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## Three months to go

By October 1st the churches of the North Arkansas Conference should have raised 75 percent of their apportionments. They have raised 67 percent. The Episcopal Fund has been paid 71 percent and the District Superintendents' Fund 70 percent. Only Mt. Sequoyah is ahead of those — 83 percent. The fund suffering most is Ministerial Education with only 59 percent paid. Payment to World Service is 69 percent. The Black College Fund is also suffering (62 percent).

What this means is clear: we must "get with it" these next three months.

Advance Specials are not doing well. The exception is UMCOR with \$12,683 raised. The Mallalieu Community Center has received only \$1940 on a goal of \$20,000. Please do what you can for this worthy project.

Joel Cooper, Chairman  
Council on Finance  
and Administration  
North Arkansas Conference



## Arkansas Churchwoman Elected To Jurisdictional Office

Mrs. Aaron (Nel) Barling of Fort Smith (above) was elected vice chairman of the Council on Ministries of the South Central Jurisdiction at the group's meeting Sept. 29-30 in Oklahoma City. She is shown with other new officers (from left), Dr. William T. Stephenson of Dallas, chairman, and the Rev. B. C. Godwin Jr., of Albuquerque, N.M., secretary. At right is Dr. S. Duane Bruce, the council's executive secretary. In major actions, the council approved eight leadership training events for 1977 and allocated \$11,500 "seed money" for funding them. Several other events, concerned with evangelism, minority concerns, "lay empowerment" programs and aid to small-membership churches were approved. The council is composed of representatives from the Councils on Ministries of the 17 annual conferences of the Jurisdiction.

## Hendrix to celebrate centennial

Hendrix College will celebrate "One Hundred Years of Hendrix History" at a formal convocation on Friday, Oct. 28. The event will mark the 100th anniversary of the founding of Hendrix' predecessor institution, Central Collegiate Institute.

Principal speaker for the convocation will be Mr. Ed Lester, prominent Little Rock attorney and chairman of the college's Board of Trustees. As a part of the ceremonies Mr. Lester will be awarded an honorary Doctor of Humane Letters degree by Hendrix President Roy B. Shilling. The event will be held in Staples Auditorium beginning at 10 a.m., preceded by a brief choral concert by the Hendrix Choir.

Central Collegiate Institute was established on Oct. 30, 1876 by the Rev. Isham L. Burrow, a Methodist preacher from Tennessee. Burrow located the institution on a hilltop, naming the site "Altus" because it was the highest point along the railroad between Little Rock and Fort Smith. He timed the opening of

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## Church's institutions of higher learning challenged to shape future creatively

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — United Methodist colleges and universities must not sit back and let the future happen to them but must seize it and shape it, members of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry were told here Oct. 7.

Although the outlook for independent higher education is worrisome, Dr. T. Michael Elliott, executive director of the National Commission on United Methodist Higher Education, said pessimistic assessments need not be self-fulfilling prophecies.

"Those institutions that can make a unique claim for their institutional purpose will likely find a market," he said. "Those that can abandon traditional views of institutional autonomy and join with others to share resources in creative ways may cope with their economic and demographic environments."

During the organizational meeting of the 1976-80 board, Dr. Elliott brought members up to date on the commission's work which began in January of 1975. Purpose of the commission, which is to complete its work in July, is to help the board map the church's involvement in higher education for the remainder of the century.

The first report of the commission entitled **A College Related Church** was released early this year and a mission statement from it was adopted by the 1976 General Conference.

The second and third reports published by the commission were released during the board meeting here. The second volume, **To Give the Key of Knowledge**, identifies and chronicles the history of each institution affiliated with the United Methodist Church and its predecessor denominations. **Toward 2000**, the third volume, focuses on demographic factors affecting higher education enrollments, economic and governmental aspects of the environment, the United Methodist Church as an element of the environment, and the need for the institutions to take positive action to "command the future" rather than be commanded by it.

In its second volume, the National Commission staff

gives special attention to the extraordinary history of the United Methodist Church and its predecessor churches in the support of education. "It is unlikely that any other group of persons representing 10 percent or less of the population has contributed so much to the education of Americans," Dr. Elliott said.

Noting the parallel development of the country and United Methodist educational institutions, Dr. Elliott said institutions moved west with the frontier. "They arose and closed in response to the moving population, and as they developed, they reflected the American ideals of democracy by emphasizing the provision of educational opportunity for all."

### Church's educational institutions historically responsive to change

The history volume also concludes that the system of educational institutions related to the church has always been dynamic, always responding to the changing society it served.

"When viewed in the context of the history of these 839 institutions, actions of closing, disaffiliation, and merger do not appear to be the dramatic crisis occasions they are sometimes perceived to be today," Dr. Elliott said. "Rather, they are natural events in the evolution of an ever stronger, more viable system of educational institutions, and there is no reason to assume that the current system of educational institutions affiliated with the church has achieved any state of perfection such that further evolution will not take place."

In its **Toward 2000** volume, the commission staff asserts that higher education in general, and particularly independent higher education, will likely be confronted with shrinking enrollments during the 1980's. The report also highlights the administrative burdens and costs imposed on institutions by the continually multiplying requirements of the federal and state governments. Independent institutions, already suffering financial distress, are especially injured by such requirements, Dr. Elliott said.

### Colleges with religious commitment continue to grow

**Toward 2000** documents the important role of the United Methodist Church in providing support to the colleges and universities related to it. Total church gifts to United Methodist-related institutions increased from \$12.5 million in 1969-70 to \$17.9 million in 1974-75. The report also shows that colleges that clearly serve a particular religious constituency and put their religious commitment in the forefront of their concerns have continued to grow in a period in which many independent institutions have experienced declining enrollment.

Dr. Elliott said a fourth volume will soon be available dealing with public policy. The book will include six specific public policy recommendations within the philosophic and policy objective framework of three principles, Dr. Elliott said.

The principles are:

1. "Independent institutions of higher education perform an essential public service function. State and federal public policies should recognize that service and seek to preserve its benefits for society.
2. Government policies at both the federal and state levels should preserve diversity in higher education by assuring the autonomy, independence, and viability of individual institutions.
3. America's youth deserve a choice among institutions within a diverse system of higher education. The subsidization of state institutions and the absence of offsetting student financial assistance programs effectively prevent many students from considering independent institutions. Public policies that create real or apparent economic barriers to attendance at independent institutions should be changed in order to assure students access to institutions of their choice."

A limited number of copies of the first three volumes are available free by writing: Office of Interpretation, United Methodist Board of Higher Education and Ministry, P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.





