship and the Bishops' Committee for World Evangelism of the World Methodist Council.

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the Sunday pulpit whether we pew warmers want it or not.

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# UM leaders plan hunger-fighting strategies

Capitalistic system criticized by some;  
others propose 'cleansing and using' it

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. (UMC) — United Methodist leaders from throughout the nation voiced strong support here for making the fight against hunger a priority for the 1977-80 quadrennium in The United Methodist Church.

Meeting here to devise plans and strategies for combating hunger, representatives from more than 60 of United Methodism's 73 annual conferences agreed the assault on hunger should involve every level of the church from local through national. They heard reports from small groups suggest strategies from adoption of simpler lifestyles to raising many millions of dollars for hunger over and above present benevolent giving.

The National Hunger Consultation was attended by about 140 persons. It was sponsored Oct. 6-7 at the Center for Christian Renewal by the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries. The board is coordinating a current hunger emphasis authorized last spring by the United Methodist General Council on Ministries.

Delegates heard a leading hunger specialist, the Rev. C. Dean Freudenberger, say that despite seeming hopelessness, world hunger can be conquered within 20 years (see story on page 1).

The consultation spent much time in small groups discussing the myriad aspects of the hunger problem, including the fact that there is a severe hunger problem in the U.S. The groups focused around several topics: lifestyle; domestic hunger, hunger beyond the U.S., public policy, and models for education/action.

Each group reported suggestions to a plenary session of the consultation. No votes were taken on the recommendation, and the Rev. David W. Briddell, Global Ministries staff member who coordinated the consultation, said the findings would go to national denominational agencies, annual conferences, resource persons, consultation participants and others. Each group or person would

be free to use the suggestions as desired.

Participants expressed a consensus that the hunger problem will be of long duration — "we'll be dealing with this for many years," was an oft-repeated statement — and that hunger must be dealt with by individuals, small groups, local churches, conferences and national agencies. Several groups urged ecumenical cooperation where possible. There were references to the fact many congregations and conferences already are involved in hunger, but the level of involvement must be deepened.

## What Others Are Doing

A variety of responses to the hunger problem, from consciousness-raising groups to collections of money for relief, were reported by a sampling of the nearly 60 annual conferences represented at the consultation. Most of the annual conferences have hunger task forces.

In East Ohio Conference, 12 church members from each district have attended training sessions and between now and Human Relations Sunday in January are expected to present the problem of hunger to each local church. Aim of the program is to stimulate each church to do at least one project to alleviate world hunger.

West Virginia Annual Conference plans a "mail a letter a week" hunger fund campaign, with 185,000 United Methodists asked to contribute 10 cents a week each for a year. Working ecumenically, the Peninsula Conference has sponsored CROP hunger walks, educational programs, food cupboards in local churches and Meals on Wheels. United Methodists there also initiated an ecumenical movement which resulted in higher aid to dependent children funding by the State of Delaware.

Several conference representatives stressed the importance of seeking a "two-way street" between small farmers and churches so that farmers do not feel

antagonized by hunger efforts such as fasting. Dale Fooshee of Kansas East said meatless meals, which were served to consultation participants, were "meaningless," because cattle are primarily fed food unsuitable for humans. He made his point more dramatically by later bringing some baled straw to the meeting and inviting those attending to eat it.

In a panel discussion on United Methodist Church board and agency responses to hunger, it was emphasized that churches will have to deal with hard economic issues such as challenges to the capitalist system, changing the high-consumption American lifestyle and the danger of depletion of world resources. Churches can be a prophetic voice in helping people understand the need to share shrinking resources with developing nations, panelists said.

The question of a change in lifestyle really means how far "we are willing to go in dying for Christ," stated Dr. Paul M. Minus Jr., chairperson of the Board of Global Ministries Hunger Task Force. "We either believe in radical caring and sharing as in the Gospel, or we don't," he said.

## Accurate Information, Respect for Diverse Viewpoints Needed

Participants agreed the greatest needs include accurate information and a sensitivity to the many diverse points of view in the church. One recommendation was for a consultation involving farmers, food processors and others engaged commercially in the food business as well as church representatives.

Midway during the consultation, a panel of four persons challenged the delegates to consider issues which were being overlooked. The Rev. Ignacio Castuera, director of the All Nations Foundation in Los Angeles, called upon the delegates to "name the devil — to call the demon (of hunger) by its name, capitalism." Castuera proposed that

capitalism, as characterized by its proponent Adam Smith, is based on greed. "We cannot attack hunger unless we attack the demon," Castuera stated.

