

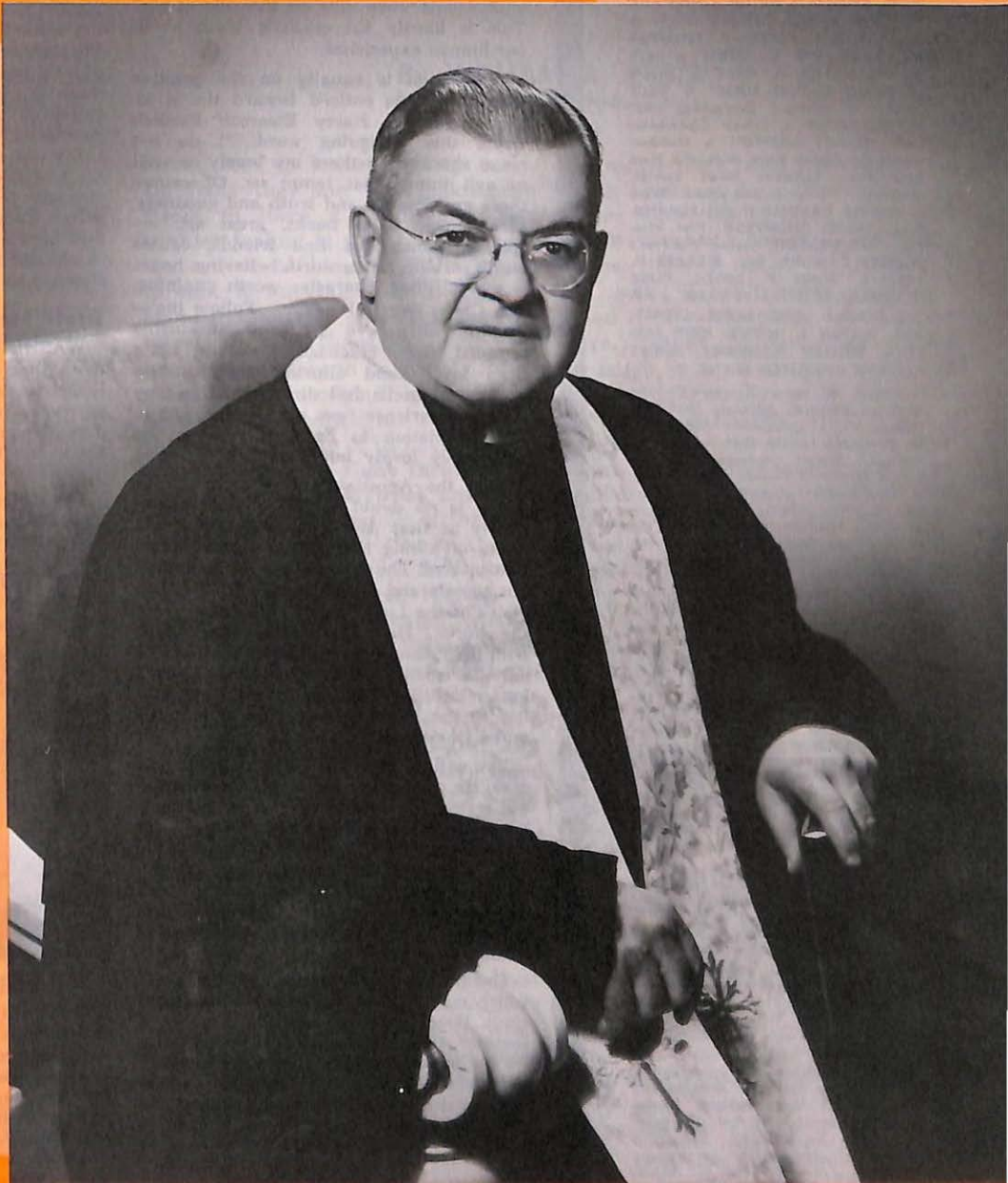
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Accent on Living

By Hoover Rupert



Positive Temptation

THE word "temptation" is almost universally associated with evil. Say of persons that they are tempted, and the immediate inference is that they are lured to do wrong. Why do we so habitually think and speak as though life's major enticements were thus on the side of sin? This is hardly the realistic truth about our human experience.

Temptation is equally on the positive side as man is enticed toward the good. Years ago Dr. Harry Emerson Fosdick wrote this intriguing word, "I do not mean simply that there are lovely as well as evil things that tempt us. Of course there are! Beauty and truth and goodness, great music, great books, great art, inspiring homes and fine friends, causes worth serving, faiths worth believing, hopes worth fulfilling, character worth attaining, and Christ over all, saying, 'Follow me'—life with all its evil is full of enticements to good. Such emphasis, however, upon life's lovely and alluring aspects does not reveal in its full dimension the profound experience we are dealing with. The temptation to be Christian can be not simply lovely but terrific."

Take the Apostle Paul as an example. There is no doubt that he hated Christianity at first. He was accessory to the crime of killing Stephen, the first Christian martyr. The record says he "breathed out threats and slaughter against the disciples of the Lord Christ." He "laid waste the church." His name became synonymous with the "search and destroy" efforts of the anti-Christian groups within the Judaistic leadership. Saul was an unwelcome visitor to the home or gathering of any reputed Christian.

Yet, with all this, Paul was an intelligent man. He could not persecute a cause without trying to understand it. And the more he understood about Christ, the more he was tempted to follow him. The more he saw the courage and calmness of the Christians he put the finger on, the more he was goaded in the direction of that which he hated and which he had no intention at all of embracing.

The phrase "kicking against the goad" which one finds in the story of the Damascus Road experience of Paul, is not a common symbol today. But it speaks of a very common experience today. The goad was a sharply pointed stick which a farmer held rigidly in his hand as he guided the primitive plough behind the ox pulling it. The young oxen were always kicking at the plough in their efforts to shake off the confining harness. The goad was held in such a way that when they kicked, they hurt themselves on the flanks and shins. If oxen were pulling a wagon, there was a bar placed across the front panel studded with wooden spikes. When the ox kicked

back against the offending wagon, he hurt only himself on the sharp spikes of the goad.

Isn't this ancient picture modernized by our very human experience? We find that we hurt only ourselves when we kick against the goad which directs us to accept the Christian way. We may protest loudly. We may seek to break out of the confines of a value system we don't like. Yet, always there is that haunting temptation that we could be wrong in our rejections. I am convinced that there are many people today who are among the loudest opponents of Christianity, but who actually are strongly tempted to be Christian themselves. They feel the tug of the Infinite, the pull of the Christian faith and when they "kick against the goads" they hurt only themselves!

Draft Halt Hailed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — The news that young American men will no longer be drafted for military service gained varied responses from United Methodists, though all were pleased, with reservations, and most urged total repeal of the draft.

The denomination has opposed the military draft for many years. The United Methodist who for two years (1970-72) headed the Selective Service System, Dr. Curtis W. Tarr, said he knew the move to a volunteer military would happen and "I'm pleased it can happen now."



HELD FOR MURDERS

SANTA CRUZ, Calif. — Herbert W. Mullin, 25, described as an LSD addicted young man suspected of seven murders, is shown after his indictment in Santa Cruz, Calif. for the slaying of six persons. Concurrently, local police said his fingerprints had been found in a Los Gatos Catholic parish confessional box where Father Henri Tomei, a 64-year-old French-born priest had been stabbed and kicked to death. Mr. Mullin was specifically charged with the slaying of four young men who were found shot to death in a mountain side camp near Santa Cruz.—rns photo

This article reflects on the real-life truths portrayed in a less-than-smash-hit movie about an ordinary couple in the struggles of ordinary life resulting in an extraordinary film.

“Pete 'N Tillie”

By **WILLIAM A. RITTER**
Newburg United Methodist Church

ABOUT two weeks before Christmas, a whole flock of theatres, knowing that more couples go to the movies during the holidays than in any other time, booked an unheralded and lightly publicized film starring Carol Burnett and Walter Matthau. It was simply called “Pete 'N Tillie.”

You can say it was a love story. But the similarity with so many other love stories is greatly lacking. It is a love story with a minimum of escape and a maximum of truth, a minimum of distortion and a maximum of illumination. In its simplicity I found three overpowering truths.

The first truth I call the “*Preponderance of the Ordinary*,” or if you want an easier catch phrase to remember “*Life Is Plain*.”

Most love stories are about people who don't look like me. They are about people richer or poorer than me, people more heroic or depraved than me, people who are either great saints or misguided sinners, of which I am neither. Too many love stories are about people who look like Ali McGraw or Elizabeth Taylor, neither of whom bear a great resemblance to my wife. Or else they are about Cary Grant or Ryan O'Neal, neither of whom, unfortunately for my wife, look anything like me.

Most of us are ordinary, plain people. Few of us would qualify as suave, passionate lovers. But here in the middle of the rest of us plain people comes Tillie—unmarried and 33—whose friends out of sympathy supply her with an endless succession of blind dates. She meets her match in Pete Seltzer who, more often than not, has been somebody's blind date to insure that the couples come out even at parties.

In the middle of the film they have an argument, and for once this looks like arguments that you and I have actually experienced. She

forces him to leave a party early. He feels that she was making no effort to have a good time. Her counter-feeling is that he was making a fool of himself. Tillie wants to talk it out but Pete prefers to avoid the inevitable. He turns on the television and tunes in a football game, pretending to be grossly interested in its outcome. She begins to prod him, to which his response is the one that many of us have mastered. Draw a line right through the middle of your forehead and split one eye in the direction of the television and focus the other in the direction of your wife! I don't know about you, but I have become an expert at one-eyed football watching as a way of only partially hearing something my wife wants to tell me. I pray that she will get tired of trying before the next time out. For then I have to pretend to be equally as interested in a Right Guard commercial about two people who share a common medicine cabinet—a commercial that I have seen nearly 300 times before!

In the midst of this ever-so-typical confrontation, we hear from Tillie the classic line, “If you really loved me, you'd think you would at least try to express your true feelings to me. I don't mean anything to you.” To this, Pete responds, “I have made a life-long study of true feelings, and 91% of them are better left unexpressed. But if it makes you feel any better, I'd rather not express them to you than to any other woman I know.” Make a mental note of that line, it may come in handy some day!