### North Arkansans enter Perkins' Fall term

Among the 178 new students enrolled in the various degree programs at Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology for the 1976-77 school year were those shown above from the North Arkansas Conference. Left to right: Barbara Wulfekuhler of First Church, Paragould; Marcia Swain Crossman of First Church, Morrilton; Dana Thomason of First Church, Forrest City, and Bonda Sue Deere of First Church, Jacksonville.



### Two from Little Rock Conference enter Perkins

Entering Perkins from the Little Rock Conference were, left to right, Don Armstrong of Winfield Church, Little Rock, and David R. Steele of Grand Avenue Church, Hot Springs.

### APPOINTMENTS ANNOUNCED

Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks announces the following pastoral appointments in the North Arkansas Conference:

Hartford Charge — John Dean Hickman (Effective Sept. 1).

Widener-Round Pond — Lorne Piercy (Effective Sept. 15).

Salado-Jamestown — Willis LeGrand (Effective Oct. 1).

Tuckerman-Swifton — Joe Wilkerson (Effective Oct. 1).

## 'Telephone chain' formed to notify of clergy deaths

A telephone network to inform ministers in the North Arkansas Conference of deaths in ministers' families has recently been instituted. Conference officials report that the service was begun to inform pastors of such losses "before they read about them in the daily newspapers," thus enabling them to render any needed assistance when it could be most helpful.

When persons learn of a death, a call to a specified official activates a telephone chain which reaches all pastors in each of the Conference's seven districts. The initial call may be placed to any one of three officials: the Rev. Ben Jordan of Paragould, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Cabinet (phone, 236-7771); Dr. Myers B. Curtis, director of the Council on Ministries (374-1634), or the Rev. Jim Beal of Newport, chairman of the Council on Professional Ministry (523-6562).

Individuals making the initial call are urged to get information concerning the death, any known details regarding the time and place of the burial service, and to make inquiry whether assistance may be given in contacting family members.

Mr. Beal reports that the service has been utilized on six occasions since it was instituted shortly after last June's session of the Annual Conference.

### Obituary

#### THE REV. CHARLES A. CROSSNO

The Rev. Charles A. Crossno of Ola, a member of the North Arkansas Conference on disability leave, died Oct. 1. He was 53. He had lived at Ola since being granted disability leave in 1975.

Born July 26, 1923, Mr. Crossno had served pastoral appointments at Rector, East Parish in Paragould, St. Francis Circuit, Van Buren County Parish, Quitman and Ola-Plainview.

He is survived by his wife, Zelma Crossno; two daughters, Mrs. Sam Fridenberg and Mrs. Dean Welch and two sons, Steve Crossno and Mark Crossno, all of Tulsa.

The funeral service was held Oct. 3 at Paragould with the Rev. Harry Price and the Rev. Joe Gramling officiating.

### New Bella Vista congregation honors episcopal leaders

Nearly 300 persons attended a special reception welcoming Bishop and Mrs. Kenneth W. Hicks and honoring Bishop and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway at the Bella Vista Country Club on Sunday, Oct. 3. In receiving line, left to right, are Bishop Galloway, now retired and living in Little Rock; John A. Cooper Jr.; Mrs. Harold Spence and the Rev. Harold Spence, Fayetteville District superintendent; Mrs. Hicks and Bishop Hicks greeting Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Garber; Ed Williamson, chairman of the new congregation's Administrative Board, and Bernard Moffat. United Methodists from throughout Benton County attended the event.



Bishop Robert E. Goodrich Jr.

## Bishop Goodrich to preach for Newport series

Bishop Robert E. Goodrich Jr., resident bishop of the Missouri Area of The United Methodist Church, will be the preacher at a three-day preaching mission at First Church, Newport, Oct. 31-Nov. 2. He will deliver six sermons in the series, with services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. daily, with the exception of the first service, Sunday morning at 10:50.

A native of Cleburne, Tex., Bishop Goodrich was elected to the episcopacy in 1972 following a 26-year pastorate at Dallas' First Church, having previously served other churches in Texas. He is the author of numerous books, including *What's it All About?*, *Reach for the Sky*, *On the Other Side of Sorrow* and *Dear God, Where are You?*

The Rev. Jim Beal, pastor of the Newport church, extends an invitation to all to attend the series of services.

## HENDRIX CENTENNIAL

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the school to coincide with the American centennial celebration, though prior to its official opening some classes were held in a two-story frame schoolhouse the Rev. Mr. Burrow built near his home.

In the beginning the Institute was a primary school with Mr. Burrow as the only teacher. By 1883 the school had expanded to a three-story brick structure with a tower which peaked at 72 feet. In that year the institution awarded its first degrees. Three young women received the two-year "Mistress of English Literature" degree, with three more — including Mr. Burrow's daughter, Lydia — earning that degree the following year.

In 1884 The Methodist Episcopal Church, South, one of the predecessor bodies of the present United Methodist Church, purchased Central Collegiate Institute. The acquisition of the institution coincided with the celebration of the centennial of American Methodism. The Board of Trustees changed the school's name to Hendrix College in 1889 and moved it to Conway the following year.

The current unique Hendrix double centennial, marking the 1876 founding and the 1884 purchase by the Methodist Church, will be celebrated with ceremonies this year and in 1984. Over the eight-year period, a \$17.5 million fund-raising campaign will be conducted. The "Continuity and Renewal Campaign" funds will go toward construction of two new buildings on the institution's campus in Conway, and will boost its endowment and operating fund.





# Ecumenical solar heating experiment proposed

By Tracy Early

## Would release 'more money for mission'

A plan to encourage construction of experimental parsonages and church buildings equipped for solar heating is under consideration by the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

Initiated by the American Baptist Extension Corporation, the plan would be carried out jointly by several denominations through JSAC (Joint Strategy and Action Committee), an ecumenical coordinating unit for national mission agencies.

A detailed proposal for getting at least five parsonages and five churches built as demonstration projects in the use of solar energy was presented at a JSAC meeting in Amherst, Mass., last summer.

Robert Harman, a National Division staff member who attended the meeting, reports that although no denomination except the American Baptists was ready to make a commitment on the spot, all participants expressed a willingness to

go back to their church bodies and "talk it up."

A staff recommendation on United Methodist participation will likely appear on the agenda for the Board meeting next spring, he says.

Demonstration projects would be located in different parts of the country to test results under varying climatic conditions, and constructed for varied types of congregations, including low income. The projects would be designed to "reduce fossil fuel consumption to less than 25 percent of that which a comparable unit would use if designed according to typical design standards of the past few years." Costs would then be compared with those of standard buildings.

### How Utility Costs Affect Mission Giving

Another proposal put before JSAC in the same package calls for a detailed study of how increased fuel and utility costs in recent years have affected mis-

sion giving.

