

# Matters for General Conference update

## — Plan for selection, assignment of bishops, district superintendents

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — A wide-ranging series of proposals designed to significantly broaden participation of United Methodists in the selection and assignment of bishops and district superintendents, and provide for a more collegial style of leadership, have been approved for submission to the denomination's top law-making body.

The action came here Oct. 9-11 as a 31-member commission wound-up a four-year study of the two offices ordered by the 1972 General Conference. The report is expected to be a major item before the 984 delegates at the 1976 session opening Apr. 27 in Portland, Ore.

While the offices of bishop and district superintendent have "served the church effectively, functional difficulties have arisen," the report says. These "difficulties reflect a lack of clarity of the theological basis and functional roles... of the two offices.

### At Issue: Life Tenure For Bishops

If the final meeting of the study session is any indication, some of the most intense debate in Portland will center around the issue of whether bishops should be elected for life or for a specific number of years.

Earlier the commission had tentatively agreed, by a 2 to 1 margin, to recommend continuance of the present United Methodist practice of electing bishops for life. That tentative agreement was upheld by a 18-7 secret ballot here, but several of the commissioners

said they would submit a minority report to the General Conference asking for a specified number of years for a bishop.

While the text of the minority report has not yet been drafted, a proposal to the study commission here signed by six members called for one eight-year term without the possibility of re-election.

In addition to the proposed minority report from the study commission, the General Conference also will have before it a number of petitions from annual conferences and individuals supporting the concept of a term episcopacy.

A survey conducted by the commission in 1973-74 found that a majority of parish ministers and lay persons responding favored a specific term of years for bishops, while the bishops themselves and district superintendents supported election for life.

Although supporting continuance of life episcopacy, the study commission report will recommend an earlier mandatory retirement age for bishops, make voluntary retirement easier than at present, and provide for involuntary retirement.

At present, bishops must retire between age 68 and 72, depending on how their birthday falls in relation to the quadrennial meetings of the five jurisdictional conferences. The change proposed would lower the age to between 66 and 69, beginning in 1980.

Other recommendations would reduce from 12 to eight the number of years a bishop normally may serve in a particu-

lar episcopal area, facilitate transfer of bishops among the jurisdictions, provide for wider participation by parish ministers and lay persons in the election process, and set up a "network of responsibility" consisting of committees on the episcopacy at the General, jurisdiction, and annual conference levels.

Another proposal would require that due consideration be given in elections to the "inclusiveness of The United Methodist Church with respect to sex, race and national origin."

The commissioners said that wider participation in the election process would be provided by their proposal that annual conferences be permitted to nominate one or more ordained persons for consideration by the delegations to the jurisdictional conferences where the election takes place. Each annual conference would choose its own method of making nominations, but it could not bind delegates to support a particular nominee, and all lay and clerical members would have an equal vote in the process.

Jurisdictional conference delegates would not be restricted to persons nominated in the annual conferences.

Formal nomination of persons for bishop would mean a sharp departure from the church's traditional and current practice.

### Concerning The District Superintendency

The recommendations also would limit

a clergy man or woman to a total of 12 years as superintendent. There would be a limit of six consecutive years at any one time.

Present church law provides that a superintendent may serve only six one-year terms in succession at any one time, or six out of any nine years, but does not put a limit on total years in the superintendency.

Extensive consultation between bishops, district superintendents, pastors and local churches in the making of pastoral appointments also is called for. Presently, no bishop is supposed to make such appointments without consultation with both the minister and church involved.

The report, which ran to more than 125 pages in the form presented here, is seen as responding to a "profound crisis of leadership" that "while world-wide... is especially true in the U.S. . . . affect(ing) all aspects of society and all organizations, including the church."

Noting a "paradox" in which "the suspicion of leadership (in this age is) joined with the cry for leadership," the commissioners said that the solution may be "to acknowledge frankly the need for leadership and, then, to find ways to set leaders free and to support them in their leadership role."

In conducting their study, the commissioners put great stress on theological as well as sociological aspects.

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Harold H. Cabe

## Hendrix Board elects members

The Hendrix College Board of Trustees elected two new members-at-large and reelected three current members-at-large in its fall meeting Oct. 24 in Conway.

Elected to new terms were Harold H. Cabe of Little Rock and H. L. Hembree III of Fort Smith. E. J. Butler of Forrest City, Richard C. Butler of Little Rock and Charles H. Murphy of El Dorado were reelected for their second six-year terms.

Cabe, who now resides in Little Rock, retired last November from responsibilities with the Gurdon Lumber Company and other family business interests.

A native of Stamps, Cabe is a graduate of Stamps High School. After a year and

a half at Hendrix, he transferred to Southern Methodist University, from which he received an A.B. degree in English Literature. He received the M.B.A. degree from the Harvard University School of Business in 1933.

Cabe entered the family lumber business at Gurdon in 1934. He married the former Lucy Lockett of St. Louis, Mo., in 1940. They have two sons, Charles L. Cabe and Thomas H. Cabe.

Joining the United States Air Force in 1942, Cabe served in several South Pacific campaigns. He departed Leyte in August, 1944, with the first American troops to occupy Japan, where he had duty at Tokyo and Osaka. He was discharged in 1946 with the rank of Captain.

In Gurdon, Cabe was active in the



### Getting Ready For Saturday's Special Session

The North Arkansas Annual Conference will meet in Special Session at 10 a.m. Saturday, Nov. 1, at Lakewood Church, North Little Rock. A major agenda item will be the implementation of the new Structure adopted at the Conference's regular session last June. Shown are members of the Nominating Committee as they met Oct. 23 to complete their report for Saturday's meeting. Committee vice-chairperson, the Rev. Earl B. Carter, pastor of First Church, North Little Rock (back to camera), presides over meeting. Bishop Eugene M. Frank is chairperson.

United Methodist Church where he served as chairman of the Board and the Council on Finance and as a lay delegate to annual conference. For eight years he served as a member of the Council of Finance and Administration of the Little Rock Conference of The United Methodist Church. He was recently appointed to the Laymen's Advisory Board of Perkins School of Theology at SMU.

In 1973 and 1974 he served as a director on the Board of the National Forest Products Association and also as president of the National Oak Floor Manufacturing Association.

Chairman of the Board of the Arkansas Best Corporation, H. L. Hembree III, is a native of Fort Smith and is a

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### Fort Chaffee Church World Service

Bishop Eugene M. Frank holds copy of Vietnamese English New Testament (with personally inscribed good wishes) presented by Cao Van Quang (left) during recent visit at the Office of Church World Service at Fort Chaffee. Others in photo are, left to right, Mrs. Aaron Barling, case worker at the office, Dr. Charles McDonald, Fort Smith District superintendent and coordinator for the refugee placement program of the United Methodist Church at Fort Smith, Mrs. Frank, and (at right) Mrs. Gerald Rainwater, also a case worker. Cao Van Quang serves as an interpreter in the office.

### Hendrix trustees

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graduate of Northside High School there. In 1953 he received the B.S. degree in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, and in 1958 he received the L.L.B. degree from the Law School of the same institution.

In 1958 he became associated with Arkansas Best Freight System as its assistant general claims manager. He advanced subsequently to the position of assistant general traffic manager and then to the newly created post of director of finance. Later he was named vice president of finance and was elected to the Board of Directors.

In 1966 Hembree became the president and a director of Arkansas Best Corporation, which was formed in a reorganization of ABF. In 1973 he was elected chairman of the Board and chief executive officer of ABC. He is a director of the Merchants National Bank, First Federal Savings and Loan Association and Mid-America Industries, all of Fort Smith. A member of the National Advisory Board of Commercial National Bank in Little Rock, Hembree is also a director of Scheduled Skyways Inc., of Little Rock.