The second truth that comes from

the movie constitutes what some feel is its weakness. *Life, for most of us, never makes up its mind whether it is a tragedy or a comedy.* One young fellow, talking about “Pete 'N Tillie” said, “I don't know whether I liked it or not because I was never sure whether the movie wanted me to laugh or cry.” In the beginning, it is a delightfully witty film, and we find ourselves returning to laughter near the end. But at mid-point, there is this stunning silence. And more than once we find ourselves swallowing two or three times in rapid succession as we do when we want to choke back something that might seem like an audible sob. For you see, Pete and Tillie (who marry late in life), have a son, Robbie, who is the delight of the both of them and very much the apple of his father's eye. But at nine years old he contracts a rare blood disease that we are led to suspect is Leukemia. Slightly less than a year from that moment, he is dead.

Many movies would end there. Others would resolve the issue by an act of rededication, such as showing the couple with a foster child or an adopted infant while the final credits flash on the screen. But life isn't like that—life goes on. Children don't die at the beginnings or ends of things—children die in the very same place that all tragedies occur—in the middle of things.

It is at this point that two very natural things happen. In the last months of Robbie's life the emotions of all are stretched to the breaking point. One evening, while you hear Pete and the boy having an uproar-

iously good time in the child's bedroom, Tillie goes out into the empty night and screams heavenward a curse upon the God of life and death. "I curse you God! 'Suffer the little children to come unto Me'—but whose children, God,—whose children?" Now, many there are who have said, "That scene was a bit much!" But that is a kindred feeling to us all. Maybe we don't scream it, but at some time or another all of us feel it—the benevolent God is cheating on us.

Subsequently, Pete and Tillie agree to a separation, not because anything is so drastically wrong with their marriage, but because neither is able to relax and let anything be right with it. Their constant presence reminds the other, with every passing day, of what together they have created and together they have lost. Tillie especially, is unable to accept the guilt of going back to business as usual. To embrace life as it was before seems almost to be a sacrilege. And even we of the audience, who find ourselves laughing again before the end, feel somewhat guilty about our change in moods, as if somehow it just isn't the thing to do. Life never makes up its mind whether it is an appropriate time to laugh or to cry!

And the third great truth goes something like this. *The real test of love is how well it prepares us for the disillusionments of marriage.*

After the separation we soon find Tillie placed in a rest home to seek a recovery from a nervous breakdown. Recover she does after a fashion, and on the day she is to be released, her husband (having just heard) arrives on the scene. They walk for a while in the gardens, and in listening to them talk it out, you know that while the pain is still there, they have both come to some kind of settlement about their future. It is not a glowing, glorious romantic, ride off into the sunset, kind of settlement, because life seldom gives those kinds of resolutions. But it is a settlement, nonetheless. And as they walk up the hill, you hear the voice-over of Carol Burnett in one of the great moments of theatre as she says, "I never knew how much I needed Pete Seltzer to help me through the disillusionments of marriage."

Oh boy! When did you first experience the disillusionment of marriage. You met, you went around for a while, you got engaged. But engagement is the time of the great cover up. Engagement is saving one's best self for the moments spent together with the intended. It is portrayed as such a happy time, so you regard as intrusions the doubts and anxieties you feel. Love, when you are young, is a contest to win, so you mask your worst side. The stick-in-the-mud husband is the willing-to-go-anywhere fiance. The occasionally nagging wife is the female model of conciliation. It is a time of great expectations, seldom testing your ability to face the disappointments that are to come.

Two days before Christmas, Judd Arnett wrote a column in the *Detroit Free Press* on the eve of his 38th Anniversary. I plan to mimeograph it and give it to every couple who comes to be married. Let me quote from it.

A torrent of gibberish has been written about why some marriages last and some don't, and I would not intentionally add to it . . . Quite often it all comes down to what you expect out of life. If you anticipate that there will be a constant round of beer and skittles, followed by moonlight and roses, you are in for a series of rude awakenings. There will be times instead, when she can barely stand the sight of you, and vice versa, and what do you do then—coochie-coo and off to the bedroom? Forget it! That is when you either dig in for the long pull or you start talking about alimony. . . .

Marriage is realizing that she is waiting for you, knowing that you will get there as soon as you can. It is sharing the small things in life, the trivia, because if you wait to share only the great moments, there will be too many blank spaces in between. It is the mutual resolution in times of travail that is possible only between two people who trust, respect, and try to love one another

The test of love is how well it prepares us for the disillusionments of marriage. For as sure as God made little green apples, the vows of the wedding ceremony are essentially correct. *There will be some better, and some worse.*

Now, let's roll this home by building a nest for it scripturally. There is a beautiful phrase in Paul's famous chapter on love in his letter to the people of Corinth. It goes like this, "When I was a child I spoke as a

child, I thought as a child, I reasoned as a child. But when I became a man (or woman), I gave up childish ways. For now we see in a mirror dimly, but then face to face. Now we know in part, but then shall we know fully, even as we have been fully understood."

We know in part! That's it in a nutshell, isn't it? Everything we know about love is partial. Everything we know about this man or that woman is incomplete. No human love is perfect—no lover is perfect. There are ups and downs, some victories and some defeats, ecstasy here and there, and disappointment now and then. There are moments of tremendous togetherness, and then, in the phrase of a husband who recently walked out on his wife—"So many times when I come home I am as lonely here as I am anywhere else."

We know in part because we love imperfect people. Nearly at every wedding we hear the great hymn, "O Perfect Love, All Human Love Transcending." But the only perfect love is God's. And that is what always makes religion a veiled abstraction at best. We have no way to experience perfect love, no frame of reference for getting a hold of it. For perfection is conceptual rather than realized. That which is perfect is foreign to us. It is not in our nature to understand it. We latch on to God's perfect love experientially, only as bits and fragments of it come to us in imperfect people. *What is perfection? All I know is this man—this woman.*

Ask yourself, if somehow you could have known everything you now know about how it would all turn out—would you do it again? Ah—that one will spoil a whole lot of dinner table conversations! But that is the beauty about knowing in part. You didn't have that choice then, and you don't have it now.

Henry Higgins sings, "I was serenely independent and content before we met. Surely I could grow to be that way again, and yet . . . I've grown accustomed to her face." Such a great phrase! Because that is what it is all about—*Growing Accustomed to*. . . No more, no less. A far shot from perfection! But that is all we have got. Thank God, it may just be enough!

He Was Our Native Son

THE death of Bishop Marshall R. Reed brought to a close the life of a native son of Michigan United Methodism that was unique in the life of our Church. Upon his election to the episcopacy in 1948, he was assigned to the Michigan Area where he continued as its head for 16 years. This record probably will never be duplicated because of new legislation which makes it impossible for a newly elected bishop to be assigned to the Area from which he is elected. Another rule limits the assignment of a bishop in any Area to 12 years. He was the only bishop elected from Michigan who served here.

Except for his appointment to Onaway, all of his pastorates were spent in the southeastern part of the state and mostly in Detroit, less than 80 miles from the place of his birth near Onsted. Michigan born and bred, he was a Michigania through and through. He loved Michigan, its soil, its forests, its lakes and hills, and there was no part of it he didn't know from personal contact.

There is so much to say about one who gave his life to the Christian ministry in so many different ways. His devotion to Christ and the Church was fortified by serious scholarship. Books were his constant companions. When taking a lengthy ocean trip, he carried and read the first volume of the Interpreter's Bible which at that time had just come off the press. His vast library witnessed to an eager mind always in search of knowledge. Frequent quotations from what he had read gave a freshness and depth to his preaching. While living in Detroit many years ago, we had the privilege of sharing membership with him in a seminar of a dozen ministers. When his turn came to read a paper, we were always assured that he had done his "homework" and were challenged by his example.

He also excelled in a very different area of activity, especially in his younger days. The records show that he was a formidable opponent on the gridiron as center on the Albion College football team. As an avid sports fan, he kept track of how the Tigers or Lions were doing. We recall a Lions' game we attended some years ago. After finding our seat and settling down for an exciting game, who should enter and occupy the seat behind us but Bishop Reed. Although his playing days were long gone, he continued to play the game with his head and heart as a spectator in the stands and as a reader of the sports page.

No bishop, prior to his time, traveled throughout the Area as he did. No church was too small to get his attention and if he had an open date on his calendar,

he was sure to fill it when asked to. Some of his ministerial colleagues frequently suggested that he was accepting too many dates for his health's sake, but he rarely paid them any heed. He had worked hard on the farm as a youth and once used to it, couldn't quit. He seemed to reason that it was surely as important to cultivate the Lord's fields that converts might be grown, as it had been to till the fields of his father's farm in Lenawee County. His wife, affectionately known to so many of us as Mary Esther, was his faithful chauffeur in all kinds of Michigan weather. He was given assignments abroad which included journeys to Latin America, India, Southeast Asia and North Africa. Upon his return, he always shared his experiences with the "homefolk."

Running the ecclesiastical machinery, attending countless meetings and conferences has always been a major part of a bishop's life. This can be enjoyable until it gets monotonous and then it can become boring. For him to attend as many meetings as he did indicated that he must have enjoyed them even if at times they did become tiring. His presence always added dignity and importance to the meeting and his constructive comments were always appreciated.

We cannot let this opportunity pass without a word concerning his contributions to the *Advocate*. During his 16 years as head of the Area, he wrote "The Bishop's Page" for each issue. It was written first in longhand (he was a southpaw) and then typed by somebody else, usually his daughter Elsie Mae. Despite his travels and innumerable engagements, he always had a high respect for deadlines and invariably met them. We never ceased to marvel at his promptness and wished many times that his ministers would follow his example. From what he said, we gathered that he greatly admired Bishop Theodore S. Henderson who frequently wrote a page in the *Advocate* while serving this Area, which may have given Bishop Reed the idea. In any event, he used his page to convey his thinking to Michigan United Methodists and they greatly appreciated it.

The last sentence on the last page that he wrote, shows his concern for his beloved Michigan Methodism. He says: "Our prayer is that God may bless you all and that Methodism may move forward to even greater achievements in the future in this Area we love."

We believe that is still his wish for the Church in this state where he was born, grew up and where he spent his life in Christian service. It now remains for us to make sure his wish comes true!



The Editor's Pulpit

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What They Write

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Praises POWs

To the Editor:

They came home, gaunt and with the shadow of the hell of their captivity in their eyes. But they stood straight and tall and there was great pride evidenced in the way they saluted. There was pride and neatness and respect in the manner in which they walked and talked and wore their uniforms. They thanked God, the President and the American people for their deliverance. These are America's finest.