Mr. Harman notes that it is impossible to say whether churches would have given more to mission causes if their maintenance costs had been less. But he says the rapidly escalating costs have unquestionably put heavy strains on many church budgets.

Paradoxically, despite all the public attention devoted to the energy crisis, despite the church budget pressures resulting from fuel costs and despite the clear prospect of further increases in the years ahead, Mr. Harman finds that churches involved in new construction still have not really become energy conscious.

When they apply to the National Division for a loan and outline their budget projections to show how they can repay, he says, often they forgot to figure that the increased space will mean a larger heating bill next year, to say nothing of the inflationary effects every year thereafter.

Nor does he find churches yet giving the necessary thought to insulation, site orientation of buildings or other factors involved in reducing the cost of heating and air conditioning.

"We still feel that we can afford anything," he says.

A project such as JSAC is considering will be useful, Mr. Harman says, if it becomes an educational experience in which church members consider their responsibility for the best use of church funds and for a responsible use of the earth's resources.

Getting volunteer churches for the project will be difficult, he predicts, because the technology for solar heating is only in the beginning stages. Consequently he said, equipment is hard to secure, few contractors understand it or are prepared to cope with system malfunctions.

"But solar energy is the future," he says. "We have to go that way sooner or later."

## The Editor's Pulpit

### In Praise of Beauty: Thoughts on the changing of the seasons

*It should be enough that the changing of the seasons be enjoyed simply for its own beauty and charm. But, alas, such a time seems determined to make philosophers of the most unwilling of us. So once again we reluctantly give way to this quarterly exercise, hoping as always that each new outing will bring us upon some heretofore undiscovered truth or joy.*

There is a special atmosphere which surrounds each change of season. And that atmosphere eludes easy definition. One can sense that in such changes there are things of unimaginable significance taking place and that possibly the best that one can do is simply to be still and rejoice in it all.

Yet one feels that if that special something could be isolated, cornered and examined, then some great mystery about life and God and the universe could be laid bare for our enrichment. But it is sufficient that we enjoy the seasons as they change and enjoy our pursuit of their meaning and be willing that it all finally remain a mystery; a beautiful mystery.

There seems an innate something within human beings which eagerly anticipates and gladly welcomes the inevitable quarterly change of seasons. Possibly as much as any other single phenomenon, these changes announce the ultimate dependability of the Creator. They tell us God can be counted on. They are God's timepiece, working in an unnumbered multitude of ways to perform the mysteries of his continuing creation, forever reassuring us that the Creator is dependable.

And our response to these changes tells us something about our own nature. Such changes evoke from us a sense of anticipation, of wonder and excitement about what the ensuing weeks or months will bring. And what's more, these quarterly changes seem to inspire a secret longing that each new season will be a record-breaker — the most beautiful fall, the coldest winter, the most exuberant spring or the hottest summer.

Were we to fully understand such longings, we would better know who we are and what we are meant to be. The seasons' changes speak to our fundamental need to respond to challenge: Will we be a match for winter's cruel onslaughts? Can we cope with the dark, ominous forebodings of fall? Dare we accept spring's intimations of and invitations to immortality? Can we resist summer's heady temptations? Are we up to life; can we take it? The seasons bless us with such challenges, adding an element of excitement and chance without which life would not be Life.

And the seasons finally have to do with mystery. Therein lies one of their grandest gifts. In an age when irresponsible tinkering with our own and our

planet's destiny have brought us to the brink of disaster, the seasons — holding as they do the secret of renewal and the promise of a future — remind us that we are the created, not the Creator. They bring us the coded message that our salvation lies in cooperation with the Eternal and with one another also.

We could do worse than learn from the seasons.

*Come, fall, surprise us with your gifts. Come, winter, throw at us what you will. Come, summer, woo us with all your charms. Come, spring, bless us with your promises of birth and life and birth again.*

### Guest editorial

#### The rumor that won't die . . .

by Bud Herron

**EDITOR'S NOTE:** The following speaks to an issue concerning which we have recently received inquiries. It is reprinted with permission from the Oct. 8 issue of the Texas Methodist/United Methodist Reporter. The author, Mr. Bud Herron of Dallas, is an associate editor of that publication.

The "rumor that won't go away" apparently still hasn't.

Well-meaning Christians across the nation are continuing to shell out postage stamps, time and energy and wage battle against a non-existent petition to end religious programming on television.

According to Vincent Mullen, a secretary of the Federal Communication Commission (FCC), more than 4.25 million letters and petitions have been received in what is rapidly becoming the sorriest hoax to be perpetrated on and by Christians in recent history.

If we count only the expense of postage stamps — leaving out stationery, mimeograph costs, and the time expense charge at both ends of the protest — Christians have spent a minimum of \$552,500 in two years to chase a shadow. And Mr. Mullen says the letters continue to pour in.

Although the pseudo-issue has been discounted repeatedly by the FCC, and although the religious press (including TM/UMR) has devoted considerable space to exposing the fraud, it seems many persons still believe the following: That a petition (RM2493) is pending before the FCC to outlaw religious broadcasting on television. That nationally-known atheist Madalyn Murray O'Hair has gathered 27,000 signatures on a petition in support of the ban. That Mrs. O'Hair has been granted a federal hearing to oppose such broadcasting.

None of it is true. There is no such petition. No hearing has been requested. In fact, at my request, FCC officials recently went through their entire docket of petitions to be considered in the future and could find no material "even remotely related" to religious broadcasting "in any way."

There was a petition at one time known as "RM2493." It was filed about two years ago by two California men who were seeking a "moratorium" on religious broadcasting on "public service" (free, not commercial) television. The FCC denied the request in early summer of 1975 — in fact the FCC refused to even hear the request.

In spite of the facts, however, the rumor lives. More money and time is wasted on it every day and once again I have to use this space (paid for by your subscription) to refute the whole matter.

But while it may be too late to get back the half a million dollars Christians have wasted on the hoax, it's not too late to make things better. If you wasted your time and money writing to the FCC, I urge you to drop a dollar in an envelope addressed to "World Hunger Fund, United Methodist Committee on Relief, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027." (If you weren't duped, send the money anyway.)

People are starving around the world — spread that rumor. I hope someday I can write a column similar to this one saying it's just not a fact.