Ms. Carol Smith of Chicago countered that "greed is the demon. Capitalism is the system which greed has spawned."

An economist and missionary to Bolivia, Charles McFarren, charged that the U.S. economic system perpetuated hunger and poverty, both at home and abroad. A third panel member, Mrs. Bonnie Totten of Fayetteville, N.Y., asked, "How do we discuss these issues (of change) without shutting off communication? All systems are under the judgment of God."

Many delegates were not willing to cast the capitalistic system into the demonic role, but rather, proposed changing it, cleansing it and using it.

Among suggestions from the small groups were: enabling food deficit nations to provide agricultural training for indigenous people; developing models for dealing with hunger issues which could be used throughout the church; building United Methodist networks of persons to work for economic justice; working to change national priorities so that the military budget is reduced and spending increased for hunger and other human needs.

Also, requesting individual United Methodists to examine their investment portfolios to see where their dollars are "exploiting people;" supporting WHEAT (World Hunger Education Action Together), a movement to bring together Christian people concerned about hunger;

Challenging local churches to give toward a multimillion national goal above and beyond present giving for relief, rehabilitation, development, development education, advocacy, justice issues and public policy efforts; helping to clarify what the Gospel asks Christians to do in relation to hunger.

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## 'Diaconal ministry' concept supported

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — The concept of a "diaconal ministry" in The United Methodist Church which would bring under one umbrella all full-time professional lay workers in the denomination was affirmed here Oct. 6-8 by the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service.

The 28-member group, chaired by Deaconess Joyce Raye Patterson, St. Joseph, Mo., affirmed legislation which a four-year Commission to Study the Ministry plans to send to the denomination's General Conference in April.

That proposed legislation calls for an Annual Conference Board of Diaconal Ministry and recommends a four-year study of such a ministry by the Board of Higher Education and Ministry to which Professional Lay Workers are now related.

There are 800 deaconesses and home missionaries (423 active) related to the Board of Global Ministries through the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service. Additionally, there are 600 professional consecrated Lay Workers related to the Board of Higher Education and Ministry through the Division of Lay Ministries.

While the official knowledge of professional lay workers through consecration is a recent development in the denomination, the deaconesses and home

missionaries have long historical roots in predecessor denominations prior to the creation of The United Methodist Church in 1968.

Miss Patterson said the Commission recognizes many details will need to be worked out but that there is strong support for recognition by the Church of the professional, serving ministry of lay persons. It was the Committee on Deaconess/Home Missionary Service, she added, which recommended to the 1972 General Conference that there be a study of the diaconate.

Many questions remain to be ironed out during a four-year study: What will be the qualifications and entry procedures for diaconal ministers? Will the missional, ecumenical and international dimension of the deaconesses and home missionaries be retained in the diaconal ministry? What will be the relationship of each to the annual conference and/or the denomination as a whole? Will home missionaries who are ordained be classified as ordained clergy or diaconal ministers?

The Committee, during its last meeting of the quadrennium, also voted to recommend that its relationship be continued as an advisory group to the Board of Global Ministries and administratively linked to the National Division.

## Advance Special giving up 224 per cent

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — United Methodists gave almost 12 per cent more in the first three quarters of 1975 to support the world-wide causes of their denomination than they did in the same period a year ago.

According to a report released here Oct. 6 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, the total giving through Sept. 30 for 16 benevolence and administrative funds was \$35,711,526. During the first nine months of 1974 support of the same funds was \$31,904,412.

As it has all year, the United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) paced the funds with an increase through Advance Special giving of 224 per cent above the first three quarters of 1974. This reflects the denomination's emphasis on hunger relief in the U.S. and abroad.

Largest single total in the report is \$12,285,458 for World Service, the church's basic benevolence fund. This figure is a decrease of seven-tenths of a per cent from the Sept. 30 report in 1974. Annual goal in this fund is \$23,500,000.

In addition to the increase in UMCOR support through Advance Specials, two other causes supported by this "second mile" giving also were up. For the three quarters, total giving through this channel was \$11,500,000, an increase of 43 per cent from a year ago.

It also was reported that the \$15,400,000 for October 1974 through September 1975 is a 12-months record in the program's 27-year history.

In the report as a whole, nine funds showed increases, and seven decreases.