The owner and president of Sugarhill Farms Inc., of Paris, Ark., Hembree is president and director of the Arkansas Chamber of Commerce, a past president and a lifetime honorary director of the Fort Smith Chamber of Commerce and a past director of the National Association of Manufacturers.

He is also chairman of the Board of Trustees of the St. Edward Mercy Medical Center in Fort Smith, president of Area One of the South Central Region of Boy Scouts of America and a past member of the Executive Board of the Arkansas Mental Health Association.

A member of the Arkansas Board of Higher Education, Hembree has been active in educational organizations. He is a member of the Development Council of the University of Arkansas and a past director of the University of Arkansas Alumni Association. He is a past member of the Executive Committee of the Arkansas Council on Economic Education.

An Episcopalian, he is married to the former Sara Janelle Young, and they have two sons, Hugh Lawson IV, aged 16, and Raymond Scott, aged 14.

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### Perkins Alumni Council in session

The Perkins Alumni Council is in session Oct. 28-30 at the Dallas campus of Perkins School of Theology, SMU. Among major agenda items are a study on "Ministerial Effectiveness" and "A New Day in Church Music." In addition, plans for the second annual Alumni Giving Campaign will be reviewed.

Members of the Council from the Little Rock Conference are the Rev. Fred H. Haustein, pastor of St. Andrew Church, Little Rock, and the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul's Church, El Dorado. Members from the North Arkansas Conference are Dr. Charles P. McDonald Jr., superintendent of the Fort Smith District, and the Rev. Tom Weir, pastor of First Church, Pocahontas.

## General Conference preparations proceed, with economies planned

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. (UMC) — Despite increased costs of the past four years, the 1976 United Methodist General Conference is expected to be held at an expenditure level near that of the 1972 session, according to the commission responsible for planning the worldwide, law-making assembly of the denomination.

Meeting here Oct. 15-16, the commission approved a preliminary budget for the session opening at 3 p.m. April 27 in Portland, Ore., of \$1,002,398. Expenditures for the 1972 meeting in Atlanta, Ga., totaled some \$975,000.

Much of the saving is expected to come from economies planned in the production of the **Daily Christian Advocate**, the day-to-day record of the proceedings; pre-conference reports from church agencies and study commissions; and elimination of special programs.

Largest single items in the budget are the \$375,000 travel expense for the 984 delegates, and the \$300,000 per diem to

be paid at the rate of \$25 per day of the conference. Travel has been put at \$240,000 for 900 U.S. delegates, with the 86 representatives from outside the U.S. budgeted at \$135,000.

In other business here, the Commission on the General Conference worked on agendas for the opening sessions in Portland, toured the Indiana Convention Center where the 1980 General Conference will be held, and asked a subcommittee to consider further possible recommendations to the 1976 session for a reduction in size of the conference.

The church's constitution provides for a General Conference of not fewer than 600 or more than 1,000 delegates. The present size of the conference is based on a ratio of one delegate for each 44,000 lay members of the church, and one clergy delegate for each 140 ordained persons, with the provision that each annual conference shall have at least one clergy and one lay delegate.

The ten-day meeting will open with a service of Holy Communion led by the Council of Bishops. The Episcopal Address to be given by Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, is set for 7 p.m. April 27.

The 3 p.m. opening time is an advancement of 30 minutes in the hour announced earlier.

### Seminar offered at St. Paul School of Theology

St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, will sponsor a Seminar on Experiential Theology Nov. 3-5, open to interested persons. Designed as "an intensive group experience and a look at the theological implications of what actually happens in the group," the sessions will be led by Dr. Bruce D. Rahtjen, professor of Biblical Theology at the United Methodist institution.

Tuition cost for the three-day event is \$35; room and board \$30. Persons wishing to enroll should send \$5 pre-registration, with name, address and phone number to: Susan Vogel, Office of Continuing Education, St. Paul School of Theology, 5123 Truman Road, Kansas City, Mo. 64127.

### Former New Jersey Governor to lecture at Hendrix

William T. Cahill, former governor of New Jersey and U.S. Representative, will be at Hendrix College Monday through Friday, Nov. 3-7, as a Woodrow Wilson Visiting Fellow.

The Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation founded the program in 1973 for the purpose of promoting greater contact, understanding and sharing of ideas and experiences between the academic world and the world of business, diplomacy and the professions.

Cahill, who is now a partner in the law firm of Cahill, McCarthy & Hicks of Princeton, New Jersey, will present a public lecture at 7 p.m., Monday, Nov. 3. During the remainder of the time at Hendrix, he will speak to various classes and will be available for informal discussions with students.

Cahill holds the B.A. degree from St. Joseph's College and an LL.B. degree from Rutgers University. While attending law school he taught in the Camden, New Jersey, public school system.

He served as a special agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C., Little Rock, and St. Louis, during 1937-38.

Cahill served in the U.S. House of Representatives from 1958 until his election as Governor of New Jersey in 1969. He continued in this office until 1973. Cahill served as a member of the House Judiciary Committee; the Patents, Trademarks, Copyrights, and Revision of the Laws Subcommittee; the State Taxation of Interstate Commerce Subcommittee; the Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee and the Special Subcommittee on Submerged Lands.

The public is invited to attend his public lecture on Nov. 3, in Mills Center. There will be no admission charge.

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### Leaders At Seminar On World Hunger

"The Church and World Hunger" was the theme for the Church in Community Seminar held Oct. 20-23 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville. Shown are resource persons and planning committee members, from left: the Rev. Jerry Bedford of Little Rock, Director of Development for Heifer Project; the Rev. James Mitchell, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Malvern; the Rev. Louis Averitt, associate pastor, First United Methodist Church, Little Rock; the Rev. Robert VanHook, Wesley Foundation, Southern State College, Monticello; the Rev. Franklin Chesnut (chairman), pastor, Cumberland Presbyterian Church, Booneville; Mrs. Frances W. Jones, Cooperative Extension Services, Little Rock; the Rev. Joseph Keys, School of Theology at Claremont, Calif. (principal resource person); Dr. Myers Curtis, director, North Arkansas Conference Council, and the Rev. Mrs. Virginia Barksdale, pastor, First Presbyterian Church, Dardanelle.

# Editorial correspondence . . .

(NOTE: The following is the last in a series of articles on Heifer Project International's shipment of 140 dairy cows to Tanzania, which shipment I was privileged to accompany. —the editor)

## West-bound Reflections

**ABOARD PAN AM CLIPPER #189 over Nigeria, West Africa, Oct. 12, 9 p.m.** — Sunsets have always been a favorite game with me. So the last three hours have been an inexpressible delight, playing chase in our big Boeing 707 at over 650 miles per hour with that great, golden ball, pursuing it westward to its secret place where it spends the night. Our running contest lengthens the daylight hours, prolonging these delicious evening reveries. And finally, after drinking up a mixture of golden and crimson and silver and purple and strawberry-cloud-sundaes, we concede the race and resign ourselves to making the rest of our journey in darkness.

But the night, too, is pleasant company. For both of these — the sunset hour and the night-time — make especially suitable smoking jackets for reflection; warm, cozy wraps which toast the brain and make recollecting and reflecting and memory-fixing a hot chocolate kind of experience. And the continuous whir of the jet engines adds its own dimension to the unreal feeling of it all. The whole sensation is a luxury I feel guilty enjoying, knowing that my Tanzania friends, now some 3000 miles to the east, cannot dine with me at this table so richly spread.

Even the brief stopovers we have made in the last ten hours excite the mind with their storybook names: Mombassa, Nairobi, Kinshasa, Lagos. And coming up are Monrovia and Dakar — and then New York City! My mind argues whether to contemplate the near future with its happy reunions or reflect upon the unforgettable events of these last 24 days. I settle for enjoying briefly the former before nestling down for a long session with the latter.