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**SUMMER STAFF WORKERS AT ALDERSGATE:** (Left to right) **Back row:** Ralph Wallis, Little Rock; Sanford Tollette, program director (Pfeifer Camp); James Summerlin, North Little Rock; Mike Causey and Jimmy Hunter, both of Little Rock; **Fourth row:** Jim Kennemur, Roland; Robert Bricker and Rick Henderson, St. Albans, W. Va.; Diane Stark, Fort Dodge, Ia.; **Third row:** Karen Aist, Conway; Brenda Williams and Marilyn Turner, West Memphis; Bart Starr, Waverly, Ia.; Laura Guyton, Conway; Susan Muha, director of Social Services at Aldersgate;

Jenny Young, summer director; Lisa Bradley, administrative assistant, Bill Horn, St. Albans, W. Va.; **Second row:** Kathy Eckstam, Monroe, Wis.; Scott Dick, Rogers; Cary Crawford, Conway; Exa Jo Curtis, Georgetown, Tex.; Bronwyn Pudney, Monavale, New South Wales, Australia; Danette Orndorff, Topeka, Kans.; Jane Daugherty, Little Rock; Ann Black, Corning; **Front row:** Rhonda Taylor, Little Rock; Joan Adams, Little Rock; Desiree Brown, Keithville, La.; Laura Hensley, Benton; Joan Barker, Little Rock; Robin Nelson, Bernville, Carol Hurley, Little Rock.

## Aldersgate ministering to persons

The ministries of Aldersgate, Inc., an agency which receives support from United Methodism's two annual conferences in Arkansas, includes among its multi-services a unique summer program designed to enrich the lives of physically and economically disadvantaged boys and girls.

Last summer more than 200 children and youth were served from June 6 through Aug. 12 in three medical camps and three sessions of day camp at Aldersgate, located near Little Rock's western edge. In a separate program at the Joseph Pfeifer Camp, owned by the Downtown Little Rock Kiwanis Club, and professionally staffed by Aldersgate Social Services, over 360 children and youth were served in 8-day residential camping sessions, between June 14 and Aug. 12.

### Hope District UMW to hold Fall meet

United Methodist Women of Hope District will hold their annual fall meeting at First United Methodist Church, DeQueen, this Saturday, Oct. 23. Registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. and the program at 10 a.m.

Mrs. James Nix of Lonoke, immediate past president of the Little Rock Conference organization, will be the featured speaker. Mrs. John W. Rushing of Emmet, district UMW president, will preside over the session. A limited amount of literature will be on display and for purchase.

Mrs. Robert Cord is president of the host organization; the Rev. John Alston is pastor. Persons attending will provide their own sack lunches and the host church will serve dessert and drinks.

### Three medical camps

Aldersgate Medical Camps are non-profit projects of the Arkansas Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics and are endorsed by the Arkansas Medical Society. Jenny Young served as director of the 1976 summer medical camps and day camps at Aldersgate, under the general direction of Susan Muha, project director of Aldersgate's Social Services Programs. Recruitment of campers was handled by Ms. Young for the medical camps and by Lisa Bradley, administrative assistant, for the day camps. Dr. Kelsy J. Caplinger, instrumental in initiating the program some six years ago, is chairman of the Medical Camp Committee.

The program provides a General Medical Camp for boys and girls with illnesses such as cystic fibrosis, asthma, sickle cell disease, kidney problems or heart disease, a second camp for diabetic children, and a third camp for boys and girls with orthopedic or neurological problems that significantly interfere with walking and taking care of daily personal needs.

The purpose of the medical program is to provide a one-week camping experience designed to meet emotional, social and spiritual needs of children and youth with these and other medical problems or handicaps. Each camper learns to work in harmony with others, broaden his skills and interests and develop his own initiative and resourcefulness as well as to expand his own awareness of himself.

### Joseph Pfeifer Camp

The Joseph Pfeifer Camp, operated during the past summer for its second year, was directed by Sanford I. Tollette, under the general direction of Ms.

Muha, Aldersgate's project director of Social Services Programs.

All of the children served by the Aldersgate-Pfeifer Residential Camping program come from disadvantaged backgrounds and the program offers them an experience they would not otherwise have. As in other Aldersgate programs, this one is geared toward helping the children learn alternative methods of accomplishing a task and reaching a goal. No effort is made to change cultural background or basic values, only to present different methods and allow the child to make his own decisions for his future.

Numerous activities are offered to the campers, such as hiking, camping out, cooking out, swimming and swimming lessons, fishing, canoeing, sports, arts and crafts, field trips, special assemblies with invited resource persons with expertise in nature-related fields, and singing.

Aldersgate, an agency related to the Board of Global Ministries of The United Methodist Church, but with ecumenical orientation, was established in 1947. Since then, its ever-expanding ministries have served countless persons in central Arkansas and beyond without regard to race or religious affiliation. Mr. Ray Tribble is now in his 16th year as executive director of Aldersgate, Inc., and its many-faceted functions. The special ministries described here, are but two of its person-centered programs.

HUNTINGTON AVENUE CHURCH, Jonesboro, will host "A Great Day of Singing" on Nov. 7 from 3-4 p.m. for the Jonesboro District. Choirs and singing groups from throughout the district will perform.



Mr. Charles Eve

### El Dorado's First Church presenting organ concertist

Charles Eve, a professor of organ at Northeast Louisiana University in Monroe, La., and organist-choirmaster at Grace Episcopal Church in that city, will be presented in concert at First Church, El Dorado, next Sunday, Oct. 24 at 7 p.m. Mr. Eve has played recitals in nearly every major city in the U.S. and Canada. Prior to his present position, he has served as organist-choirmaster at St. Mark's Episcopal Church in New York City and as associate director of music at the Interchurch Center there, and later as organist and director of Chapel Music at Colorado Women's College. In addition to extensive recital work, Mr. Eve is widely known for his expertise as a teacher and as a workshop clinician. The Sunday concert will include works by Bach, Franck, Wyton, Langlais and Durufle.

### United Methodist giving

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMC) — Giving by United Methodists to 16 general benevolence and administrative funds of their denomination was 6.71 percent more in the first nine months of 1976 than in the same period of 1975.

According to a report released here Oct. 5 by the General Council on Finance and Administration, receipts in the 16 funds through Sept. 30 totaled \$38,107,631 compared with \$35,711,526 a year ago. World Service, the denomination's basic program fund, was up 4.41 percent with a total of \$12,827,851 toward an annual goal of \$23,500,000.

In the report as a whole, 13 funds showed increases, while three were down in amounts ranging from 5.77 to 3.24 percent.

## You can be a part of something big

See the new World Service film — "A Part of Something Big" and learn how.

Order from your conference AV library, or rent at \$10 from United Methodist Film Service, 1525 McGavock St., Nashville, Tenn. 37203.

Discussion materials and publicity for "A Part of Something Big" can be ordered from United Methodist Communications, 1200 Davis St., Evanston, Ill. 60201.