The complete report for benevolence funds, compared with a year ago, is:

World Service — \$12,285,458, down .7 per cent; World Missions Advance Specials — \$5,422,154, up 2.14 per cent; National Missions Advance Specials — \$1,497,814, up 14.76 per cent; UMCOR — \$4,602,656, up 224.52 per cent; One Great Hour of Sharing — \$1,738,445, up 40.25 per cent; World Communion — \$86,537, down 11.82 per cent; World Service Specials — \$44,282, down .37 per cent; Temporary General Aid — \$633,682, up 1.67 per cent; Black College Fund — \$2,367,076, down 5.05 per cent; Ministerial Education — \$3,088,830, down 1.30 per cent; Human Relations Day — \$440,227, up 4.32 per cent; Student Day — \$179,964, up 6.37 per cent; Youth Service Fund — \$133,717, down 9.62 per cent.

The complete report for administrative funds shows:

Episcopal Fund — \$1,909,195, up 2.87 per cent; General Administration — \$822,445, up .53 per cent; Interdenominational Cooperation — \$459,034, down .06 per cent.

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## Audio-visual resources for Christmas and Advent

Your conference Film Library has a number of filmstrips, records, etc., that you may want to use for Christmas programming:

**BELLS AT CHRISTMAS:** The stories and Christmas bell lore are combined to produce a most unusual and delightful program. 20 min. Primary through Adults.

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**CHRISTMAS RIDDLE:** Filmstrip. Primary and Junior to supplement Christmas lessons, with Family Groups and General Church Audiences in special Christmas programs.

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**THE INDIAN CHRISTMAS CAROL:** 33 1/3 RMP record. The Nativity Story as told in the language of the American

Indian. For use in children's program.

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**TELL ME ABOUT CHRISTMAS:** 16 minutes. Ages 6-11. Family groups. Through happy family activities in the weeks before Christmas, Bobby, Mary, and parents discover how Christmas is for knowing God loves us, and for loving God and each other.

**PLEASE ORDER YOUR AUDIO-VISUALS EARLY** — before December 14 — **AND RETURN THE DAY AFTER SHOWING.** WRITE: CONFERENCE FILM LIBRARY, 715 CENTER ST., LITTLE ROCK, ARK. 72201.

### MRS. FLORENCE BECKER

Mrs. Florence Becker, the mother of Mrs. Edwin B. Dodson, wife of the pastor at First United Methodist Church, Texarkana, Ark., died recently at a hospital in Kaufman, Tex. The wife of the late George Becker Sr., she was a member of the United Methodist Church at Becker, Tex. She had been a resident of the Becker Community for more than 60 years. Mr. Becker died in 1949.

In addition to Mrs. Dodson, Mrs. Becker is survived by four sons, George Becker Jr. and Maj. Gen. William Becker (USA Ret.), both of Kemp, Tex., Dr. Walter Becker of New Orleans, Rear Admiral Charles Becker (UNS Ret.) of Annapolis, Md., and Bryan Becker of Dallas, and 15 grandchildren.

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• A booklet entitled **HANDBOOK FOR THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD** giving guidelines for individual members of the Administrative Board is available from Cokesbury, 1910 Main, Dallas, Tex. 75201.

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DR. NED DE JOURNETT, director of UALR Concert Choir at the University of Arkansas in Little Rock, in action.

## Pilot Choral Workshop planned at Lonoke

Lonoke United Methodist Church will sponsor a pilot project in the form of a music workshop on Sunday, Nov. 9, in cooperation with the Little Rock Conference Council on Worship. The Rev. Michael Clayton, minister of the host church, is the chairperson for the conference council.

Guest clinicians for the workshop will be Dr. and Mrs. Ned De Journett of Little Rock. Dr. De Journett is associate professor of Music at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock where he directs the UALR Concert Choir. Mrs. De Journett is lecturer in Elementary Music Education at UALR.

Assisting with the workshop will be the choirs of the Lonoke church, whose director is Mr. James E. Campbell. Invitations have gone out to church music directors of the Lonoke area to participate in the event. The pilot project will assist the Conference Coun-

cil on Worship in determining the feasibility of sponsoring similar workshops in other areas of the conference.

Dr. and Mrs. De Journett are former directors of the choirs of St. Luke United Methodist Church in Little Rock. During their five-year tenure there, their choirs performed numerous major choral works, sang for the 1974 Annual Conference in Hot Springs, and made television appearances.