When Captain Jeremiah Denton said that they were grateful for the privilege of having had the opportunity to serve the cause of their country and the cause of free men and when he said with voice breaking — "GOD BLESS AMERICA," he said it all. Likewise, when his lovely wife said that it was the answer to prayer and that she and his family and friends "were so very proud," she said it all.

When the first POWs came home and the merciless spotlight of the TV cameras was upon them, these men showed very clearly the true picture of the cause and of the true heart and spirit of America.

Thank you God for the cease-fire in Vietnam. Thank you God for men like Captain Denton and our servicemen. May the awful sacrifices that American servicemen made for the cause of free men not have been in vain. — Edgar Fleetham, Sunfield.

Key to Survival of U.S. POWs: "A Growing Relationship to God"

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (RNS) — An American Baptist Naval chaplain says that God sustained the U.S. prisoners of war in Vietnam during their most difficult, darkest, painful hours and "enabled them to get through."

"The key to their survival and to their mental and emotional health was a deep, abiding and growing relationship to God," Chaplain (Lt. Cdr.) Alex B. Aronis said in a letter to American Baptist chaplaincy headquarters here from the Sub Bay Naval Air Station in the Philippines.

He said the "story of the religious experience of these men is inspiring beyond words." One returnee told him:

"The moment my feet touched down on North Vietnamese soil God was standing next to me. He was three buildings tall, and the tip of his shoes came to my forehead and he said to me, 'I'm going to be with you and I'm going to take care of you'."

"The stories just kept coming," the Navy chaplain wrote, "not because I was pumping but because they just had to be told.

It was a kind of spontaneous sharing of Good News that is apparent in the New Testament."

Chaplain Aronis' letter to Chaplain Charles F. Wills, director of American Baptist Chaplaincy Services here, was reported by the American Baptist News Service.

Another returning POW told the chaplain, "Without God I would not have been able to survive."

"In other words, God really helped you," Chaplain Aronis replied.

"No," the returnee corrected, "not merely helped. I mean it when I say I could not have made it without God pulling me through."

POW's Sum Up: "Thank You"

NEW YORK (RNS)—Dozens of families were joyously reunited in hospitals throughout the nation, as the first contingent of the American Vietnam prisoners of war returned home to the U.S.

Formal "homecoming" ceremonies planned by the military at the airports were swept aside in many cases, as shouting, teary-eyed members of the families of POWs broke through to embrace their loved ones.

Most of the returnees — looking, in some cases, remarkably healthy and overwhelmed with happiness — expressed unwavering loyalty and love for America, and deep gratitude to God for bringing them home.

One Navy captain, an "amateur philosopher," expressed the feelings of the returning soldiers by quoting these words by an unknown Greek poet:

"Nothing is so sweet as to return from the sea and listen to the raindrops on the rooftops at home."

The homecoming was emotional and touching.

One newsman said of the "welcome home" on Feb. 14 at Travis Air Force Base in California: "It was Valentine's Day and Christmas. It was Thanksgiving Day and the Fourth of July. It was home at last...!"

Col. Ronald E. Byrne, Jr., 43, of Peru, Ind., senior officer on one of the planes returning to Travis, stood at attention and said:

"Our emotions at this time are indescribable. To be back on American soil has been our dream, our prayer for over seven years. You have reached across time and space, have taken us by the hand and brought us home."

"Thank you, America, for caring. Thank you, Mr. President, God bless America. May God bless you all," Col. Byrne said, and his voice broke. He stopped, saluted the hundreds of reporters and spectators in front of him and strode off. He would be reunited with his wife and four sons in Ohio.

Capt. James B. Stockdale, 49, of Coronado, Calif., the Naval officer who recited the Greek poem, said: "We know what loyalty means. We have been living with loyalty, we have been living on loyalty for the past several years."

"We are at home! America, America, God shed His grace on thee," he said, and marched away to be flown to meet his family in a San Diego naval hospital.

When Air Force Maj. Hayden J. Lockhart of Alexandria, La., stepped off the plane at Travis, he began to salute and was so overwhelmed at the sight of his wife, Jill, that he began to salute her too. Then, flustered, he put his hand out to shake hers.

Finally, he gathered her into his arms and hugged and kissed her.

Maj. Lockhart then crouched down to face his 7-year-old son Hayden whom he has never seen, and solemnly shook his hand. Jill was pregnant when he went overseas, and he has seen only pictures of the baby who was born while he was a captive.

But when Air Force Maj. Arthur W. Burer of Rockville descended, his wife Nancy, four children, parents and assorted relatives ran screaming and yelling to his open arms — his father, from Texas, grinning beneath a 10-gallon cowboy hat. Major Burer has been "missing" since October 1965.

Helen Brunstrom told reporters that at their first reunion they talked about the future, about buying an airplane or a car, maybe a Cadillac. They talked of the past, of the time their daughter Kathy (now 12) went blackberry picking with her dad. They talked about the present — of the short skirts the nurses are wearing.

She described one brief moment when the shadow of the memory of his imprisonment darkened their happy reunion.

"I was unpacking his things, and I came upon a pair of (prison) sandals, and under the sandals was a little spoon and a little cup. That's all he ate with for seven years," she recalled.

"I was putting the sandals back, when my husband walked into the room. He said, 'Put that stuff back and don't touch it again'."

UN Role in Vietnam Rehabilitation Asked

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — A plan for the United States to let the United Nations administer its post-war rehabilitation aid in Vietnam was issued here January 30 by the coordinator of the United Methodist Call for Peace and Self-Development of Peoples.

Bishop John Wesley Lord pointed out that the UN is "already deeply involved in development projects in Indochina" so would be a "rational and natural" channel for the "billions of dollars for aid that will be made available by this country. Such a step he said, also would "add prestige and power to the UN at a time when it needs such support."

Events in the Life of Bishop Reed



At his desk in Area Headquarters, Detroit.



The Bishop and wife Mary Esther on board the ship President Monroe at San Francisco, Nov. 13, 1951, ready to sail for India.



Ecumenical interests were high on the Bishop's list of priorities. He helped organize the Michigan Council of Churches and served on the Detroit Council of which he also was president. Here Dr. G. Merrill Lenox, former executive secretary of the Detroit Council, presents a framed citation to Bishop Reed for his services to the Council.



Bishop and Mrs. Reed on the occasion of their 50th wedding anniversary. Standing behind them are their daughters, left to right: Mrs. William Ives, Mrs. John Ferentz and Mrs. Allan Gray.



To visit local United Methodist churches was a joy for Bishop Reed. He is shown here in the pulpit of Milwood Church, Kalamazoo.



Standing in the pulpit of Metropolitan Church, Detroit, Bishop Reed makes a point during a rally in the interests of the Advance program, sponsored by the Church some years ago.



Pictured at the General Conference of 1944 are, left to right: the late Dr. Stanley Coors, classmate and long-time friend of Bishop Reed; the late Bishop Raymond J. Wade of the Michigan Area; and Bishop Reed. Dr. Coors also became a bishop of the Church.



The Memorial Service over, those attending withdrew from the sanctuary by the center aisle, led by the officiating Bishops. Shown here is the casket surmounted by a spray of red carnations followed by Mrs. Reed and members of the family.

Triumphal Service for Bishop Reed Led by Three Episcopal Colleagues

WHEN a congregation, consisting mostly of United Methodist ministers and their wives, sings "How Firm a Foundation" and "All Hail the Power of Jesus Name," one can expect to receive a more than ordinary spiritual lift. But when the setting is a Memorial Service for one who served his life among them as pastor and Bishop, then the religious experience is utterly indescribable.

That is the way it was on the afternoon of March 5, 1973, in the sanctuary of the Adrian First United Methodist Church, when a Triumphal Memorial Service was held for Bishop Marshall R. Reed. Besides the pastors and their wives, from all parts of the state, many of the laity joined them to fill the main floor of the sanctuary.

A memorial printed program carried a

picture of Bishop Marshall Russell Reed on the cover and the dates 1891 - 1973. On the back was a brief biography. On one inside page was an excerpt taken from his many writings. This one was entitled "Spirituality." On the other page was the order of the service which began with an organ prelude by Richard Wegner, First's organist.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder, resident Bishop of the Michigan Area, led in prayer followed by all repeating the Lord's Prayer. After the singing of the first hymn, Bishop F. Gerald Ensley of the West Ohio Area read Psalms 46, 121; Romans 8.

Speaking for all Michigan United Methodists, Bishop Loder expressed gratitude for the leadership of Marshall Reed and for "his tender heart and sensitive nature." "Everywhere I go in the Michigan Area

I see the footprints of Bishop Reed who laid solid foundations." When Bishop Reed retired, "he turned over the Area knowing that it would survive the new green Bishop," declared Bishop Loder. Although he continued to live in the state, Bishop Reed never interfered with the new administration which is an "ethical performance indicating the mark of the man." Continuing further, Bishop Loder commended Bishop Reed as hard-working, a scholar and one who retained what he read. "He loved the Church, had a social passion, loved the soil and was a common man."

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, retired and formerly Bishop of the New York Area, told how he had known the Reeds for 25 years and how Bishop Reed identified with good causes that came his way. He described a casual meeting with a man during a plane trip. As time passed, the man finally asked Bishop Wicke if he were a clergyman. The Bishop replied that he was. Then the man asked if he knew Bishop Reed, to which the Bishop replied that he did. The man then told how much Bishop Reed had meant to him when he attended his church in Ypsilanti many years ago. The visitor said he thought so much of Bishop Reed that he took his son to Onsted to see where he lived. Bishop Wicke concluded his remarks by paying tribute to Mrs. Reed and by posing the question, "How could Marshall ever fail with a wife like Mary Esther?"

Upon singing the final hymn and with the pronouncement of the benediction, the Bishops, led by Bishop Loder, proceeded down the center aisle followed by six grandson pallbearers, the casket, Mrs. Reed, members of the family and, finally, the entire congregation.

The six grandsons were: Marshall Ferentz, Kirk Ferentz, Russell Ives, James Ives, Fred Gray and John Gray.

Burial was in Maple Shade Cemetery which overlooks the Reed berry patch near the home in Onsted.