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## From Our Readers

### 'WHERE ARE ALL THE BORN-AGAIN AMERICANS?'

To the Editor:

One-third of adult Americans have been born again, according to what I read in the *Arkansas Methodist*. How wonderful! — if only it were true. Church people are apt to handle those words very loosely. I joined the church when I was about 12 years old and have been associated with the church off and on all my life, attempting to live right and "do God's will" (as if it could be thwarted).

I do not consider myself born again, nor do I know anyone who is a born again Christian. If one were to come into the area of my association I would eagerly seek his counsel in religious matters and he (or she) would be greatly revered. "How beautiful are the feet of them that preach the gospel of peace" (Romans 10:15). The Bible says they are as angels.

To be born of the spirit is to become a spiritual person with spiritual powers. "That which is born of flesh is flesh; and that which is born of spirit is spirit" (John 3:6). "As many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, born not of blood, nor of the will of man, but of God" (John 1:12, 13). What is spirit? "The wind bloweth where it listeth and thou hearest the sound thereof but canst not tell whence it cometh and whither it goeth. So is everyone that is born of the spirit."

A spiritual person can cast out devils (Matt. 12:27), lives in peace that passeth understanding, and can project himself from one place to another as Phillip did when he finished talking to the eunuch (Acts 8:39, 40) . . .

If one-third of our people were born again we would not be living on the verge of destruction by the awesome powers man has discovered, and they could exert such influence that the evil of our society would be at a minimum.

Sadly, "Strait is the gate and narrow the way which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it." "Lord, who then can be saved?" "With God all things are possible."

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### FORMER ARKANSAS PASTOR EARNS DOCTORATE

To the Editor:

As a former Arkansan, I am especially interested when people from Arkansas reach a goal. Dr. Mary Chaffin was a minister several years ago in the North Arkansas Conference and served churches near Clinton and Calico Rock. According to my district superintendent she holds one of the only seven or eight "earned" — not honorary — doctor's degrees (Vanderbilt University, last spring) in our churches. She is one of the most beautiful, humble persons I have ever known.

The churches she serves are located in the poverty area of Lebanon where she is loved because of her compassion and concern for others. I did not know if you had this information . . .

Mrs. Urso J. Gonzales  
133 Riviera Dr.  
Hendersonville, Tenn. 37075

### CONCERNING CHILE

To the Editor:

In a recent past issue of your newspaper (I regret that I cannot signalize the date of my misplaced clipping) in the column "News and Opinion," you reported on the high praise accorded Mr. Helmut Frenz, a former Lutheran bishop in Chile, now residing in Germany, for "good samaritan" services to political prisoners in Chile, etc.

I am taking the liberty of assuring you that the information quoted in your paper does not bear out! It was a twisted information!

The former Lutheran bishop, expelled by his denomination in Chile, did not get near the Good Samaritan! Upon the contrary, in general, he sided with the attackers in the road!

Those delinquents, in the three years of the Marxist-Leninist disaster, robbed banks, assaulted persons and property, and were part of the Marxist-Leninist plot to strike civil war with the aid of some 15,000 terrorists, expelled from their own countries, who crept into Chile surreptitiously, with the approval of the administration.

For the — for them — impending civil war, they were to use Russian, Czechoslovakian and Cuban weapons, smuggled into Chile. Our authorities keep uncovering arms. They have even been found in some Roman-Catholic churches!

The civil war was averted by the Armed Forces of Chile, in answer to the clamorous demand of the immense majority of the freedom loving people of this country.

The above mentioned offenders, favored by the praised former Lutheran bishop, acted with the impunity of the overthrown regime, whose president called the culprits "young idealists."

By not being careful and critical regarding controversial situations and issues, you got fooled, once again, by your reporter. And you, unwittingly, fooled your readers, except the writer who, as a personal witness, knows the story first hand.

Pedro Zottele, a Chilean Methodist  
Casilla 10222,  
Santiago,  
Chile  
South America

EDITOR'S NOTE: Bishop Zottele is a retired bishop of the Central Conference of The United Methodist Church.

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### QUESTION FOR SOME GOOD SOUL

To the Editor:

I remember when a group of men stood on the conference floor and asked for our vote to buy Myers Ranch, which had already been bought. I remember these same men saying that we will never ask for anything more — everything will take care of itself.

Would some good soul please tell me why we now have an apportionment on line 650 — Nawake Camp Fund? I believe that this should read Myers Ranch Camp Fund!

Friends, we have four (4) camps in the North Arkansas Conference and they need our SUPPORT very much! Let's sell Nawake or Myers Ranch and get behind the camping program that we already have in our conference.

Joe Van Cleve  
First United Methodist Church  
P.O. Box 452  
Augusta, Ark. 72006



### Bishops honored following Peace Lectures

Mrs. M. E. Peace with Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks (left) and Bishop Robert E. Goodrich Jr. (right) at reception honoring the two episcopal leaders following the M. E. Peace Lecture Series at First Church, Magnolia. Bishop Goodrich was this year's lecturer for the series held annually. The Rev. James Robert Scott is pastor of First Church.

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## NEWS and opinion

summary by Doris Woolard

**California Assemblyman Leon Ralph**, powerful chairman of the Assembly Rules Committee and a long-time supporter of legalized gambling, said he now agrees with the many church leaders who oppose gambling on moral grounds. The black assemblyman said the reversal of his views followed three or four days of thinking and praying about the issue. Associates of Mr. Ralph attribute the change to a strong spiritual encounter he experienced in 1975.

**Dr. Ernst Kasemann**, German Protestant theologian, addressing a religious gathering in Washington, D.C., described the increase in barbarism and the decrease in man's humanity as the "most decisive" question of the present age. Holding that one of the major problems of Western Christianity is a middle-class entanglement with worldly values that limits the Gospel, Dr. Kasemann said that Christians today are hardly able to understand the beatitudes about the poor, the rejected, the exploited, "or the doctrine of a God who descends to be with sinners and the lost and justifies the ungodly . . ."

**Archbishop Thomas Donnellan** of Atlanta, former treasurer of the U.S. Catholic bishops' conference, told some 400 religious fund-raisers: "The Church, indeed the non-profit sector of services, has made a unique contribution. Abuses by their representatives surely call for corrective measures, but a governmental watchdog bureaucracy is not the answer."

**The U.S. Senate and the House of Representatives** have passed a "sense of Congress" resolution in support of Soviet Christians and other religious believers suffering for their beliefs in the Soviet Union. The measure calls on the Kremlin to free dissident Baptist minister Georgi Vins, currently serving a five-year sentence at hard labor for religious activities, such as evangelizing, teaching and writing.