## Trail boss at rest

**MOROGORO, Tanzania, Oct. 9, 7:30 p.m.** — After a long and car-trouble-ridden trip from Das es Salaam, I enjoy a leisurely evening meal and visit in the Faculty of Agriculture's Guest House with my new friend from Bangladesh, Dr. Hag, a professor of microbiology. I'm under the impression that my companions have gone into town to find a meal. But what I don't know is that they have, in fact, stopped one mile down the road to hail the unexpected arrival from Dar of the first of the ten trucks which will take our 139 cows to their new home on the Kitulo Plateau.

Because of confusion and delays we have given up hope that the trucks would arrive in time for loading tonight, our original plan. But after a quick conference the decision is made to "load 'em up and move 'em out!"

So while I'm enjoying the comforts of the Guest House my friends are feverishly loading my cows on the trucks in preparation for the 425-mile trip. I finally receive the word in time to get in on the loading of the final two vehicles. How they ever got the other eight loaded without me, I don't understand.

## How to stay awake while driving at night

**ENROUTE TO KITULO FARM, Oct. 10** — It's 12:15 a.m. now and the four of us — one African, one New Zealander and we two "Yanks," Dr. Charley Arntson and myself — are in a United Nation's Peugeot 404, following at a comfortable

distance behind our ten trucks enroute to Kitulo Farm, 18 hours down the road. Though it should be a sleepy drive in this comfortable vehicle (especially equipped to smooth out the bumps of East Africa — quite a relief from our Jeep ride of a week before on these same roads) it's a journey charged with all sorts of emotions. It's the final leg of our 12,000 mile cattle drive. At long last we're actually on our way to Kitulo Farm!

Now it's almost 2 a.m. and we're nearing Mikumi National Park, where some days earlier we enjoyed watching a great variety of wildlife in its natural habitat.

Dr. Charley is driving at about 80 kilometers — 48 miles per hour — when our headlights pick up two large, dark forms in the road directly in front of us. Elephants! One large male, white ivory tusks gleaming in the lights, is right on the edge of our side of the highway. Another is on the other side. Our African friend cautions Charley to "Slow down! slow down!", so Charley, naturally, keeps right on going, right between the two large animals, who were, I suppose, blinded by our headlights. Whew!

For the rest of the 50 miles through the park we're on the edge of our seats, eyes about as wide open as were the elephant's, any thoughts of sleep quickly forgotten.

I guess the elephants had come out to watch our cows go by. And why not.

## A special moment

**KITULO FARM, Mbeya Region, Tanzania, Oct. 10, 3 p.m.** — They've just told me that the last truck up the hill had to be chocked every ten feet over the roughest parts of the road, to enable it to rest before making another labored effort to make the next ten feet ahead. But remarkably, all ten vehicles have arrived safely at Kitulo Farm. Our cows are home!

**5 P.M.** — Here at the unloading I keep thinking there ought to be some sort of special ceremony — like, say, the Arkansas Tech Band from Russellville, Arkansas, playing a stirring march or two, or maybe John Wayne or Bella Abzug or somebody like that making a speech or something. Maybe later.

**6 P.M.** — The final truck is empty and the last cow is safely home. I'm here alone for a moment though a dozen people are milling around. I listen to the private music in my head and heart, though all that can be heard on the outside is the sound of sage grass rustling in the brisk, chilly late-evening breeze across this high African plateau.

It's a special moment. Something significant has been done. One more small nail to hold the universe together has been firmly, securely driven home. It feels good.

## So little time

**LITTLE ROCK, Ark., USA, Oct. 25** — It really wasn't fair that we had to get off the plateau so quickly that evening. But no sooner than the last animal had been offloaded, we had to make haste to beat the darkness down the mountain, leaving Doc and Dorothy Henning alone for the first time in their new home.

I recall seeing all their goods piled in the middle of the floor, and I remember realizing that the gasoline-powered electric generator would keep the lights on only from 6 p.m. to 10:30 p.m. that evening — as it would every evening for them during the next two years. How in the world would they shake off all the dust and "make home" in such a short time!

And so little time, too, to exchange goodbyes after such a rich experience together. But handshakes and hugs and looks say more than words; and the joy of sharing together in a meaningful venture are not ended by such partings.

Doc and Dorothy and Charley and Mary will continue to do their work. And our cows will do theirs. And the rest of us can do ours.

I left Kitulo Farm remembering a comment by Doc Henning, made some 22 days earlier during our long drive together from Fourche River Ranch at Perryville, Arkansas to New Iberia, Louisiana, from where we would fly to East Africa with our 140 cows. I had asked him about his motivation for being involved in this Heifer Project International program and of his dreams for its success.

"Well," he said, "I suppose our wildest expectations are to think that perhaps 50 to 75 years from now — and even longer than that — people of Tanzania will be enjoying the dairy products and milk made possible by the foundation animals that we are taking over today. They will enjoy, perhaps, for generations to come, the nutritional advantages that we in America have enjoyed for so many years."

Upon leaving the farm I looked back to where our cows had been. They were off down the hill now, grazing toward the stream far below. But the children, who had gathered to watch all the excitement, were still there, playing their last, late-evening games.

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## From Our Readers

### 'A TRULY GREAT PASTOR'

To the Editor:

Our pastor Jim Chandler died yesterday. His death has come as a severe blow to his family, of course, but also to the members of his congregation at Huntington Avenue. Perhaps only those in other churches where Brother Jim served as pastor can fully appreciate the shock his death brings.

I, personally, have the feeling that Jim Chandler was one of the most underrated or underestimated ministers in the North Arkansas Conference. He was a quiet man and quiet men sometimes suffer the fate of not being noticed.

But quietness can be a virtue, a strength. In Jim Chandler this quietness was complemented by a sincerity that was beyond doubt. He loved people. In all my dealings with him, and remembering the countless numbers of meetings and gatherings at which we both were present, I never saw him get angry. His was always the voice of reason and love. I am absolutely convinced he wanted to do what was right and I am equally sure that this was what he wanted us as church members and Christians to do.

Brother Jim was the kind of pastor you could talk to. And he made himself available. He visited, he nurtured, he cared, he consoled, he advised, he listened, he tended the sheep.

He loved God. He loved the Methodist Church. He loved his people. In all my life as a Methodist, I have never known a greater pastor. And I think that word "great" applies. In my view — and I'm sure it's shared by our congregation — Jim Chandler was a truly great pastor. He will be sorely missed by all his friends and acquaintances everywhere and certainly by all of us at Huntington Avenue.

Charles Rasberry, Chairman  
Administrative Board  
Huntington Avenue United  
Methodist Church, Jonesboro

### CHILEAN METHODIST WRITES

To the Editor:

In a letter appearing on page 9 of *Arkansas Methodist* for July 17, just received here, the writer makes a passing reference to the fact that the Latin America Staff of the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church (very much concerned about human rights just now) never protested when human rights, etc., were crushed down by the Allende Marxist-Leninist regime in Chile.

As a Chilean Methodist, I would like to take the liberty of pointing out just two other expressions of the behavior of said Staff:

1. When Swedish Ambassador to Chile, Harold Edelstaam had to leave Chile as "persona non-grata" due to his overt and clandestine support of left extremists, the organization known as "USLA" ("U.S. Consulate for Justice to Latin America Political Prisoners") made him ambassador-at-large and the Latin America staff donated \$1,000 "to underwrite the tour of Ambassador Edelstaam." (Thus reads the resolution adopted by the Staff.)

The gentleman traveled extensively and devoted himself wholeheartedly to vilifying the present Chilean government and, consequently, the people of Chile who support it. In this task of

defamation, the "ambassador" was partially supported with Methodist missionary money!