Memorial contributions may be sent to the Marshall R. Reed Memorial Fund, United Methodist Conference Headquarters, 8th Floor, Palms Bldg., 2111 Woodward, Detroit, 48201.

Court Sustains Church's Property Rights

PITTSBURGH, Pa. (UMI) — United Methodist Bishop Roy C. Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area has announced that the Court of Common Pleas of Fayette County (Pa.) has sustained the right of the denomination to retain control and use of property where two congregations have withdrawn.

At the same time, Bishop Nichols said he was issuing an invitation to the dissident congregations, and ten others similarly situated, to return to the denomination. The withdrawals grew out of merger of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist churches.

Marshall Russell Reed — 1891 - 1973

MARSHALL RUSSELL REED was born September 15, 1891, to Fred Pitt Reed and Elsie Russell Reed near Onsted, Michigan. His grandfather had migrated from western New York and had settled in Lenawee County. His family attended the Prospect Hill Methodist Church. He graduated from Tecumseh High School in 1910 and enrolled in Albion College where he was active on the football team and in the literary societies. He was a member of Delta Tau Delta Fraternity and was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. After graduation in 1914, he enrolled in Drew Theological Seminary in Madison, New Jersey. After one year, he transferred to Garrett Biblical Institute on the campus of Northwestern University in Evanston, Illinois, where he finished his theological training and earned a Masters degree.

While at the university he met Mary Esther Kirkendall of West Burlington, Iowa, and they were married on May 14, 1917. To them were born three daughters: Elizabeth Jane (Mrs. Allan Gray of Howell), Elsie Mae (Mrs. John Ferentz of Pittsburgh) and Mary Louise (Mrs. William Ives of Birmingham). The Reeds returned to Michigan after graduation and accepted appointment in the Detroit Annual Conference which he had joined on trial in 1915. It was to this session, meeting at Port Huron, that he recalled having made his first all-day journey by automobile. The Bishop who received him was William Burt. At the session in 1917, held at Court Street Church, Flint, he was received into full connection and ordained elder by Bishop Frederick Leete (the only time Bishop Leete ever presided over the Detroit Conference).

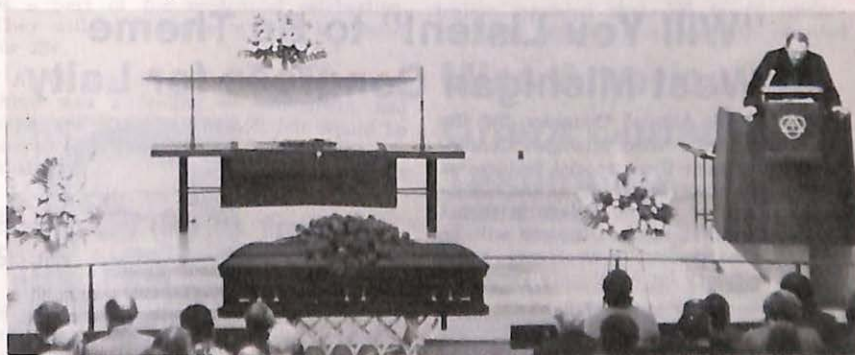
The churches he served were Gaines, 1917; Onaway, 1918; Redford, 1919-1923; Detroit Jefferson Avenue, 1923-1928; Ypsilanti, 1928-1834; and Detroit Nardin Park, 1934-1948. At Redford, he built the parsonage and educational unit which are still used. At both Jefferson Avenue and Nardin Park, sanctuaries were built during his ministry. At Redford his extracurricular activities included coaching the first football team of Redford High School. His keen interest in athletics, especially football, from his high school days on earned him the National Football Foundation Willie Heston award in 1963.

His first conference committee assignment was to the Committee on Resolutions in 1919 which began a steady stream of conference activities for the next 29 years. He was on the Board of Examiners for those in the Course of Study and for many years headed the division of studies concerned with homiletics. He served as president of the State Epworth League in 1925 and 1929. He was on the Committee for Social and Moral Reform, Committee on Finance, Committee on Sustentation, Trustee of the Old People's Home (now called Chelsea Methodist Home), Northwestern University, Albion College, to name a few.

He was president of the Detroit Council of Churches and helped organize the Michigan Council of Churches. At the time of his election to the Episcopacy he was chairman of the Board of Education. One of his great interests was the continuing education of ministers. Along with Dr. Lynn Harold Hough, he had helped found the Pastor's School in 1922 and for many years served as its dean, presiding over its yearly week-long session of inspiration and education. In 1937, he gave his first lectures at Bay View. For several years he alternated with his college classmate and good friend, D. Stanley Coors, and subsequently became a regular feature of the summer program. He continued these lectures for over 25 years. He was first elected to General Conference in 1932 and was sent to every conference until 1948, heading the delegations in 1944 and 1948.

brought a new series of sermons each year. Every sermon he has ever preached is still in his files with the dates and places of delivery. He organized the state-wide meetings of Methodist laymen each April at MSU. His administration was set in a time of expanding economy where many churches were being remodeled or built new. He presided at dedications and consecrations, oftentimes at the rate of three or four a Sunday. One of his great achievements was the creation and building of University Church in East Lansing to serve the burgeoning Michigan State University community.

The General Church soon recognized his administrative ability and called upon him to serve in many capacities. He was chairman of the Division of National Missions, chairman of the Board of Pensions, member of the Board of Publication. In 1962 he



Bishop Dwight E. Loder in the pulpit of First United Methodist Church, Adrian, offers the opening prayer in the Memorial Service for Bishop Marshall R. Reed, March 5, 1973.

He was a life member of the Masonic Order and a member of Detroit Commandery Number 1. One outside interest he cherished and cultivated through the years was his membership in Kiwanis. First joining while in Ypsilanti, he transferred his membership to the Northwest Detroit Club in 1934. During 1940 he served as Governor of the Michigan District and continued his interest serving on the Council of Past Governors.

At the Jurisdictional Conference of 1948 held in Indianapolis, he was elected Bishop on the fifth ballot and assigned to serve the Michigan Area where he continued his episcopal duties until retiring in 1964. The unique opportunity to remain in his beloved Michigan among the people and churches he knew so well, allowed him to continue the same interests he had developed while in the pastorate. (General Conference legislation subsequently made it impossible for a bishop to return immediately after election to the area he had come from). The following year, he conducted his first session of the Detroit Conference in Court Street Church, Flint, where he had been ordained 32 years before.

He continued his interest in the Pastor's School. Now no longer able to serve as dean, he became the school preacher and

was elected to the highest office Methodism can bestow, President of the Council of Bishops.

Three times Bishop and Mrs. Reed went overseas in the name of the Church. Their travels took them to Chile, Southeast Asia, India, Europe, and North Africa. He was conducting Annual Conference in Honolulu when Hawaii was made a state. He had offered prayer before the Territorial legislature just two days before. Three other overseas assignments were turned down because of the press of work in Michigan.

In 1940, the Reeds had purchased a home in Onsted together with 34 acres of adjacent farmland. It was to this home they retired in 1964 where they have resided ever since. When his health failed and nursing care was required, he entered Chelsea Methodist Home. Mrs. Reed had the use of a room there where she was able to be near her husband and assist in caring for him which she did with unmitigated devotion. Death came at the Home at 6:45 a.m. March 1, 1973, at the age of 81. In addition to his wife and three daughters, the Bishop leaves 12 grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

An account of the funeral appears in an accompanying article. ■

Church Educators' Workshop Held at Adrian College

NINETY church and public school leaders from Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois participated in a two-day workshop on "Values for Tomorrow's Children," held at Adrian College March 8 and 9. Ministers, teachers, and educational leaders from 60 churches and two public school districts participated. The resource leader was Mr. John H. Westerhoff III, author of a recent book by the same title. Mr. Westerhoff is editor of *Colloquy* magazine and Field Education Supervisor of Harvard Divinity School.

Michigan Methodists who participated included Mrs. Barbara Benedict and Rev. David Yingling, Kalamazoo Milwood; Rev. Joseph Bistayi, Ypsilanti First; Mrs. Richard Bradley, Lansing Mt. Hope; Mrs.

Beverly Crump, Mrs. Bonnie Frick, Mrs. Mary Savage, Mrs. Barbara Stowell, Albion; Mrs. Shyarn Davis and Mrs. Eleanor McMullen, Warren First; Rev. Ronald Fassett, Muskegon Central; Rev. Max Gladding, Byron Center; Mrs. June Heeder, Detroit Christ; Dwayne Lee Kelsey, Pontiac Central; Mrs. Marie Leipprandt, Pigeon; Rev. David Miles, Grand Haven; Rev. James F. Thomas, Farmington Nardin Park and Orchard.

The workshop was jointly sponsored by Adrian College and the American Institute of Developmental Education, with Dr. Heath Goodwin of Adrian as dean and Dr. Virgil Henry of AIDE as educational director.

Workshop participants represented ten denominational communions: Baptist, Christian, Congregational, Episcopal, Lutheran, Presbyterian, Reformed, Roman Catholic, United Church of Christ, and United Methodist. In addition, two Councils of Churches and three interdenominational churches were represented. ■

in a local church or a cluster of churches, being directly involved in the activities, the problems and the triumphs of the parish ministry. The Commission on Enlistment believes this experience can be very valuable to the interns, helping them make their decision about a church-related vocation by making it possible for them to have a wide variety of parish experiences. At the time of the VIP Committee meeting, February 22, eleven churches (or clusters) were definitely committed to have an intern with them for nine weeks and were looking forward to the experience.

The local church, or cluster of churches, receiving the services of an intern will be responsible for providing room and board for the intern and a \$500 stipend. There are some funds available to assist them in this where the matter of stipend proves to be a major obstacle. Unlike last year, the VIP Committee is hoping that the intern's home church will help support this program by making a contribution to the VIP Scholarship Fund.

Anyone interested in the Vocational Intern Program can write to: Don Brown, Registrar; Box 8, Akron, Michigan, 48701. Applications must be filled out and returned by April 14.

Study Tour for Youth Planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A six-week study-travel seminar in Southeast Asia is being planned this summer for United Methodist youth.

Sponsored by the Missionary Education unit of the Board of Discipleship in cooperation with the World Division of the Board of Global Ministries, the tour is expected to involve 15 young persons between the ages of 16 and 20.