**Dr. Robert Bellah**, a professor of sociology and religion at the University of California, Berkeley, addressing a regional Catholic Press Association Convention, urged his listeners to raise the critical question: "Are we more of a Christian nation today because of our immense wealth, our immense power and our vast armaments than we were when we were a poor backwater nation at the end of the earth?" Dr. Bellah challenged the U.S. to answer the question. He said, "I would remind you that there are millions of people on this planet that still look at this nation and the experiment which we embarked upon. Their capacity to hope for their societies is related to what we do and what we are."

**Associate Justice Harry A. Blackmun** of the U.S. Supreme Court, citing some negative and positive trends in American society today as it affects legal matters, listed among negative items: "the gradual disappearance of the private and parochial school," the "literal acceptance of the obscene and the massage parlor," "unlicensed copying of privately owned material," the "lowering in individuals of the senses of personal obligation and dependability," and "the failure of the church and of the family to lead." On the positive side Justice Blackmun cited such trends as concern for the rights of individuals, and "a vast demand for and a growing strengthening of the ethical standards of the judiciary."

**The Rev. Norman G. Folkers**, director and editor of publications for the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel, said that "while some congressional watchdogs have been indignantly insisting that the new military worship book (issued last year) be riddled of what they consider a 'blasphemous' hymn, they have been strangely silent regarding pornography in the military community." In the commission's newsletter, Chaplain Folkers states that "service-related publications report that Army and Air Force (post and base) exchange stores must now stock Playboy, Playgirl, Oui, Penthouse and Players — but not Hustler, which they described a 'raunch at best.' The Navy has okayed all of the above for its sales stores."



By DR. FRANCIS CHRISTIE

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# Secure in God's Love

Scriptures: Romans 8:18-39

## A Persistent Problem

One has to be a bit careful about making assertions about **universals**. To claim that anything is universal is to claim that it is true in any and all circumstances. Statements of universal principles, therefore, are somewhat analogous to the vows of marriage. They should be made "reverently and discreetly, and in fear of God and man." Most of our universal, unqualified statements tend to be either dogmatic assertions of what we wish were true or premature claims to omniscience.

Fully mindful of these perils, I am about to make an assertion about human beings. **Despair** appears to be a universal component of the human condition. Certainly if it is not universal it is notably widespread. I venture to state, however, that all of us have experienced despair. Even the more serene find themselves occasionally walking in the valley of despair.

Little would be gained from a catalog of forms of human despair, because the list would grow like a rank plant. It is sufficient at this point to note that despair-generating situations range from the apparently trivial to circumstances of eternal significance. Yet we should remember that any despair-producing situation is of crucial importance to the person experiencing it no matter how trivial it appears to others. Acceptance and understanding of this would go far towards making us more patient with one another, because despair often makes us show our worse sides.

## The Root of the Problem

It is quite likely that the root of despair is insecurity. Over and over persons who have made studies of human behavior point out the destructive nature of insecurity. Volumes have been written on this, but most of us do not need books to remind us.

There are at least two kinds of insecurity. One of these is the insecurity we feel when we find nothing solid to support us. The expression, "the ground was cut from under me," is more descriptive of feeling than it is of physical reality. How terrifying it is to be unable to find a solid place on which to stand. A characteristic form of nightmares is the dream of falling or being suspended in space. Emotionally and intellectually we often cling to doubtful positions for fear of having our foundations shaken or destroyed.

A second kind of insecurity arises from threats, real or imaginary. We spend far more on defense than for any other item in our national budget because, in the community of nations, we are threatened constantly. We insure ourselves against all sorts of threatening perils. We inoculate ourselves against threatening diseases. We seek to protect ourselves against threatening boredom by surrounding ourselves with pleasure-producing gadgets. We insulate ourselves against the threats of age and poverty through social security programs. We seek new and more secure locks for our homes. All of this is said by way of illustration, not to pass judgment.

The struggle against insecurity begins at birth and stays with us through life. Paul knew this and attempted to speak to the problem. The lesson for this week comes from one of the several places in which he addresses the problem.

## A Bold Assertion

The eighth chapter of Romans is, as we have noted, a marvelous bit of writing. Earlier we examined the assertion with which the chapter starts. (If you have forgotten it, look it up.) The memory selection for this lesson is equally bold — "We know that in everything God works for good with those who love him, who are called according to his purpose" (Romans 8:28). "Surely, Paul must not have meant that!" "Either he got carried away by his own words, or there must be some hidden, mysterious meaning in this sentence!" My examination of the correspondence of Paul indicates to me that he said just what he intended to say. I hope to be able someday to comprehend it and to live in such assurance. In the meantime, I shall continue to hold it up as a goal of my faith and urge others to do likewise.

There are three points to be noted in this statement. Each of the three is crucial in its own way to our faith.

## God Works

The biblical faith claims that God **works**. He is not a leisure-time being who has nothing to do. Another way of stating this is that we believe that God is active. Further, Paul asserts that **God works in everything**. There is nothing in which he is not interested. His love and care extend to all aspects of life.

## With Those Who Love Him

This does not mean that God's work is dependent on our love for him. He has taken the first steps. As the

writer of the Epistles of John reminds us, we love because he first loved us. What is essential is that we respond, because in responding we become aware of what Paul is talking about. Those who love God are in positions to know that he works. Again, this is an area in which we grow. It is not sudden, but emergent.

## For Good

"God works for good." Paul not only asserts that God works, but says that he works for good. The meaning of this for us is that we learn to accept the will of God in trust and confidence. We no longer struggle against it, but in our surrender find security in God's love as shown in Jesus. Thus the basic text makes three points: (1) God works. (2) Those who love God know this. (3) God works for good.

## Triumphant Confidence — More Than Conquerors

Nowhere does Paul give an indication that life in the Christian fellowship will remove hardship or tribulation. The great promise is that it will enable us to overcome the greatest of insecurities — the insecurity that comes from fear of condemnation. Space does not permit quoting passages in which this central theme is stressed. None of the passages is more eloquent than Romans 8:31-39. If God does not condemn us why should we worry about whether others will condemn us. "Perfect love casts out fear" (1 John 4:18).

Boldly Paul makes the point that nothing can separate us from the love of God — not even those things which produce despair in us, "tribulation, distress, persecution, famine . . . peril, sword." Martin Luther picked up on the theme of these verses and the ones which follow:

"The body they may kill.  
God's love abideth still."

But Paul's words still state it better than our feeble attempts to articulate our faith at this point. "For I am sure that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." No passage could be more fitting for the celebration of Reformation Sunday.

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## United Methodist news in brief

### Wesley Chapel Gifts Near \$850,000

LONDON (UMC) — Some \$850,000 has now been received from Methodists in many parts of the world for the restoration of Wesley's Chapel in City Road here, according to the Rev. Allen Birtwhistle, pastor.

As work continues, the pastor said, the increasing seriousness of the dry rot is being revealed. This, and rising prices, have brought the expected cost of restoring the building to at least \$1,600,000.