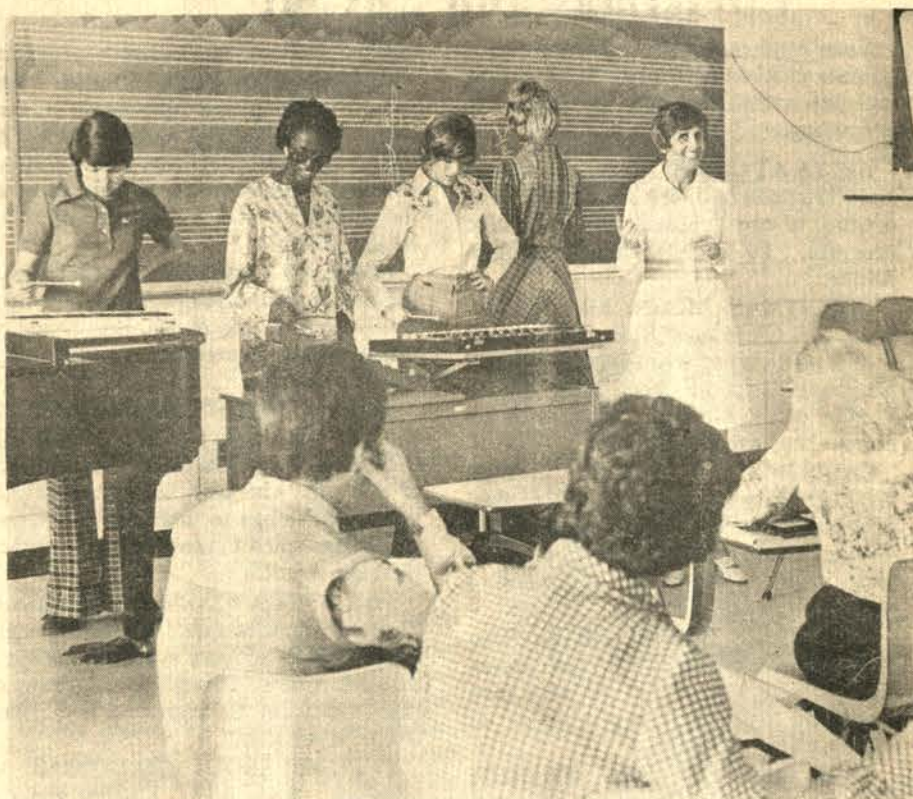
The workshop at Lonoke will include rehearsals of all the choirs with the clinicians, a sandwich supper and a vesper song service, during which Dr. De Journett will present a session on congregational hymn singing with the entire congregation participating. In addition, there will be a session on methods and materials for smaller church choirs.

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### Two Honored By Wesley Foundation

Miss Charles Jones and Miss Maude Moore (center, left to right) were presented silver trays at the recent fall meeting of the Wesley Foundation Board at Arkansas Tech College in Russellville in appreciation for their service to the Foundation. Making the presentations were Mr. Thomas Willcutt (right), chairman of the board, and the Rev. Von D. Mooney (left), Wesley Foundation director. Dr. Bobby Mullen, associate professor of mathematics at the college, and Dr. P. K. Merrill, former head of the sociology department, made statements concerning the many contributions the two have made to Wesley Foundation, to the college, and to Russellville. (A \$21,454 budget for Wesley Foundation was approved at the board meeting.)



MRS. NED (Sue) De Journett, lecturer in Elementary Music Education at UALR, in class session.

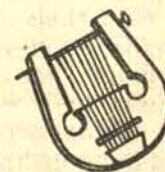
## Poetry Panorama

by BARBARA MULKEY

*To be able to see and hear the sights and sounds of God's world is a cause for special rejoicing any time of the year, but especially so when there's a symphony to be heard and diamonds on view.*

### A Symphony

The blue bird's on the trumpet,  
The thrush is on the harp.  
They're practicing Beethoven,  
Sings loud the meadow lark.  
The blue jay's on piano,  
The wren's on saxophone,  
The purple martin's swinging,  
And the owl is looking on.  
The robin does the booking,  
They're grouped throughout the land.  
Come listen to the symphony,  
It's God's fine feathered band.



—by Leota Taylor  
Lake City, Ark.

### Field of Diamonds

It was the way the sun's light pushed its way through  
oak and hickory branches, splashing upon the ground,  
reaching toward the west;  
It was the way morning's breeze gently kissed every leaf  
and blade of grass, as a mother touches the cheeks of her  
child when it is time to begin a new day.  
It was light and movement which bade my  
attention to that silent, crystal sparkle  
which softly lay upon color green.  
Tender blades bent under welcome weight;  
Such simple, common mystery as happens  
every evening,  
so easily overlooked, unheard, unnoticed.  
Such tiny unassuming bits of dampness,  
but see them sparkle and boast,  
tossing lightshine,  
shaming the most precious gem.  
Blessed is the man with a field of diamonds;  
Pity the man who calls it dew.

—by Larry D. Powell  
Little Rock, Ark.

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