U.S. leaders for the seminar will be Rev. and Mrs. Charles Courtoy, Nashville. Mr. Courtoy is director of senior high ministries in the Board of Discipleship's Section on Local Church Education.

An Asian and a missionary couple who have lived in Southeast Asia will join the tour overseas.

The group will assemble at Stony Point, N.Y., June 26 and will leave June 30.



Rev. and Mrs. Charles Courtoy will lead the seminar of youth in Southeast Asia.

"Will You Listen!" to Be Theme Of West Michigan Congress for Laity

THE Third Annual Congress for the Laity of the West Michigan Conference will present three special features as it meets Saturday, March 31, on the Knollcrest Campus of Calvin College in Grand Rapids. The first of the features will be the keynote speaker, Rev. Avery Manchester, secretary for Missionary Personnel



Rev. Avery Manchester

Mr. Alison Barney



The third feature and some say the most exciting, is that the congress of 1973 has gone "co-educational." For the first time in the history of the congress (and the Area Rallies in East Lansing before it) women and youth have participated in the planning and are invited to attend. It is believed that they will add much to the morning discussion groups.

The opening session of the congress begins at 9:00 a.m. with registration and coffee at 8:00. Reservations in advance are \$6.00 but after March 26, \$7.50. Reservations can be made through the local church lay leader, pastor, or directly to the West Michigan Conference headquarters. ■

Intern Program Seeks Participants

The 1972 Vocational Intern Program (VIP) was a gratifying success for its sponsor, the Detroit Conference Commission on Enlistment. Planning for VIP 73 has been underway for some time.

This program makes it possible for a limited number of college-age young persons who are considering a church-related vocation to spend nine weeks with a pastor, or director of Christian education,

of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Global Ministries.

Mr. Manchester just returned from a world tour of the missionary work of the Church and comes to Michigan "fired up" to share the theme "Will You Listen!" Mr. Manchester served five years in Zaire (Congo) as a director of social work and district superintendent and those who have heard him, tell praises of his preaching, particularly among youth and lay people.

The second feature is the dynamic song leading and singing of Mr. Alison Barney of the Westwood Church in Kalamazoo. Music has traditionally been a high point of inspiration and enjoyment at the congress sessions. Mr. Barney has developed a reputation as a vocalist and director that is sure to leave no one disappointed again this year.

Major visits will be in Bangkok, the Malay Peninsula, Sumatra, Singapore, and Sarawak. The group will return to the

U.S. August 8. Persons interested in the tour may write Miss Titus at P.O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202.

Advocate Anniversary Committee Plans "Centennial Edition"

THE Anniversary Committee of the Advocate met recently to finalize its plans for the "Centennial Edition" to be published on May 24, 1973. It will contain 100 pages, a symbolic page for each year of service. Its four cover pages will be in full color with beautiful pictures of Tahquamenon Falls and Pictured Rocks, worthy of framing.

The Editor, John Marvin, presented an outline of the contents which was enthusiastically endorsed by the committee. Bishop Dwight E. Loder will write an article on the future of United Methodism in Michigan. Drs. Margaret Macmillan and Douglas MacNaughton will reflect upon the ministry of the Church in the 19th and 20th centuries. The advantages to each local church of the connectional organization of The United Methodist Church will be outlined by Rev. John Mulder. Dr. Donald Strobe will write about the contemporary relevance of Wesley's Aldersgate experience (May 24 is also an Aldersgate anniversary).

Dr. Marvin reported that these were but a few of the feature articles. Other writers will include Dr. Benjamin Holme, Dr. Hoover Rupert, Dr. Woodie White, Rev. Ronald Brunger, Dr. Glenn Frye, Rev. Robert Brubaker, Dr. Carl Soule, Rev. Allan Gray, Dr. Tracey Jones, Rev. Richard Beckett, Mr. Rex Shugart, Dr. Stanley Buck, as well as the Advocate Editors.

He noted that there will be sketches of the ministries and histories of the United Methodist institutions in Michigan—Albion and Adrian Colleges, Clark Home and the Detroit Conference retirement facilities, the Children's Home, the Grand Rapids Community House, campus ministries and summer camps, Bronson Hospital, the United Methodist Foundation of Michigan, Bay View, plus a few others at the state and national level.

The Anniversary Committee felt that the "Centennial Edition" will be hailed as

a gold mine of information for members and churches of Michigan United Methodism. Several of the committee members predicted that the Advocate might need to print as many as 25,000 to 50,000 extra copies beyond the regular 26,000 circulation. Pre-publication orders will be necessary to determine the number of copies for distribution. These orders will start being received in mid-March with a deadline of April 6.

The Associate Editor, Keith Pohl, presented to the committee a facsimile of the oldest *Michigan Christian Advocate* in its files, January 1874, Vol. I — No. 4. He has had 1,000 copies of this issue reproduced as a part of the centennial celebration. They will be available to those interested for 25¢.

As the committee concluded its meeting there was a feeling of excitement and expectant pleasure which it felt would be shared by all United Methodists in Michigan. ■

Exodus of 1972's Freshmen Spurs American U. Study

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — United Methodist-related American University may be "too easy" academically, according to a survey of the unexpectedly large number of former students who transferred to other schools last Fall.

The 173 of the 684 former students who responded also complained about what they considered unsatisfactory dormitory conditions.

William F. Ahlstrom, vice-president for development and university relations, commented on charges that the institution lacks "intellectual challenge."

The school is already planning a study this Spring of its grading practices and course requirements, he said, and is also

considering ways to improve teaching and counseling.

However, he went on to emphasize that 75 per cent of students last Spring, in a campus-wide survey, rated their courses "very good" or "good," and 80 per cent gave their instructors the same rating.

"There's a clear data conflict there," he said, adding: "Naturally, if you survey a group that left, you're going to get negative comment."

Most of the 173 responding to the more recent survey were freshmen and sophomores last Spring and most of them lived in dormitories.

Sixty per cent indicated they were dissatisfied with American University; 33 per cent said their career interests had changed, and 27 per cent said cost was part of their problem. (AU charges annual tuition of \$2,336).

University executives decided to undertake the survey late last Fall after registration revealed that 300 fewer undergraduates returned than had been counted

Miss America Offers Christian Testimony

HERSHEY, Pa. (RNS) — Miss America gave a Christian testimony here before the Greater Hershey Crusade for Christ.

Terry Ann Meeuwesen, 23, told participants: "I don't feel that I represent young womanhood or the youth of America. I speak for myself. There are so many areas of Miss America that it can almost be overwhelming."

A native of Appleton, Wis., she recalled her experiences as a singer with New Christy Minstrels before she made a Christian commitment.

On the nightclub circuit, Miss Meeuwesen said, "there was alcoholism and drugs around — no common denominator. I felt lost in nightclub entertainment. I realized I had to establish what is right and what is wrong for myself and I couldn't do it for myself.

"That is why I made a commitment to Christ two years ago. And I think any confidence I have today can be attributed to that."

When she and the Minstrels were playing at a Baptist church in Texas, Miss America related, "I had reached the point where I couldn't express love for anybody." Before the concert, a woman had given her a booklet on the "Four Spiritual Laws."

That night, she said, "I read the book, said a prayer, and told myself that I ought to give Jesus a chance." Five of the other eight members of the group later became Christians, she added.

Miss Meeuwesen sang "Amazing Grace" and "He Touched Me" for the audience. Later, during an altar call, about 100 persons came forward. ■



Four of the members of the Advocate Centennial Committee are shown above as they participated in a recently held planning session. Left to right, are: Rev. Forrest Mohr, secretary of the Advocate Board and pastor at Reed City; Rev. Albert Frevert, Lansing District superintendent; Rev. John Mulder, assistant to the Bishop; and Rev. Donn Doten, pastor of the University Church, East Lansing.

News from the Churches



ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

Mrs. Arthur Jackson and Mrs. Charles Rybnikar conducted a preliminary meeting, February 19, at Lansing Faith to establish a new United Methodist Women's organization. Assisting were: Mrs. Myron Williams, chairman, Conference Nominating Committee; Mrs. Roger Carlson, Lansing District vice-president; and Mrs. Lewis Babbitt, Lansing District Nominating Committee member. The lone male in the group is the pastor, Rev. Richard Johns.

Saginaw Jefferson Takes "Circuit Riders Tour"

As part of its ministry to people, especially to older people living alone, the Jefferson Avenue Church, Saginaw, Rev. Asa Compton, pastor, has initiated a travel group known as "Circuit Riders Tour."

An overwhelming response to the church's first venture (a ten-day tour to Florida, March 2-11) has prompted the second trip to the sunny southland from March 23 to April 1.

After overnight stops in Lexington and Atlanta, the group will have two nights and two days in the Tampa Bay, St.

Petersburg area and two nights at Orlando with a day and a half at Disney World. Enroute home stops will be made in Montgomery and Louisville.

The essential worth of this form of ministry can be quickly sensed in the comments of those planning to be part of a tour: "I wish we were leaving tomorrow. This is my first trip of any distance away from my home." Four ladies who traveled to Houston, Texas, for the National WSCS Convention, returned their registration and deposit even before they finished reading the invitation.

Persons interested in the tour can call the church (517-753-7797) for further information.



HONORED FOR 50 YEARS OF SCOUTING

Scout Troop 109, sponsored by the Three Rivers First Church, celebrated 50 years of continuous scouting on February 6. All former scouts and leaders were invited to a special court of honor held in the church dining room. Scout executive, Lenny Long (left), presented 50-year Scouting citations to three scouters, Ray Bowers, Wendell Tobin and Stephen Black (left to right), who are charter members of Troop 109 and have remained active. Rev. Richard Beckett is pastor and Institutional Representative for the troop.

Parsonage Mortgage Burned

Ann Arbor Calvary burned the \$15,000 mortgage on its parsonage, February 25 during the morning worship service. The ceremony was conducted by the pastor, Rev. Robert Grigereit. Mrs. Grigereit expressed words of appreciation and Dr. Alfred Storey and Clyde Schoenhals, former trustees, told the history of the congregation's decision to build. David and Mark Grigereit also participated in the mortgage burning. The service included a vocal solo, "Bless This House," by Arthur Cathey. Open house was held at the home during the afternoon and evening.

The parsonage was built in 1956 at the time the new church building was constructed. The church mortgage was burned in October 1970.