In recognition of Mr. Edelstaam's crusade, the Cuban dictator invited him to Havana and accorded him a "masterful" reception for his "relevant" "defense of political prisoners in Chile."

However, the "ambassador" of "USLA" and of the Latin America Staff of The United Methodist World Division, kept monachal silence concerning the thousands of political prisoners right there in Cuba, many of whom have been suffering in the tyrant's dungeons for nearly 15 years now, as disclosed not too long ago by U.S. news commentator Jack Anderson.

2. The Latin America Staff accorded as well \$2,000 to "NACLA" (North American Congress on Latin America, New York, N.Y.).

This agency describes itself as: "Independent, radical, anti-imperialistic research organization focusing on U.S. operation in Latin America and on the Home Front operation of major industrial financial interests."

The generous gift is understandable. "NACLA" provided of their publications to "PARA" (Project for Awareness and Action of U.S. Christians in Chile) in which 6 Methodist missionaries under the World Division assigned to serve in Chile took active part in continuous private meetings, involving themselves in matters purely political, with contacts even with left wing extremists, as exhibited in their official minutes.

Pedro Zottele,  
(Retired Bishop of  
Chilean Methodist Church)  
Santiago, Chile

### MEDITATION IN SCHOOLS FAVORED

To the Editor:

In the October 1975 Ladies' Home Journal there is a debate on meditation in schools. Connecticut has already passed a law permitting meditation in schools and other states are considering it.

The head of the Civil Liberties Union is violently against meditation in schools, saying it is a form of prayer — and, of course, it is. Ignorance of the human make-up amounts to stupidity on the part of William Olds who has the "Con" side of the argument.

No person can come into his complete fulfillment without learning the art of meditation. Furthermore, you cannot legislate against a person's thoughts. The nature of man is such that a natural seeking of God, or that elusive something on the part of people who do not believe in God, is present in the hearts of all mankind. Many people in many lands make a practice of meditation.

Even some of the most pragmatic businessmen have learned to take time for introspection. Problems are solved and outlook is changed in meditation. True worship is found in deepest meditation. Did the holy men of all ages go into desert places just to see sand blowing in the wind? How else can you commune with God?

If churches were enlightened they would seize the opportunity to push this movement with all forces available. Sadly, they will not. Their meaningless meetings, conferences and parties will continue with sweet amiability but few works.

They could take some positive steps to undo some of the damage they helped to create when they agreed with a Godless

Supreme Court.

The Ladies' Home Journal invites comment.

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### "DEAR JOHN"

To the Editor:

Please send me your old English Literature Book. In one of the Sunday School Lessons I referred to a "Robert" when it ought to have been "Arthur." Your readers are surely alert. Don't try to put anything over on them.

Joel Cooper  
Central UMC  
Fayetteville, Ark.

### ABOUT METHODIST LITERATURE

To the Editor:

There has been much said and written about Methodist literature. And I think most of the unfavorable criticism tells a good deal more about the teacher than it does the literature. The literature writers assume that the teachers will be smart enough to teach — and unfortunately, this is not always the case.

But, from my own personal experience of having lived in several Arkansas communities over the past 20 years and attending the different Methodist churches, I've found that where there is a really wise and sufficiently educated teacher, you seldom hear him or her (or the students) complaining about the literature.

An interested layman

## Open Forum

### Sit-com / Sick-com

We are indeed a nation of habitual television watchers. No longer can we say that baseball, or any other kind of "ball" for that matter, is our national pastime.

The one unanimous choice of all America is to spend many hours in the company of an electronic magic box, being instant witness to events around the world (indeed even to outer space).

We are informed and entertained, tested and made to laugh, bored and lulled to sleep by the mere turning of a dial.

We use television as everything from a school to a baby sitter (sometimes even a granny sitter).

We learn about all the new consumer products through television advertising. We are more aware of consumer rights and responsibilities because of television advertising.

What, we ask ourselves (in anguish) would we do without television?

Maybe we don't want to do without it — but there, most assuredly, are several things we can do with it.

There are several concerns about the current offerings on television. These concerns run all the way from "too much sex and violence" to "not enough Beethoven."

I personally am a fan of what has been called, by the industry, "situation comedies" or "sit-com's." I have found that when watching television for the pure enjoyment of it, I thoroughly enjoy a good, funny show.

A majority of the "sit-coms" presented this season have ceased to be entertaining and funny and for the most part

## Christian Family Life Seminar, Nov. 7-8

A Christian Family Life Seminar sponsored by an interdenominational group of Little Rock Christian laypersons will be held at Immanuel Baptist Church, 1000 Bishop Street, Little Rock, Nov. 7 and 8. The Christian Family Life, Inc., formerly headquartered in Dallas, has recently moved to the Worthen Bank Building in Little Rock.

Mr. Tim Timmons of Fort Worth, director of Communication for the organization, will be a key resource person for the event which includes a Basic I Seminar dealing with husband-wife relationships and a Basic II Workshop focused on parent-child relationships. Interested persons may register for either segment. A fee of \$15 for single persons includes the course manual; a \$25 fee per couple includes one manual.

The seminar begins on Friday, Nov. 7 with registration from 5:30 to 7 p.m. and the evening session is scheduled for 7 to 10 p.m. Saturday sessions are scheduled for 9 a.m. to 12 noon; 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Child care will be provided by reservation only, for infants through the sixth grade, at a cost of \$1 per child per session.

More complete information may be obtained by calling 376-3071 or 372-1065.

*NOTE: We remind correspondents that letters for use in the "From Our Readers" column are to bear the signature and address of the writer, though that information may be withheld from publication if the writer so requests. Brief letters have a greater chance of being published. We invite readers to share views on matters of interest.* —the editor

have become "sick-comedies." It seems that the producers and writers of these shows are in competition with each other as to which show can be the most explicit about sex and remain on the air.

I am embarrassed to sit and watch these shows with anyone, even my wife. I would suggest that these shows be transferred to ETV and labeled for what they are "Street and Gutter Sex Education."

I, and my family, have begun to exercise our constitutional prerogative by properly utilizing the on/off switch and channel selector on our television sets. The only "voice" that the three major television networks listen to is the much publicized "ratings." What affects the ratings are surveys that report what you and I, and others like us, watch on television.

If everyone who is concerned about the current filth and ugliness coming into our homes, would join in exercising our option of turning the dials on our television receivers, and asking all of our friends and relatives to do the same —

If every concerned United Methodist across the state would join in a united effort of "Tuning Out" the "Sick-Coms" and other "sick" shows — WE COULD SEND A CLEAR AND UNMISTAKABLE MESSAGE TO THE "VOICE" THAT HAS THE "EARS AND POCKETBOOK" OF NETWORK TELEVISION.

—James W. Lane,  
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Arkansas Methodist



"Sinful human behavior" is the "root cause" of world hunger, according to a new policy statement issued by the National Council of Churches. Why, the 20-page document asks, did so many go hungry in 1974 when enough food was produced worldwide last year to meet minimal nutritional levels? The statement asks churches to help formulate more equitable means of distributing food and to challenge over-consumption in the U.S.

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**Dr. Thomas Oden**, professor of theology and ethics at United Methodist's Drew University, Madison, N.J., has, in a statement prepared for the New Jersey Council of Churches, questioned the morality of removing the artificial life supports from 21-year-old Karen Anne Quinlan, who has been in a coma for six months. Dr. Oden warned the courts not to set dangerous precedents which "could be construed unjustly and harmfully to human life." He said that "however one classifies the Quinlan case, it is probable that it would be interpreted, rightly or wrongly, as a more general court sanction of all forms of euthanasia (mercy killing) unless the court makes it very clear about the limits of its sanctions."