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### Alaska School 'Reorganizing,' Not 'Shut Down,' Board Executive Says

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — Financial woes are not the central issue in the closing of Alaska Methodist University in Anchorage, a top United Methodist education official has said here, but he did not elaborate as to what that issue is.

It was learned in late September that the school has not been in operation since early summer. Dr. Fred Harris of the church's Board of Higher Education and Ministry said that while "the faculty has been released, appropriate settlements made, and no students are being

enrolled . . . it would be inaccurate to say . . . that the school has shut down."

"In the business world we would call what is happening a 'process of reorganization,'" Dr. Harris said, adding that the AMU corporation is intact, the institution is in the hands of a board of trustees, and a crisis management consultant is guiding a study scheduled to be completed next March. Most of the buildings, including residence halls, presently are being used by students at the University of Alaska.

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### Student Aid Program Almost Out of Funds

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMC) — The United Methodist student aid program — oldest of its kind in the country — is facing an unprecedented crisis due to a record number of students asking for financial assistance.

"The demand for loans is simply outstripping the supply of money at a time of the year when families need help the most," explained Dr. Esther Edwards, head of the denomination's scholarship and loan program here. She attributes the increase to a combination of the inflation pinch felt by families and educational institutions and a growing awareness of the various types of financial aid available.

Short of a small miracle, she said all

loan applications will have to be rejected beginning in mid-October through the remainder of the year. Funds for the denomination's scholarship and loan program come primarily from the annual United Methodist Student Day offerings usually taken by local churches in June.

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### Methodist-Roman Catholic Dialogue to Continue

ATLANTA, Ga. (UMC) — Three Methodist theologians have been named to continue World Methodist Council-Roman Catholic conversations, and another will be chosen later.

Heading the team is United Methodist Bishop William R. Cannon of Atlanta, chairman of the WMC ecumenical committee. Others named to date are Dr. A. Raymond George of the United Kingdom and Dr. Norman Young of Australia.

A report to the World Methodist Council in Dublin, while not glossing over such details of disagreement as apostolic succession, did note that a notable recovery of eucharistic faith and practice among Methodists and a renewal in the theology and practice of the ministry of the word by Roman Catholics have resulted in a remarkable convergence so that at no other time has the worshipping life of Methodists and Roman Catholics had so much in com-

mon. After hearing the report, the World Methodist Council asked that a new commission be named as soon as possible to continue these conversations, and at the same time consider similar conversations with the Orthodox.

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### Quotas 'Inappropriate,' Bishop Says

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMC) — Mandatory quotas guaranteeing representation of specific categories of individuals on United Methodist boards and agencies are "inappropriate for the Body of Christ and should be abandoned," Bishop Finis A. Crutchfield of Houston, Texas, said here.

"The existence of a quota system says 'I don't trust you,'" asserted Bishop Crutchfield in the closing address of a South Central Jurisdiction consultation for district superintendents and annual conference staffs at the jurisdiction's Mt. Sequoyah Assembly here. "We now need to depart its legalism and return to trust," the bishop said, adding that while he affirmed the inclusiveness of the denomination, conditions that once called for mandatory quotas on boards and agencies no longer exist.

Earlier this year, Bishop William R. Cannon of Atlanta, Ga., spoke out sharply against quotas.



## News from the Churches

**FIRST CHURCH**, Wynne, has scheduled a New Life Preaching Mission from Oct. 24-28 with the Rev. Max Whitfield of Cherry Valley preaching. The mission, which begins on Sunday evening, will also include a morning Bible study led by Mr. Whitfield, Monday through Thursday. The closing Thursday evening service will be held in conjunction with the Forrest City District Conference and the speaker will be Bishop Kenneth W. Hicks.

**JONESBORO DISTRICT** Conference was held at First Church, Jonesboro, Sept. 27 with 112 persons responding to roll call. Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, district superintendent presided over the event which included a worship service at which the choir of the host church presented special music and the Rev. Waymon Hollis preached on the quadrennial theme, "Committed to Christ — Called to Change." Miss Mildred Osment, who headed the North Arkansas delegation to General Conference, reported on legislation enacted by that body. The Rev. Victor Nixon reported on Annual Conference priorities. District officers were reelected to serve another year.

**HUNTINGTON CHURCH** in Fort Smith District had as Laity Day Speaker Leon Woolbright, district lay leader and a lay speaker at St. Paul Church in Fort Smith. Presiding over the service was Jimmie D. Robison, Huntington Church's lay leader. Special musical selections were presented by the Youth Choir, a quintet and a girl's quartet. Other participants included Mrs. Pauline Harrison, Mrs. Neoma Campbell and Jimmie Hollister, church school superintendent.

**BRYANT United Methodist Church** had as lay speaker on Laity Day Mr. Bill Tom Bundy of Benton. Mr. Bundy is the Saline County Mobil Oil Distributor. His appearance at Bryant followed a week of revival for which the Rev. Norris Steele, pastor of Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs, was the preacher.

**THE UMY of Lake Street Church**, Blytheville, reports the election of the following officers: President, Robin Evans; Vice President, Elizabeth Morgan; Secretary-treasurer, Chris Weidman, and Reporter, Jamie Weidman. Mr. and Mrs. David Russell are counselors.



### Chrismon Workshop

United Methodist Women of Mt. Carmel Church, Jonesboro, study the fine points of making Chrismons in one of several workshops for that purpose. The ladies plan to have the Chrismon-making project completed before Christmas.

### Daily Bible Readings

Oct. 24—Sunday ..... Matt. 18:15-20  
Oct. 25 ..... Acts 2:42-47  
Oct. 26 ..... Acts 4:32-37  
Oct. 27 ..... I Thes. 1:1-10  
Oct. 28 ..... I Cor. 12:4-13  
Oct. 29 ..... Col. 1:1-29  
Oct. 30 ..... Rev. 1:10-20  
Oct. 31—Sunday ..... II Kings 6:8-17

**UNITED METHODIST MEN** of Wesley Church, Conway, held their organizational meeting Oct. 18. John Neff was elected president and Harold McDonald, vice president. Conway District Lay Leader Jim Lane of North Little Rock was the principal speaker for the occasion and presided at the installation of officers. The Rev. Britt H. Cordell is pastor at Wesley Church.

**SONG EVANGELIST** Bill Kennedy of England, Ark., was the soloist for the recent Graves Lecture Series at First Church, Hope. Dr. D. L. Dykes of First Church, Shreveport, La., was the lecturer.