Participants in the parsonage mortgage burning ceremony at Ann Arbor Calvary left to right, are: Rev. and Mrs. Robert Grigereit, Dr. Alfred Storey, Mr. Clyde Schoenhals and David and Mark Grigereit.

Noted Biblical Scholar to Speak At Adrian College

Dr. David Noel Freedman, noted Biblical Scholar, and director of the Program of Studies in Religion at the University of Michigan, will deliver a series of three addresses at Adrian College on the subject of Jeremiah, the Prophet. The titles are: Call and Consequences — Chapter 1, 10 a.m. March 28, Adrian College Chapel; Freedom First — Chapter 34, 8 p.m. March 29, Knight Auditorium, North Hall; and Hope and Happiness — Chapter 32, 8 p.m. March 29, Knight Auditorium, North Hall. The public is invited.

Dr. Freedman has taught at Johns Hopkins University, Western Theological Seminary in Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, and San Francisco Theological Seminary, where he was also Dean of the Faculty.

He has contributed to the Interpretation Dictionary of the Bible, and is present co-editor of the Anchor Bible.

He has lectured abroad at the University of Uppsala in Sweden and at the International Congress of Old Testament Scholars at Bonn, Germany. He was director of the Ashdod Excavation Project in Palestine in 1962-64.

Four-Year Study Begins on Role of Bishops and District Superintendents

DALLAS, Texas (UMI) — Procedures for conducting a four-year study of United Methodist bishops and district superintendents were developed here February 16-17.

The first phase of the study will be detailed data-gathering, said the 30-member commission established by the 1972 General Conference. Included will be information obtained from bishops, district superintendents, pastors and lay persons.

Data-gathering will include both opinion samplings and personal interviews. Comments are also invited from any person in the church wishing to be heard on the subject.

"We will be trying to deal historically, theologically, biblically, philosophically and ideally with the episcopacy and district superintendency," said the Rev. Merlyn W. Northfelt, Evanston, Ill., chairman of the study commission. Dr. Northfelt, president of the denomination's Garrett Theological Seminary, was elected chairman of the group at its organizational meeting October 9.

Forming a foundation for the commission's work will be a series of four "hypotheses" and eight "assumptions" adopted here.

Among the latter is the assertion that "we approach our study with the understanding that these offices (bishop and district superintendent) are to be continued unless our findings compel us to consider alternatives."

"While these offices have served, and continue to serve, the church effectively," the document says, "over the years difficulties have arisen, mainly on the level of the proper functioning of (these) offices We suspect that the difficulties at hand reflect a lack of clarity in the theological conceptions and functional roles."

In addition to data-gathering within the United Methodist Church, the commissioners said they would review pertinent material from other denominations, ecumenical bodies and secular society. An extensive bibliography has been prepared of writings and research in the area.

The study grows out of a number of petitions submitted to the 1972 General Conference.

While the legislation calls "for the study of the offices of bishop and district superintendent with particular reference to the method of their selection, tenure, assignment, (and) function . . .," the commission said that in order to deal with these concerns adequately, it was "decided to dig deeper and consider the theological context and implications."

Commissioners were elected in the 1972 jurisdictional conferences. In addition to the voting members, several consultants will take part in the deliberations, including Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Detroit,

Mich., retired Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, Ft. Myers, Fla., the Rev. Richard D. Pittenger, a district superintendent from Huron, S.D., and the Rev. Gerald O. McCulloh, a staff executive of the Board of Higher Education and Ministry.

Officers, in addition to Dr. Northfelt, include the Rev. Harold H. Fink, Richmond, Va., vice chairman, and the Rev. James K. Sasaki, Monterey Park, Calif., secretary. The next session of the commission was set tentatively for November 16-17 at a place to be determined later. ■

Study of Ministry Organized

DALLAS, Texas (UMI)— A United Methodist commission set up by the 1972 General Conference to carry out a four-year study of the ordained ministry and relate to a proposed reduction in the number of denominational seminaries has elected Bishop William R. Cannon, Atlanta, Ga., as its chairman.

Bishop Cannon was chosen at the group's organizational meeting here February 19, along with Rev. Richard W. Harrington, Buffalo, N.Y., vice-chairman, and Mrs. Olin H. Troy, Chattanooga, Tenn., secretary. The 25-member panel was given a five-point mandate by the General Conference.

Adrian College Singers to Tour Michigan This Month

Adrian College's goodwill ambassadors, the Adrian Singers, will embark March 18 on a five-day, 13-concert tour of high schools and churches in Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

The select choral group, under the direction of Dr. Art J. Jones, professor and chairman of music at the college, will make its 1972-73 debut March 18 in Adrian's Dawson Auditorium.

After the performance they will board

buses for the tour, which will include stops in the Detroit, Flint, Midland, Saginaw, Grand Rapids and Grand Haven areas.

The group will sing at 8 p.m. March 21 at the First United Methodist Church in Midland. They will perform for residents of the M. J. Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids on Thursday afternoon, March 22, and will present a concert at Grand Rapids Trinity Church at 8 p.m. The Trinity concert is sponsored by the Grand Rapids District and people from all over the district have been invited.

The Singers are an experienced ensemble. As always, their forte is versatility. In a 1971 tour of seven European countries, they received the applause and acclaim of discriminating audiences for the manner in which they molded classical, contemporary and popular music into one unified program.

Simulation Game to Be Used in Training Members Of Council on Ministries

The Saginaw Bay District will sponsor a workshop on the training of members of local church Council on Ministries. It will try a new approach to leadership development—"to build a better mousetrap."

The workshop will be held on Saturday, March 17, at the Saginaw First Church beginning at 9:30. The new adventure in the learning process is a "Council on Ministries Simulation Game," which was developed by Dr. Leroy Hodapp, program director in the South Indiana Conference. Dr. Hodapp with Rev. Anthony Shipley, program director of the Detroit Conference, and Ms. Bettie Connell will lead the game participants in the all-day workshop.

The game was developed by Dr. Hodapp to help members of local church Council on Ministries understand how the council functions as a team to plan and execute program for the local church. He has had a high degree of success in similar workshops held in Indiana.



The Adrian College Singers

Of special interest to Michigianians has been the birth and growth of the Black Christian Nationalist Church in Detroit. Here is an account of its philosophy, activity and future plans.

Shrines of the Black Madonna

By RELIGIOUS NEWS SERVICE

THE opening of two new Shrines of the Black Madonna and an extensive training program for members and clergy of the Black Christian Nationalist Church was announced in Detroit by Rev. Albert Cleage.

The new shrines, a training center housed in a former downtown hotel, an experimental farm, a printing operation, three urban action cadres and training for youth at 24 colleges are part of the "black counter-institutions" sparked by the militant separatist.

Mr. Cleage, 61, a clergyman in good standing of the United Church of Christ, does not talk fiery rhetoric these days, as he did in 1969 when he was an unsuccessful candidate for the presidency of the National Council of Churches.

He has been fairly quiet as far as public statements are concerned for two years. That public silence was broken in a press conference where he disclosed the "service economics" sponsored by his Black Christian Nationalist Church to help black people with development.

While the original Shrine of the Black Madonna, formerly Central Church, remains part of the United Church, the two new shrines are not affiliated with that denomination. The Black Christian Nationalist Church itself has characteristics of a denomination.

Mr. Cleage has taken a Swahili name — "Jaramogi Adebé Agyeman," which means "liberator, blessed man, savior of nation." He says the next decade will be bad for his people and they do not have much, if any, time beyond that for survival.

"Unless black people change their course in the next ten years," he told a reporter, "they're going to be in a horrible way. This is not any indictment of larger society, for it's going to get worse for larger society and whoever is on the bottom is going to get squeezed the most."

He feels black people will be driven to his program as the only hopeful approach. Mr. Cleage finds a "total leadership vacuum" among blacks on the national level.

He sees no vitality in the Southern Christian Leadership Conference or the NAACP. Two years ago he resigned from the National Committee of Black Churchmen because it was not "dealing with basic problems."

Blacks, Mr. Cleage says, must "create a program to liberate themselves." That philosophy is behind the new shrines,

training center and efforts among young people.

His organization operates a pre-school program plus after-hours classes for elementary students in both academic courses and black history and culture.

Incorporated in the training is Mr. Cleage's belief that Jesus was a black messiah sent to rebuild the "black nation of Israel and to liberate blacks from powerlessness and oppression."

He is not asking white churches for verbal or financial support. Mr. Cleage encourages blacks to enter an African-type communalism which translates into employed people pledging \$10 per week to black Christian nationalism; the unemployed give five hours or more per week.

The financial approach is called "voluntary," and the 1973 budget is \$500,000, not including the national training center which, Mr. Cleage said, will probably receive a subsidy.

Also excluded is the graphics and printing operation. A press-run of 20,000 is projected for the first two of ten books on Afro-American history.

Currently, Mr. Cleage's following is 2,000, with many in the 25-35 age bracket and almost all with some college experience. There are about 35 persons in ministerial training; 30 in office management and 50 in community organization. Still others are in sewing and jewelry making at cultural centers linked to the three shrines.

In 1971, Mr. Cleage anticipated a membership of 100,000 within five years. He thinks the figure will be achieved.

The new \$3 million training center will also serve as a residence for full-time workers.

Last summer members worked on a farm. Crops went into a food cooperative at the first shrine and to welfare mothers.

Mr. Cleage uses Swahili words to describe the triangular basis of his program. Translated the words and the triangle are: Donation of time to the cause, voluntary taxation and recruitment.

He plans a voter registration drive among Detroit's large black population, and dreams of a school with a nursery through the sixth grade, which may be delayed because of high costs.

At the first convention of Black Christian Nationalism in 1970, a federation of churches was a goal. Four other churches were in the movement, but are no longer affiliated.

"It was our decision that churches that

affiliated really don't understand what we're trying to do," Mr. Cleage said. So he started building a base in Detroit, and changed the name to the Black Christian Nationalist Church.

Groups of seven to 15 persons are operating in New York, Atlanta and Washington, D.C. Does this expansion, along with the intense training, recruitment and cadres of students lead to a denomination?

"In a sense we're a denomination," Mr. Cleage stated, indicating that he intends to apply for membership in the National Council of Churches.

"YEAR OF COPERNICUS"

The year 1973 marks the 500th anniversary of the birth of the man who challenged a general assumption that the earth formed the central point of the universe, and sowed the seeds of an upheaval in human thought that came to be known as the Copernican



Nicholas Copernicus

Revolution. To underscore the importance of the event, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) and the International Council of Scientific Unions (ICSU) have declared 1973 the Year of Copernicus.