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**Father Francis MacNutt, O.P.**, told 17,000 persons attending a Charismatic Renewal Conference in Atlantic City that, "The Charismatic Renewal has rediscovered sin, not just personal sin, but the sin of the world. But we can't cope with it on the human level. We need the 'gift' of God's love." Citing problems like homosexuality, drug addiction and alcoholism, he said the Church does not fully realize these problems need the "healing power of God."

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**Methodist Bishop Lawi Imathiu**, chairman of the National Christian Council of Kenya, said in an interview that the Churches have important roles to play in the nation's political affairs. Bishop Imathiu, a member of the Kenyan Parliament, declared that "the Churches must speak the bitter truth and be ready to die for it. The truth, of course, must be spoken in love. But we must be firm, because our independence depends on this truth. Independence without truth will die."

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**Roman Catholic liturgical leaders**, meeting in Boston, were told that weekly attendance at Mass has declined by 21 per cent in the last 10 years, but that the apparent cause is not post-Vatican II liturgical changes but the Church's stand on birth control and divorce and questions concerning the authority of the Pope. The findings were based on a special study of the attitudes of American Catholics.



**GRADUATES** from first nursing course in Cochabamba, Bolivia, made possible by UNICEF funds. Seated: Bolivian doctors of the University School of Medicine and Public Health Service, and at left, Senora Rogelia Manchego, director of course, Senora Alicia Bustamante, director of Nursing Services of Public Health, and Senora Irma Mendoza, instructor.

## UNICEF at work in Bolivia

A letter from Helen Wilson

Paul said to the Corinthians, "Let no one seek his own good, but the good of his neighbor."

I think you Methodists in Arkansas are fulfilling this teaching of Paul's when you contribute to the UNICEF FUND collected by the Church and neighborhood children at Halloween time.

I know personally of one of several ways by which the Bolivians are helped through your giving. Scholarships are provided for the salaries of rural health workers in order to take courses in nursing to help to upgrade their services in the communities where they are assigned.

I know of this project because Senora Rogelia Manchego, the director of the courses and one of her assistants, Senora Irma Mendoza, were my dormitory girls while they studied nursing in our Evangelical School of Nursing in La Paz. They are both very efficient in their nursing profession.

They are married and have several children.

In the picture of the graduation of the first course they are seated at the table in uniforms. The other public health nurse Senora Alicia Bustamante is another one of our graduates. Also seated at the table in front of the graduating class are doctors of the University School of Medicine and of the Public Health Service.

If you are not solicited or are not at home the night of the drive in your area, you will do Bolivia and the rest of the world a great favor by making a donation through the proper channels.

Helen B. Wilson  
Methodist Missionary to Bolivia  
Casilla 770  
Cochabamba, Bolivia,  
South America

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A Virginia zoning law which has barred a small congregation from holding services in a private home has met with strong opposition from Americans United for Separation of Church and State. An editorial in the October issue of its journal, Church & State, says "It is interesting that while Fairfax County's code prohibits regularly scheduled worship in homes, it does not prohibit regularly scheduled drinking parties or pornographic film parties in homes."

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**Spiritual leaders** of the Middle Eastern-American community have called on Lebanon's political and religious leaders to exert their utmost to halt "at once" the "horrible and shameful massacre" in Lebanon. The appeal said: "As long as the Palestinians are denied the right to return to their homeland, there will not be peace in Lebanon and the entire Middle East."

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**Father Lance Shilton**, dean of the Sydney (Australia) Anglican diocese, has proposed that the Church act more responsibly in dealing with the occult. He said ministers should not rush in and blame demon possession for what could be psychiatric disturbances.

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**Anglican Archbishop Stuart Blanch of York**, said in a British Independent Television program, "I think the Church does have a responsibility to society, not telling people what to do, but being prepared to criticize elements in society which make us less human."

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A national ecumenical journal called "Talk 'n' Thought" has been launched in Houston for the wives of clergymen. The publication is designed to provide a practical, up-to-date, varied and creative look at the role of the parish minister's wife, according to Clara Bing Binford, 38, the editor and wife of an Episcopalian minister.

## Council Directors to Local Churches

## New audio-visual resources in conferences' Film Library

Audio-visuals recently received in your Conference Audio-visual Library. Book them by writing the METHODIST FILM LIBRARY, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.

**THE PURPLE TREE:** National Teacher Education Project consisting of a 55-frame filmstrip and a 19-minute cassette recording. This program tells how a learning center was designed and is used throughout the week in St. Petersburg, Fla.

**EFFECTIVE LEARNING CENTERS IN THE CHURCH SCHOOL:** 92-frame filmstrip (plus title and credit frames) and a 14-minute cassette recording. The program tells the story of learning centers designed for use in Clairmont Presbyterian Church, Decatur, Ga. This resource and **THE PURPLE TREE** are offered by the National Teacher Education Project as one example of an approach to open education in the churches.

**OUR LIVING BIBLE CASSETTES**

**FOR THE BLIND:** Cassette tapes of the unit, "Believe the Good News," and the unit, "Teacher, Savior, and Lord," produced for persons who are blind or visually handicapped.

**THE CHRISTIAN WOMAN IN TODAY'S WORLD:** Filmstrip with script and cassette. In English and Spanish.

### RESOURCES SUGGESTED FOR MISSION STUDIES

**BIBLE STUDY: THE PROPHETS**

**STORIES FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: THE PROPHETS (Series X):** 10 filmstrips / (1) FRONTIERSMEN OF FAITH; (2) AMOS, God's Angry Man; (3) HOSEA, Prophet of God's Love; (4) MICAH, Prophet of the Common Man; (5) VISIONS OF ISAIAH; (6) ISAIAH, Statesman of God. (Series IX): (1) JEREMIAH, The Reluctant Rebel; (2) EZEKIEL, Man of Vision; (3) PROPHET-POET of the Exile; (4) IN THE FULLNESS OF TIME.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA: CHRISTIAN PRESENCE:**

**SOUNDS AND SOUNDINGS IN SOUTHEAST ASIA: RECORD:** One side features indigenous music and the other has interviews with youths on contemporary problems.

**SOUTHEAST ASIA - A PROVOCATIVE PROFILE:** Filmstrip, Record, designed to provoke discussion, based on a quick and up-to-date look at church and society in the vast area called Southeast Asia.

**A NATION UNDER GOD:**

**The ASIAN AMERICAN:** Color filmstrip probing problems and suffering of Americans of Asian descent, 88 frames with cassette.

**IN THE HEART OF APPALACHIA:** Filmstrip with cassette giving brief overview of United Methodist ministries in Southeastern Kentucky.

**WHEN A MAN DOES IT FOR HIM-**

**SELF:** Filmstrip, Record, 115 frames. A visual study of self-determination. Three different community organization's projects are viewed. The pride and success of the poor people involved in helping themselves and determining their own future are apparent.

**THE HIGH PRICE OF BEANS (Or The Welfare Blues):** Cassette. What happens to welfare recipients as prices soar? How do recipients feel about themselves, their families, their struggle? And how do they feel about the system?

**THE PEOPLE CALLED METHODIST:** 16mm, 28 minutes. United Methodists in North America can share in the celebration of the globality of the people who call themselves Methodists around the globe. Photographed in Australia, Singapore, Bolivia, Sierra Leone, Jerusalem and the United States, the film attempts to show glimpses of all of the churches who trace their common origins to Wesleyan Methodism.

# Struggling with pride and jealousy

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



## Lesson for November 9

**ORIENTATION:** Jacob and his sons were earthy sons. They struggled with this earthiness, but did not always win. Today's lesson contains the story of Jacob's pride, Joseph's arrogance, and the brothers' jealousy. Note the sequence of sin: pride resulted in arrogance and arrogance resulted in jealousy and jealousy resulted in violence. It is important to know the Biblical story; it is more important to draw the "lesson" for it: sin is a progressive thing, moving from bad to worse.

**SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 27.

**CONCLUSIONS HOPED FOR:** (1) That you might see clearly how pride tends to produce arrogance and how arrogance tends to produce jealousy; (2) That you might see this sequence of sin not only in the actions of individuals but in the actions of nations; (3) That you might recognize these sins in your own life; (4) That you might determine anew to resist these evils with all your powers — and God's.

### "long, sleeved robe"

I cut my teeth on the teaching that Joseph's robe was a "coat of many colors," but the RSV and the NEB say that it was a "long, sleeved robe." The "many colors" description was based on the oldest Greek version of the Old Testament, the Septuagint (LXX). Other manuscripts were used for the newer translations.

In any event, it is clear that the robe which Jacob gave to Joseph was meant to imply that Joseph was in some way superior to his brothers. Jacob did not give robes with sleeves to all his sons. This distinguished Joseph from the others.

Now, I believe that this sign of favoritism was a deliberate act by Jacob. The Scripture Lesson says, "Israel (Jacob) loved Joseph more than any other of his sons." And we can understand something of how Jacob felt. He was an old man when Joseph was born; and Joseph was his son by his favorite wife, Rachael. Everything he had wanted to be and was not, he saw as potential in Joseph; everything he had been and was proud of, he saw as reality in Joseph.

These attributes were not all in Joseph, but Jacob thought they were. So Joseph was spoiled, pampered, and given special treatment. All of this comes to focus in that "long, sleeved robe" — the symbol of Jacob's pride.

Concerning others, there is a right kind of pride and a wrong kind. Jacob had the wrong kind. Evil-pride is exclusive. It shuts out everything or everyone except the object of the pride. Joseph's brothers did not count in Jacob's eyes; Joseph was the darling.

The right kind of pride recognizes and values certain persons or things but does not eliminate everything/ everyone else. Jacob's "pride and joy" (Joseph) was put on a pedestal; no one else mattered. Jacob began the sequence of sin with his evil-pride.

Jacob's pride was evil because of what it did to Jacob himself. He suffered the loss of Joseph because his pride set the stage for Joseph's Egyptian enslavement. His pride robbed him of the joys he might have had in the lives and achievements of his other sons. His pride in a sense separated him from God, so important Joseph was to him. Jacob tried to live through and in his son, failing to face up to his own approaching end. Pride was a delusion.

Moreover, Jacob's pride was evil because of what it did to Joseph's brothers. They were robbed of their proper amount of self-esteem. Everytime they turned around, they were "put down" and reminded of their inferiority. They were also treated unfairly, given the hardest work to do with the least rewards. They never received nor expected to receive a "long, sleeved robe," and were the worse for it.

Do you see what evil-pride does? Look at national life. If a nation's actions reflect a concern only for itself, if other nations are considered inferior and are shut out, that is evil-pride. This kind of pride robs the prideful nation of those marvelous cultural and intellectual interchanges which might enrich its own life. And it deprives other nations of the blessings which the prideful nation could bestow upon them.

In the past this kind of pride, this chauvinism, has led to war. And will again — in nations, in families, in communities of whatever size or nature.

### "sun . . . moon . . . stars . . . bowing down"

Jacob's pride was evil, not only because of what it did to Jacob and to the older sons, but because of what it did to Joseph: it pushed Joseph toward an unbearable arrogance. I do not mean to say that Joseph was not responsible for his arrogance. He was, but Jacob's pride in Joseph fed the young man's delusions of grandeur.

One night Joseph had a dream about sheaves of grain and how the sheaves of his brothers bowed down to his sheaf. He could hardly wait to tell them of his dream for he was certain he knew its meaning and wanted a chance to "rub it in" on his brothers. All it did was to make them hate him more.

One dream was not enough, so he had another one — or said he did. Approaching his brothers, he said: "Listen: I have had another dream. The sun and moon and eleven stars were bowing down to me." The meaning of this dream was obvious, so the brothers went to their father and said, "We've had it with Joseph. He never stops talking about how great he is. And now he is saying that he is greater than his father and his mother." Then they told the dream.

That was too much for Jacob, so he called Joseph "onto the carpet" and "dressed him down" a bit. But, in the eyes of the brothers, this was little punishment. They went back to their flocks in Shechem ready to "put out a contract" on him.

Now, I realize that this approach to the story dulls the shining armor in which most of us have seen Joseph. But isn't it a believable emphasis? What we have to remember about this story and all of these early Biblical stories is that they come from the hands of several authors, one after the other revising the material from their own particular perspective.

No question about it, the story of Joseph has been revised to make him look from the first like the hero he became later on in Egypt.

I think Joseph was a spoiled brat. If I had been his brother, I would have been "uptight," too, and would have been anxious for him to get his "comeuppance."

Let us look at arrogance a moment. The arrogant person is overly convinced of his own importance, overbearing proud and haughty. What are the results of arrogance? The arrogant person "turns off" every person he touches, and thus becomes a very lonely person. Sometimes the arrogant one sees the folly of his ways, repents, and is restored by the grace of God to a more normal level of self-esteem. But often his loneliness drives him to greater extremes of self-aggrandizement. Then, instead of driving people away from him, he angers and provokes them to violence against him.

That is what happened to Joseph. One day Jacob sent Joseph to check on his brothers and the sheep. When the brothers saw him coming, they plotted to kill him.

For one thing, he flaunted the "long, sleeved robe." For another thing, he had been a "tattle-tale," giving bad reports on them to Jacob.

And those dreams — they did not want to hear any more of them. Can't you hear them talking as Joseph approaches: "Here comes that dreamer. Now is our chance; let us kill him and throw him into one of these pits and say that a wild beast has devoured him. Then we shall see what will come of his dreams."

This is the way it always works. If you act arrogantly you will drive people away from you. If you persist in flaunting your arrogant ways, you will draw people back to you — with daggers in their hands. Look at yourself reflected in the eyes of Jesus; measure yourself against the moral-spiritual yardstick we call Jesus Christ; and you will not be arrogant anymore. But for the grace of God, this kind of introspection would destroy every iota of self-esteem.

### "his brothers were jealous"

Look at the sequence of sin again: Jacob's pride in Joseph tended to produce arrogance in Joseph which, in turn, tended to produce jealousy in the brothers. But I do not mean to imply that Joseph could not help being arrogant, nor do I mean to imply that the brothers couldn't help being jealous. There is always some freedom, even with the most "conditioned" of situations.

"His brothers were jealous" is the simple way the Scripture puts it. I do not know how they could have avoided their jealous feelings. These feelings just rise up within us — sometimes against our wills. That may have been true for the brothers. We may not be able to keep jealous thoughts from running through our minds.

The trick is to keep these jealous thoughts from influencing our actions. And that is where the brothers failed miserably.

Reuben could not bear the thought of killing his own brother, Joseph, in cold blood. He suggested that they throw him into the pit, leaving him there, I suppose, to starve to death. The story indicates that he intended to rescue Joseph sometime when his brothers were not looking, letting him return home. The brothers agreed to this change of plan — and the deed was done. Jealousy had ended in violence.

But Reuben's plan was spoiled by some Midianite merchants who, hearing Joseph's cries for help, pulled him out of the pit but sold him to the merchants of a passing Ishmaelite caravan. (I always thought the brothers sold Joseph into slavery, but the NEB seems to say that the Midianites did it. Here is another example of the intertwining of the perspectives of two or more authors.)

The brothers would have sold him, planned to do it, but never had the chance. And, of course, Reuben was still trying to free Joseph. He went out to the pit and found it empty. Then follows a very touching scene. Reuben rent his clothes (a sign of repentance) and went back to his brothers and said, "The boy is not there. When can I go?"