**LAKE STREET CHURCH**, Blytheville, had as Laity Day speaker M. D. Dennis of Osceola United Methodist Church. Mr. Dennis spoke also at Promised Land Church, Blytheville. Lake Street Church began a revival series last Sunday with the Rev. J. B. Harris of Nettleton as evangelist. The meetings were preceded by a 24-hour Prayer Vigil. The Rev. Charles P. Reed is pastor.

**A NEW SINGLES GROUP** has been formed in the Little Rock area, and meets each Sunday evening for refreshments and a program in the Library of Winfield United Methodist Church at 5:30 p.m. The organization, which is ecumenical in scope and designed to meet spiritual and social needs of unmarried and divorced singles, has the following officers: President, Barbara Yarnell; Vice President and Program Chairman, Gloria Suitt; Co-chairman, Scotty Dace; Telephone Chairman, Bernice Corbell and Publicity Chairman, David Holmquist. Interested singles may obtain more information by calling FR 5-1266.

### SYMPOSIUM

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#### RECEIPTS:

Pledge to Missions	\$23,188.77
Special Memberships	430.00
In Remembrance	46.50
World Thank Offering	88.68
Missionary Support	11.78
<b>TOTAL credit on pledge</b>	<b>\$23,765.73</b>
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	342.95
Supplementary Gifts	559.62
ETW Fund for Youth	105.30
<b>TOTAL receipts from districts</b>	<b>24,773.60</b>
Interest on Savings	172.36
<b>TOTAL RECEIPTS</b>	<b>\$24,945.96</b>
Bal. in Savings & Checking Acct. June 30, 1976	15,191.23
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>\$40,137.19</b>

#### DISBURSEMENTS:

Pledge to Missions	\$17,688.77
Special Memberships	1,430.00
In Remembrance	46.50
World Thank Offering	88.68
Missionary Support	11.78
<b>TOTAL credit on pledge</b>	<b>\$19,265.73</b>
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	342.95
Supplementary Gifts	559.62
<b>TOTAL sent to Women's Division</b>	<b>\$20,168.30</b>
Conference Meetings	97.59
Operational Expense	68.76
Connectional Work	57.37
West Gulf Regional School of Christian Mission	160.93
Christian Social Involvement	28.20
Aldersgate Retirement Center	4,000.00
ETW Fund for Youth	1,460.67
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$5,873.52</b>
<b>TOTAL disbursements</b>	<b>\$26,041.82</b>
Bal. in Savings and Checking Acct. Sept. 30, 1976	14,095.37
<b>TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR</b>	<b>\$40,137.19</b>



### Retirement Celebration

Mrs. Gus (Leon) Dickey (center) is presented a money tree in retirement ceremonies honoring her many years of dedicated service as secretary at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock. Making the presentation, during the special celebration is church member Floyd Weeks, as Mr. Dickey looks on.

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**A FALL BAZAAR** sponsored by United Methodist Women of First Church, North Little Rock, 22nd and Poplar, will be held Friday, Oct. 22 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. in Workman Hall. Items for sale will include the following categories: Christmas — ornaments, tree skirts, wreaths, centerpieces; Greenhouse — plants, decorated containers, macrame hangers; Kitchen Cabinet — baked goods, home-canned goods, relishes, pickles, snacks; Boutique — hand-sewn items, flower arrangements, toile-painted articles, candles, children's gifts; Sandwich Shop — sandwiches, desserts and drinks throughout the day; Silent Auction — silent bidding on certain bazaar articles.

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### New Staff Member

Ms. Kathy Fadick (third from left) was welcomed recently as the new director of Christian Education at First Church, Jacksonville. Shown with her (left to right) are hostesses Mary Lewis, Pat Reel and Merle Whalen. Ms. Fadick, who received her theological training at Perkins School of Theology, served in a similar capacity at First Church, Benton, before joining the staff of the Jacksonville Church.

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# People and Events



**NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE AND DISTRICT** coordinators of Youth Ministries and Council staff persons related to Youth Ministries at Sept. 28-Oct. 1 meeting in Nashville, Tenn., with the Rev. Don C. Cottrill (right), director of the Youth Ministry Coordinators' event. Left to right: The Rev. Keith Goza of Salem; Dr. Charles Casteel, pastor of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock; Terry Dowdy of Melbourne; the Rev. Rhonda Crow of Mammoth Springs; the Rev. David Moose of Berryville; the Rev. Arvill Brannon of the conference Council office.

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**AN APPRECIATION DAY DINNER** at St. Paul Church, Little Rock, honored church school teachers and workers following a consecration service during morning worship, led by the Rev. Palmer Garner (center), pastor. St. Paul youth presented two skits for the churchwide event. Shown at left is Mrs. Paul Fair, chairman of the Education Commission, and at right, Miss Olive Smith, director of Christian Education.

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**THE REV. VICTOR GREEN**, pastor (above), arrives at McCrory First Church for special Bicentennial service. Above right, Dr. James W. Workman of Conway, assists the pastor with the service. Below, standing in front of the McCrory Church is the appropriately attired congregation. The service included special music, witnessing, and Holy Communion in addition to the regular service.



**A CORNERSTONE LAYING CEREMONY** for the new sanctuary of First Church, Malvern, was held following the Oct. 10 morning worship service with the Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft (center), pastor, officiating assisted by the Rev. M. E. Scott (right), minister of visitation. Church member W. L. Gephart (in background), a retired bricklayer, assisted with the laying of the stone. The sanctuary is the last of a three-phase construction project which includes an education wing and the remodeling of the existing fellowship hall.



**FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT YOUTH** assembled at Trinity Church, Fayetteville, for Fall Rally. Approximately 320 youth attended the rally and the Razorback vs. Tulsa football game in the afternoon.



**FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT UMY OFFICERS** elected at rally. Left to right: The Rev. Jim Keith, coordinator; Sally Gibson of Harrison, Youth Service Fund representative; the Rev. David Moose, conference coordinator; Gretchen Zerr of Rogers, secretary-treasurer; Mike Teague of Bentonville, vice president, and Kathy VanPoucke of Siloam Springs, president.

**FORT SMITH DISTRICT HOSTS WORKSHOP:** Dr. Paul Bumpers, Fort Smith District superintendent, is shown with Mrs. David Maxwell, coordinator of Children's Ministries in North Arkansas Conference; Dr. Dorothy Jean Furnish of Garrett-Evangelical Theological Seminary, and Mrs. Lawson Cloninger, district coordinator of Children's Ministries at the Oct. 8, 9 Workshop on Exploring the Bible with Children — an event held at First Church, Fort Smith. Fifty adults and 24 children attended.

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**AUGUSTA UMY GOES CAMPING:** Accompanied by Counselors Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gregory, and daughter Beth (right), members of the Augusta UMY traveled in the church's new Mini-bus on a camping trip to Silver Dollar City during the summer.

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