Nicholas Copernicus, whose proposal that the earth moves around the sun antedated the invention of the telescope, was born on Feb. 19, 1473, in the West Prussian town of Torun, then under Polish rule. Though

most school children know that Copernicus was an astronomer, it is safe to say that a goodly portion of the general public is unaware that he was a physician, an economist, a one-time soldier, an authority on Canon Law, who served as secretary to his uncle, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Ermland, and who, as canon of the Cath-

dral in Frauenberg, regularly performed his part in the divine service.

Some historians believe that Copernicus might have remained totally obscure had it not been for the efforts of a younger German Lutheran mathematician, known as Rheticius, and the editorial work of Andreas Osiander, a Lutheran theologian.

He led in a slide presentation and discussion of present-day Palestinian archaeology discoveries and their scriptural interpretation.

"Rapid Robert" and "Happy Helen" Smith were auctioneers for some unusual white elephants, the proceeds from which will be used for scholarships for Angolian young people.

Saturday's continental breakfast was prepared by Rev. and Mrs. Richard Matson and Rev. and Mrs. Keith Laidler. Morning devotions were led by Mrs. Elaine Jongeward and the previous evening devotions, by Rev. William Bildner.

Appreciation was expressed to all who helped with the event including the Robert Smiths, Ted Baileys, Larry Taylors, Helen Michael, Leonard Putman and Burt Gephart. Some 30 ministers and their wives attended.

Congregation Finds It Cannot Leave Methodist Church, Retain Property

CADLER, N.C. (RNS)—Members of the small Laurel Hill United Methodist Church here have discovered it is not easy — perhaps impossible — to withdraw from their denomination.

A statement signed by five members, who said they spoke for 96 per cent of the 78-member congregation, explained that a vote to withdraw from the Western North Carolina Conference was aimed at setting up an "independent church."

The signers said, "We foolishly believed it would be a simple matter. We thought that if members of our church wished to leave the conference, we could do so."

That statement followed a reminder by Dr. Clay Madison, superintendent of the district in which Cadler falls, that congregations cannot, under United Methodist law, withdraw from a conference by majority vote.

The Laurel Hill congregation objected to what members described as being treated like "a business."

The statement of the five members said the church "can no longer meet the benevolence quota and the other obligations forced on us by the United Methodist Conference."

Yet members want to continue their congregation where it is. "We are a small church," said the statement, "but most of us were raised in this church. Our friends and families are buried in Laurel Hill cemetery. We worked, built and paid for our church."

According to a United Methodist statute, local congregations hold property in trust for the denomination as a whole. The members of a local church can leave the Church but they are not permitted to take the property with them.

This provision has been upheld several times in civil courts because of the explicit trust clause in the Church's rules. Attempts of congregations to withdraw with property have generally been so unsuccessful that few try.

Some Laurel Hill members feared the conference would not send a pastor if the congregation could not meet its quota for benevolences. Dr. Madison explained that this was not the case. The current pastor is assigned to Laurel Hill and another nearby congregation until June.

All United Methodist pastors are assigned on a year-to-year basis. The denomination, through its conferences, is obliged to provide preachers and persons qualified to administer sacraments.

"The work, ministry and policies of The United Methodist Church are generally known to the public and do not need any defense," said Dr. Madison.

He added that he was aware of, and understood, the concerns expressed by some Laurel Hill members and would attempt to "deal sympathetically and constructively with those concerns." ■



GRAND RAPIDS DISTRICT

Robert C. Smith
Superintendent

A retreat for the Grand Rapids District ministers and wives was held in Grand Rapids on February 9-10. Rev. Ken Karlzen was general chairman and the event began with a fellowship time from 3:00 to 5:30 with refreshments provided by Rev. and Mrs. Ron Keller and Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Jackson.

After the catered dinner, arranged by Helen Smith, Dr. Larry Dannemiller, resource person, and his wife, Joy, were introduced. An ex-Catholic priest now serving First Congregational Church, Muskegon, Dr. Dannemiller is an excellent New Testament Scholar and recently returned from the "Mesada digs" in Pales-



DR. PEALE AT WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C. — President and Mrs. Nixon chat with Dr. and Mrs. Norman Vincent Peale following worship services at the White House. It marked the third time that the pastor of New York's Marble Collegiate Church has led one of the 38 services held in the Executive Mansion since Mr. Nixon became President. — rns photo.

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About Persons

REV. AND MRS. HAROLD D. DAKIN of Hale, retirees of the Detroit Conference, are vacationing in Florida until the last of April. They are residing at 210 Avenue A., N. E., Apartment A, in Winter Haven. They were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harold D. Dakin, Jr., of Roswell, Ga., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Anderson in Winter Haven recently.

MR. GERALD F. DAKIN, lay leader of the Ann Arbor West Side Church, is a patient at University Hospital where he underwent heart surgery following a heart attack while attending a district meeting in Milan. Mail may be addressed to him at U. of M. Hospital, Heart Department, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48103.

DR. CLARK H. PHILLIPS, retiree of the West Michigan Conference, reports that 60 ministers and wives from Michigan, including Bishop Thomas Pryor, attended a get-together dinner in St. Petersburg, Fla. He says the weather in the Sunshine State has been unusually cool and wet this year in contrast to last year when it was exceptionally warm.

MRS. LAURA HEUSER of Hartford, president of Women for Survival of Agriculture in Michigan, was presented with a national award honoring her as "Spokesman of the Year" for agriculture in 1972. She was chosen for the honor by Farm Chemicals magazine and Chevron Chemicals company and will be featured on the cover of the magazine. She is the first winner of the award, which is expected to be presented annually. She was selected

because of the number and excellence of talks on behalf of agriculture which she has given from Colorado to Toronto, according to the editor. One of the original members of the founding chapter of WSAM, she is the group's second president.

DR. CHARLES F. KRAFT, a member of the West Michigan Annual Conference, will be installed April 4 as the Frederick Carl Eiselen Professor of Old Testament Interpretation at Garrett Theological Seminary. The service will be held in the Garrett Chapel beginning at 11 a.m. with a luncheon following.



Dr. Kraft

Dr. Kraft has been a member of the Garrett faculty since 1947. Previous to that he was for six years head of the Department of Religion at Albion College, a professor of philosophy and religion at McKendree College, a professor of Bible at Hamline University and Professor of Old Testament at DePauw University.

RED SKELTON, comedian, was one of three persons honored for contributing to humanitarianism and brotherhood at the 45th annual Citation Dinner of the San Diego region of the National Conference of Christians and Jews. He was presented with a national humanitarian award. Another national award went to **ALVIN R. CUSHMAN** of San Diego, past senior chairman of the NCCJ regional board. **BISHOP LEO T. MAHER** of the San Diego Catholic diocese received an award for "outstanding contributions to brotherhood . . . and his moral leadership of people of all faiths. . ."

RICHARD BRYAN of First Church Lowell was recently elected president of the local area Chamber of Commerce.

REV. JOE W. WALKER, New York, has been nominated director of "The Advance," one of the United Methodist Church's major programs for raising funds to support missions activities. The program provides a channel through which local churches, individuals and groups can give support to specific missions projects after the basic World Service fund apportionments have been accepted. The nomination now will go to the General Council on Ministries for final election.

MISS TERRY ANNE MEEUWSEN, Miss America of 1973, spoke to the congregation of Grace United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, Sunday evening, January 28, and led the way to the altar for prayer at the conclusion of the service.

DR. GERALD H. ANDERSON, president of Scarritt College since July 1, 1970, has been named a senior research associate at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y. He will head a Southeast Asia Program and

will be involved in a study of the dynamics of change and modernization in contemporary Southeast Asian societies, giving special attention to political developments.

DR. SCOTT D. MacDONALD, retired minister of the Detroit Conference, is moving this month to an apartment in The Royal Coachman cluster, 642 Colony Drive, Troy, Mich. 48084. He has resigned from the staff of Ferndale First United Methodist Church where he has been serving for some time. He reports that his general health is good and that he has been filling a number of speaking engagements.

MAYOR AND MRS. RICHARD J. DALEY of Chicago were the guests of honor at the eighth annual civic meeting and luncheon of the Salvation Army held at the local Conrad Hilton Hotel.

BARBARA JEANNE MERRELL'S engagement to Lothair Hardesty, Jr., son of



Miss Merrell

Mr. and Mrs. Lothair Hardesty, Sr., of Union Lake, is announced by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Roger W. Merrell of Milford. A graduate of Milan High School and Eastern Michigan University, Miss Merrell now resides in Las Vegas, Nev. Mr. Hardesty graduated from Walled Lake High School, was admitted to the Air Force, and is now a computer librarian at Nellis Air Force Base, Las Vegas, Nev. The wedding is planned for June 16 in the Highland-Clyde Church with the bride's father assisting in the ceremony.

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OBITUARIES

MRS. MARY E. McPHEETERS, wife of the late Dr. Chester A. McPheeters, died February 28. The funeral was held in the Metropolitan United Methodist Church, Detroit, on March 3. Arrangements were in charge of the Wm. R. Hamilton, Co. Dr. McPheeters was a former pastor of Metropolitan and memorial contributions are being made to the McPheeters Student Aid Fund at the church.

MRS. WILMA E. KRIEG, 61, wife of Rev. Harold R. Krieg, died February 19 at the Franklin Community Hospital in Vicksburg. Born January 17, 1912, in Oelwein, Iowa, the daughter of John and Mildred Bashore, she was married to Mr. Krieg on April 4, 1935. Together they served the following churches: Cohoctah, Wyandotte, Whitehouse, Nashville, Vicksburg, Southfield, Jackson Circuit; Francis St. Zion, Columbiaville; Oregon, and Lakeland Circuit; Springville and Devil's Lake. After 39 years in the ministry Mr. Krieg retired at the 1972 Detroit Annual Conference and they returned to Vicksburg. Survivors include her husband; one son, Donald of

Paul Blomquist Superintendent, His Appointment Effective in June

BISHOP Dwight E. Loder announces that Rev. Paul Blomquist, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Warren, will become the new superintendent of the Flint District effective at the June session of the Detroit Annual Conference. Mr. Blomquist will succeed Dr. Garfield H. Kellermann who is completing the limited six-year term. In making the announcement, Bishop Loder had high praise for Dr. Kellermann's effectiveness



Garfield H.
Kellermann

Church and had served churches of that denomination in Detroit, Grand Rapids, Flint and was Conference Superintendent at the time of unification. Since then he has been serving his present appointment. ■

Olivet Professor Speaks at Adrian College

Dr. John McCollister, Olivet College, was guest speaker at the Adrian College chapel service February 28. The Young Michigan Dancers from Coldwater interpreted two popular folk numbers under the direction of Stanley Godfrey of the Academy of Dance and Related Arts and organist of the Coldwater United Methodist Church. Dr. McCollister is chairman of the Department of Religion at Olivet College and chaplain to the Detroit Lions and Detroit Tigers. He has served American Lutheran churches in Freeland and Lansing.