Reuben had never intended for harm to come to Joseph, but he had not stood his ground with his brothers and thus felt responsible for what had happened. He was repenting of his cowardice, and I understand full well how he felt when he asked, (NEB) "Where can I go?" He meant, "Where can I hide my face? Where can I go so that no one will know of my shame? Where can I hide from God who is displeased?"

Uncontrolled jealousy set the stage for Joseph's slavery. This is what can be expected in our own lives, if we do not keep our jealous feelings under control.

Now, you are asking me, "But it all worked out well, didn't it?" And I answer — yes, it did, but not because of the jealousy of the brothers; rather, in spite of it, God worked it out!

## Bishop Martin to speak at Capitol View Ingathering

Bishop William C. Martin of Little Rock, who served as bishop of the Dallas-Fort Worth Area before his retirement several years ago, will be the guest speaker at a special In-Gathering Service at Capitol View Church in Little Rock, Sunday, Nov. 2. The celebration, which marks completion of mortgage payments on the church's building fund, "is designed to tie the years, past, present and future, together in one big Rally," according to a spokesperson.

Invitations have gone out to all former pastors, and to past and present members, and friends, who are urged to "Come bring a basket of food, worship, and break bread together."

The celebration is being sponsored by the Rev. Thomas J. Nation, pastor, assisted by Administrative Board Chairman W. E. Tyer, Lay Leader A. T. Dodd, UMW President Mrs. James A. Hatchett, and Mrs. Bea Thomas, chairperson for the Bea Thomas United Methodist Women's Group.

The new addition to the church will be dedicated at a later date.

THE YOUTH of Bethesda United Methodist Church, Batesville District, recently sponsored a pancake breakfast to raise money to paint the church and purchase supplies for their activities. Doyle McSpadden and Mrs. Shelby McSpadden are youth counselors.

CRITTENDEN C. JARVIS of Dallas, Tex., was the speaker for Laity Day services at Central Avenue Church, Batesville. Mr. Jarvis, who has studied the origins of the Methodist Church in Europe, England, Scotland and the U.S., spoke on the topic "Methodism During the American Revolution." The Rev. Wayne C. Jarvis is the Central Avenue pastor.

CHARLES A. STUCK of Little Rock presented the Laity Day message at First Church, El Dorado. Mr. Stuck, author of "The Lay Speaker's Handbook," was North Arkansas Conference lay leader for 14 years. He is currently employed by the Pulaski County Special School District as a language interpreter and is teaching young Vietnamese children to read and speak English.

BILL JOHNSON, layman from Hamburg, was Laymen's Day speaker at Lakeside Church, Lake Village.

TIGERT AND MORNING STAR Churches, Hot Springs, observed Laity Day with Mr. Ed Hopper of Hot Springs as speaker. Mrs. Robert Scully sang at Tigert Church and a youth choir presented music in Morning Star Church. The Rev. E. Stanley Wagner is pastor.

JAMES GRINER, professor of history at Arkansas State University, spoke on "The Methodist Heritage" at the Lake City United Methodist Church Laity Day observance.

DR. HERMAN SMITH, Chancellor of the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff, presented the Laity Day message at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. Jerry Scriber, church lay leader, led the service.

WILLIAM F. WOLBRECHT JR., president of the Liberty Bowl Association, was guest speaker for a recent Father and Son potluck dinner at First Church, Osceola. Mr. Wolbrecht showed a film of last year's Liberty Bowl game.

DR. SAM COKER, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., will be evangelist for a revival in First Church, North Little Rock, Nov. 3-6.

DR. PEARLE McCAIN, retired missionary to Japan, was special guest for a Mission Festival held recently at First Church, Newport.

THE REV. REGGIE MOORE, pastor of Emory Chapel in Newport, was a recent pulpit guest at Swifton United Methodist Church. The Rev. William Connell, pastor of First Church, Paragould, conducted a revival at the Swifton Church, Oct. 26-30. The Rev. Michael Orr is the Swifton pastor.

MORELAND AND ST. PAUL United Methodist Churches, Conway District, held a joint revival recently with the Rev. Frank Clemmons, pastor of First Church, Dardanelle, as evangelist.

THE REV. JOHN M. McCORMACK, pastor of First Church, Harrison, recently conducted a youth sponsored revival in First United Methodist Church, Tallulah, La. The youth choir from the Tallulah church had presented a concert in Harrison during the summer.

THE REV. IRL BRIDENTHAL, retired, spoke at Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, Oct. 26th.

CHAPLAIN THOMAS M. SHREVE, Methodist chaplain at Blytheville Air Force Base, was a recent pulpit guest at Blytheville First Church.

Thursday, October 30, 1975



## Fort Smith District UMW Officers

Fort Smith District United Methodist Women elected officers at recent Fall meeting held at First Church, Fort Smith. They are: Lois McDonald, Fort Smith; Edna Earle Daniels, Lamar; Nell Barling, Fort Smith; Pauline Lloyd, Fort Smith; Louise Mitchell, Paris; Ruth Canterbury, Van Buren, and Sharon Weir, Fort Smith.



## Indian Hills Bazaar

The UMW of Indian Hills Church, North Little Rock, announce a Christmas Country Bazaar to be held Saturday, Nov. 1. Among the items to be sold are: afghans, bird-houses and feeders, crewel pillows and pictures, bottle dolls, calico flowers, quilt, quilted purses and place mats, aprons, decorated shirts, Christmas decorations, doll houses and live plants. Displaying some of the items are Emy Darville and Carol Martin. Mrs. Tom Stone is UMW president.



## Parsonage at Cherry Valley

The parsonage at Cherry Valley has recently been enlarged, remodeled and re-furnished at a cost of approximately \$18,000. Mr. Edwin Lace was chairperson of the building committee. The Rev. D. Max Whitfield, pastor of the Cherry Valley and Vannale Churches, and Mrs. Whitfield held open house upon completion of the work.

## Bible Study at Van Buren

Mrs. Doug Smith (right) of Fort Smith is conducting a 20-week Bible study on the book, "A Gracious Woman," at St. John's Church, Van Buren. The study began Oct. 16 with a luncheon and will focus on woman as a disciple, person, wife, mother and homemaker.



## WESLEY CHURCH, SPRINGDALE, OFFERS UNUSUAL BAZAAR FEATURES

The annual Christmas Bazaar at Wesley Church, Springdale, will be held on Saturday, Nov. 1, 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Coffee and donuts will be available to early-comers. The luncheon period will offer beans and cornbread, salad bar, and pie. In addition to the usual bazaar items, Mr. Tony Soukup's woodwork items will be featured, PLUS a bazaar room for children only, with articles within their price range to be purchased as gifts for their families. A photographer will be present with his polaroid camera to catch candid shots of the "kids" with Santa Claus.

## Third Annual Meeting of Fayetteville District Women Nov. 8

United Methodist Women of Fayetteville District will hold their third Annual Meeting at First Church, Siloam Springs on Saturday, Nov. 8. The theme for the day will be: A Community of Women: We Were, We Are, We Could Become.

The agenda calls for eight Interest Groups to meet during the morning session. They will include: (1) Studies: A Nation Under God, Southeast Asia, The Prophets; (2) Our Women's Mite, for treasurers; (3) The Talent Bank, for leadership and nominations personnel; (4) Who Are We?, for membership chairpersons; (5) Programming; (6) Child Advocacy; (7) Dimensions of Hunger; (8) Our Voting Heritage. The film-strip, Teamwork Without Tears, will be shown.

Persons attending are urged to wear costumes in keeping with the Bicentennial theme which will be emphasized during the noontime sack lunch and style show period. In addition to other entertainment, the noon hour will include the showing of the film, An American Time Capsule.

The election and dedication of officers, a Pledge Service and Memorial Service will be features of the afternoon session. A report on the Helping Hands project will be heard and assignments made, and the film, Glass House, will be shown. An assortment of literature will be available for purchase.

## World Community Day celebrations, Nov. 7

World Community Day will be celebrated by Church Women United in Central Arkansas, South, at Arkansas Baptist College, 16th and High Streets, Little Rock, on Friday, Nov. 7th with registration and fellowship beginning at 9:30 a.m. Worship is scheduled for 10:10 a.m., to be followed by the program under the theme, "One Community Under God." UNICEF cards and gifts will be on sale. A nursery will be provided.

Mrs. Norene Bettis will lead the study for the Business Women's Group which will meet at Parkview Christian Church, 9300 Geyer Springs Road. Fellowship and registration will begin at 6 p.m. with dinner at 6:30. Persons wishing to reserve for the \$2.50 dinner should notify their group and send or call their reservations in at an early date. Individuals attending are requested to collect and bring their commemorative stamps, carefully cutting a 1/4-inch border around them. In 1974 Church World Service provided \$12,954.91 from stamps — enough to buy 300,000 pounds of high protein.

A third observance will be held by Church Women United in Central Arkansas, North, at Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 4509 Rogers, North Little Rock, at 10 a.m. on the same date.

## JACKSONVILLE UMW ANNOUNCES NOV. 1 BAZAAR, FLEA MARKET, SPAGHETTI DINNER

The UMW of First Church, Jacksonville, will hold its third annual bazaar on Saturday, Nov. 1 from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. A spaghetti dinner will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. — \$2 for adults, \$1 for children. The bazaar will feature handmade autumn and Christmas decorations, homemade bread and pastries, canned goods, candles, plants, ceramics and other items. The flea market will offer household items and clothing. Proceeds will go to the church budget.

FIRST CHURCH, North Little Rock, announces a revival series to be held Nov. 3-6 with Dr. Sam H. Coker, senior minister at Grace United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga., presenting the evangelistic messages at 7 p.m., Monday through Thursday. Dr. Ashley Coffman will direct the musical portion of the series. A reception on Monday evening following the service will honor Dr. Coker.

## 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.

Nov. 2—Sunday ..... Matt. 25:6-13  
Nov. 3 ..... I Thes. 4:15-18  
Nov. 4 ..... II Tim. 4:6-8  
Nov. 5 ..... Zeph. 1:14-16  
Nov. 6 ..... Colo. 3:1-4  
Nov. 7 ..... Matt. 25:34-40  
Nov. 8 ..... Psalm 95:3-7  
Nov. 9—Sunday ..... I Thes. 5:1-3

## What is an Instructional Media Consultant?

It is a Sue Banner in Dallas, Tex., 214/744-0346. Ms. Banner has been employed by Church Resource Systems (CRS) to assist United Methodist Churches in member annual conferences with the selection and purchase of educational equipment.

The North Arkansas Annual Conference is a member of CRS along with 25 other conferences in the nation. CRS is the fast-growing, Dallas based mail order educational equipment discount sales service owned by the annual conferences in Texas and New Mexico and operated by the Media Division of the United Methodist Communications Council.

Ms. Banner was formerly with Cokesbury in Dallas heading the Church School Supplies Department. With five years experience as a local church Christian educator, Ms. Banner is also a former church secretary. She is a member of the Christian Education Fellowship.

A new CRS PRIME TIME telephone ordering service has been inaugurated each weekday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Central Time Zone, at 214/744-0346. The service is available to any United Methodist Church or agency in the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

CRS is a part of the new resource structure emerging in United Methodism designed to complement and assist the 26 annual conference resource/audio-visual centers to which it is related.

Local churches that have lost or misplaced their CRS catalogues and desire another copy are requested to write: Church Resource Systems, P.O. Box 990, Dallas, Tex. 75221, or Dr. Myers B. Curtis, 715 Center, Little Rock, Ark. 72201.



### Mr. Beautiful

Dr. Bob Burch was the winner of the first annual Mr. Beautiful Pageant competition at First Church, Monticello, an event sponsored by the United Methodist Youth to raise funds for a new public address system. Mr. James Cathey, first runner-up, also won the talent division, and second runner-up, Mr. Childs Martin, was voted Mr. Congeniality by his fellow contestants. Miss Debbie Biniore is director of youth activities.

THE GRAND PRAIRIE UMY Sub-district held its October meeting at Bethlehem with 122 present. The host church won the attendance banner. The Cabot Youth Choir presented the program. The next meeting will be held at Mt. Tabor and Mt. Zion on Sunday, Nov. 9.

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SUE BANNER, center, CRS Instructional Media Consultant, demonstrates a new Wallensak high-speed cassette duplicator to locate church staff persons.

## Arkansan to lead travel seminar

Dr. James T. Clemons, professor of New Testament at Wesley Seminary, Washington, D.C., will lead a travel seminar to Rome and Greece, Dec. 29-Jan. 16. A major emphasis of the tour will be on the cultural background of the New Testament letters of St. Paul. Visits in Rome will include St. Peter's Cathedral, an audience with Pope Paul VI, and a tentative specially arranged archaeological tour of first century tombs beneath the famed basilica of St. Peter's.

In Greece the group will spend three days in Athens, visiting the Acropolis, Agora, Aeropagus, and museums and

will go by private bus to Corinth, Mycenae, Epidauros, Nafplion, Olympia, Delphi, Pella, Thessaloniki, Philippi, and Kavala.

Persons wishing more information on the study tour may write to Dr. Clemons at Wesley Theological Seminary, 4400 Massachusetts Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20016.

Dr. Clemons is a ministerial member of the North Arkansas Conference and is a native of Wynne, Ark. He has been a member of the Wesley Seminary faculty since 1967.



### New Wesley Foundation Officers at ASU

SEATED, left to right: Nancy Harrington of Decatur, secretary-treasurer; Carol Mitchell of Jonesboro, co-chairperson; BACK ROW: John Barrows of Pocahontas, Freshman representative, Doug Hoffmann of Paragould, chairperson, and Russ Duty of Allegan, Mich., Freshman representative. The Rev. James T. Randle Jr. is director.

## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

*Each lovely fall morning recreates in the appreciative heart an attitude of wonder so aptly expressed by the late Dag Hammarskjöld . . . "For all that has been — Thanks! For all that shall be — Yes!"*

### . . . Another Day Is Born

With the first thread of light  
Earth yawns from its nocturnal sleep.  
Trees stretch their folded arms  
from relaxation —  
Inactive birds and insects tune up  
for the morning symphony —  
Sleepy, dew-speckled flowers lift  
their weighty heads  
To greet the slowly rising sun.  
Man and beast rejoice!  
. . . another day is born!

—by Esther O. Hozendorf  
Little Rock, Ark.

### Moon by Morning Light

Suspended alone by invisible forces,  
Descending ever so slowly  
Down the pale blue western slope  
Of a clean and cloudless morning sky,  
The shining sphere of the harvest moon  
Seems unreal, despite the deeds  
of astronauts.  
Could it be just an illusion  
we were there,  
And what we see is the perfect  
Master's art,  
Composed to inspire the soul of man?

—by H. Raymond Gregg  
Fort Smith, Ark.



### A Little Still Goes A Long Way With UNICEF

- \$ .10 can provide enough Vitamin A capsules to protect 3 children for a year from nutritionally-caused blindness.
- \$ .25 can buy enough vaccine to immunize 5 children against diphtheria, whooping cough, and tetanus.
- \$1.00 can deliver enough high-protein food to feed 3 malnourished children for a month.
- \$5.00 can stock a village pond with baby fish for potential protein supply.

During the past 25 years, Halloween activities have raised over \$46 million for UNICEF-assisted child-welfare programs in over 110 countries.