Other chapel speakers include Professor Dennis Groh of Garrett Seminary on March 14, Mrs. Nancy Manser, Religion Editor of the *Detroit News*, on March 21, and Dr. David Freedman of the University of Michigan on March 28. Visitors are always welcome at 10:00 a.m. in Herrick Chapel.

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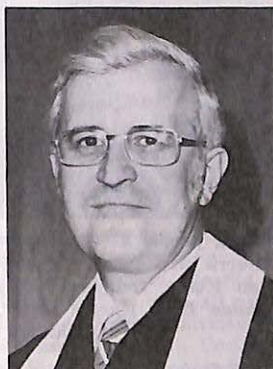
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as a superintendent and for the record Mr. Blomquist has had as a pastor.

Mr. Blomquist was born in Melrose, Mass., graduated from Kansas State College, Garrett Theological Seminary and joined the West Michigan Conference on probation in 1957. He served as an associate pastor at Niles and later was appointed to Coloma. He transferred to the New England Conference in 1962 and transferred to the Detroit Conference in 1964. Since then, he has served as an associate at Ferndale First; Troy Big Beaver; and his present appointment at Warren. Bishop Loder rates him as one of the conference's best preachers and pastors and one who "relates to people."

Mrs. Blomquist is a Michiganiaan having come from Dundee where her parents are active church members. Commenting on his appointment, Mr. Blomquist says he is committed to the importance of the local church and believes that more of the younger ministers hold a similar commitment. He also feels there is a more balanced ministry emerging between the personal and social emphasis.

Dr. Kellermann was a minister in the former Evangelical United Brethren

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Vicksburg; two daughters, Mrs. Edwin (Shirley) Krieg of Caseville, and Mrs. David (Joyce) Kline of Elkhart, Ind.; one brother, Wendell Bashore of Lincoln Park; one sister, Mrs. John Maurer of Detroit; and eight grandchildren. Burial was at Vicksburg following services held in the First United Methodist Church with Rev. Orin Bailey and Rev. Robert Carson officiating.

PAUL L. STONE, 71, of Detroit, father of Rev. William L. Stone of Oscoda, died suddenly in his home of a heart attack on February 23. Memorial services were conducted February 26 at the Thoburn United Methodist Church, Detroit, with the pastor, Rev. Kenneth Hoffmaster, officiating.



Mr. Stone

Mr. Stone was born in Kevil, Ky., October 2, 1901, the son of William H. Stone and Gertrude Beck Stone, and for several years was a member of the Bethel Christian Church. He married Johnnie E. Graham on December 23, 1922, at the Broadway M. E. Church, South, in Paducah, and they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary last December. After moving to Detroit in 1925, they began attending Thoburn Church where Mr. Stone committed his life to Christ and was a faithful worker. He had been a trustee for over 20 years and served in other capacities as well. Survivors include his wife, Johnnie; his son and daughter-in-law, William and Helen Stone, and three grandchildren, William Paul, John Wesley and Beth Ann, all of Oscoda; a sister, Mrs. Clifford Seaton, and a brother, Elmo, both of Kevil, Ky., and four aunts. Pallbearers included, nephews: Nolan Hite of Wooster, Ohio; Warren and Robert Hite of Farmington; Roger Bryan of Livonia; Charles Bryan of Drayton Plains; Louis Graham of Madison Heights; Al Morris of Franklin; and a grandson, William Paul of Oscoda. Honorary pallbearers were Frank Cook, Henry Thompson, Marvin Songer, Walter Bartels, Charles Neil and John Shook. Masonic services were conducted Sunday evening, February 25, by Tyrian Lodge.

Home for Girls in Korea an Advance Special Program

Wayward girls have a chance to start a new life, learn an occupation, and receive spiritual and social guidance at Pusan Sisters' Home, Pusan, Korea. But the home's buildings are now in need of major renovations so that its program may continue. United Methodists in the U.S. may help through the Advance Special program of designated giving. Information on the program and the many projects it encompasses may be obtained from the Board of Global Ministries.



Speaking Of Books

By Allan G. Gray

HEAD FOR THE HIGH COUNTRY By David Caffey

WAITE PHILLIPS of Oklahoma gave to the Boy Scouts of America in 1941 a large ranch in New Mexico as he said that faith, self-reliance, integrity and freedom, principals used to build this great country by the American pioneer, might be perpetuated. This rugged 241-square-mile holding has been developed into Philmont, a mecca for hundreds of thousands of young scouts where they can come and conduct their own summer program with a large staff at their disposal.

David Caffey was one of these rangers for several summers. He has written this wonderful book of his reminiscences. It describes the beauties of the natural setting as well as the experiences that were had in the various camps and hiking expeditions. Likewise, there is a description of the complex setting necessary for such a large operation. There is also a narrative concerning a "Day Off" trip down to Sante Fe.

Most important, it tells what Philmont has done for the author. When he first went to Philmont, adventure for him was something that came in packages. There, he learned the excitement of initiative, the exploring, the loss of the sense of time. You were not due until you got someplace. There were no pressures.

Many thousands of boys and leaders have passed through the ranch and gone back into the world but never again will they forget the high country.

It is commendable of Abingdon Press to devote itself to printing so many books concerned with scouting. There are several books by Walter MacPeck and now this one on Philmont, anything that can be done to further and publicize the good work of scouting. I write this during Scout Week and we may well pay tribute to this valuable organization in our communities that is partner to the church in building the character of youth.

Its increasing vocational emphasis and its inclusion of girls emphatically states that it is in tune with the times. This book tells of but one bright chapter in its service.

("Head for the High Country," Caffey. Abingdon, \$2.95. This book may be secured through Cokesbury Bookstore, 2101 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48201.)

Vision is the art of seeing things which are invisible.—Swift.

Worry pulls tomorrow's cloud over today's sunshine.

Moods are often a greater menace than microbes.

With Our Youth



Young people as they appeared in a creative worship experience at Menominee First Church on February 18, left to right, are: Linda Picard, Holly Edgell, Cindy Chaltry, Ken Kohrt, Dennis Chaney, Julie Endstrom, Leigh Ann Ersland, Richard O'Claire, Connie Beal, Karrie Beyer, Christine Collins, Susan Swensen and Sharon Swensen. Charles Woodfell was not present for the picture.

Children Present Interpretive Dance

In the interest of a more relevant, meaningful corporate worship, more and more churches are turning to original, creative experiences designed to stimulate a renewed concern with and participation in the act of celebration.

With this in mind the First United Methodist church, Menominee, Rev. Everett D. Erickson, pastor, has organized, under the leadership of Mrs. Martha Erickson, an elementary group of interpretive dancers. With the help of Miss Lillian Kewley, she has been working with these youngsters for the past year or so and together

they have participated in several worship services.

College Junior To Study for Ministry

Tim Carpenter of Birmingham, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Carpenter and a member of Beverly Hills United Methodist Church, plans to begin studying for the ministry. A junior of Michigan State University, Tim will serve as youth director at Beverly Hills Church under the direction of the pastor, Rev. Howard B. Childs, and will be working with youth on weekends and in the summer. He preached at both services on March 11.



FIVE RECEIVE MEDALS

Five Scouts, left to right, David Underhill, Ricky Sherwood, Jon Hay, Jay Dean and Kevin Rilett, were presented with God and Country awards Sunday, February 18, at the First United Methodist Church in Mason by the pastor, Rev. Keith Hayes.

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By Robert C. Brubaker

The Bible for Today

God Loves Us

Sunday, March 25

Psalms 103:8-14; Hosea 11:1-9;
John 3:16-17; Ephesians 1:3-10

C ECIL OSBORNE tells of an experience he had one Sunday morning. He had been preparing a sermon on the love of God, and on that particular morning he decided to walk to church rather than driving as he usually did. He walked out into a world he had never seen before. The familiar things were clothed in a rare radiance and beauty. The grass was infinitely greener and the sky was a fantastic blue. The world was for him a vast system of love, and he felt in depth the love of God that was at the heart of everything.

Two strangers approached him and he felt a sudden urge of affection for them. He greeted them with warmth, and they were surprised. As he greeted people standing at the entrance to the church he felt something of an overwhelming love and warmth and affection. He did not sense any barriers. They were all part of God's glorious and loving universe, and these people were beautiful. Cecil that morning felt that God was powerfully in the people in the congregation and they were in him. The grace of God was everywhere.

The person who originally shared what we now call Psalm 103 must have sensed this same grace of God. As Heinrich Herkenne says, "scarcely any other part of the Old Testament lets us perceive the truth 'God is love' so intimately as Psalm 103." The Psalmist has been healed, forgiven and crowned with the beautiful love of God, and he shouts forth the praises of the Lord with all his heart.

All that is in him will bless the holy name of the Lord. That is, all of his inward parts rejoice in God, he blesses the Lord with his total being.

Pete and Tilly get married finally, in the movie by that same name, and they have one son. He seems to be the living center of their lives and he gets all kinds of attention. But he dies as a boy and the parents struggle to discover some meaning and purpose for their lives. Tilly is furious with God and spews forth her angry words. How in the world could he allow such a thing to happen to them? The freedom to share her honest feelings can be a positive thing, but you wonder about her faith in God when life was so sweet for her. Pete clams up and tries to push down his feelings. How would you help such a couple struggle through to some purpose and renewed faith?

The Psalmist shouts praises to the Lord who forgives all his sins. Evidently he had been caught in the coils of guilt for some things he had done, but now discovers the liberating power of God's grace. That takes courage on the part of the writer, because sins that are forgiven are sins that are confessed. Are you able openly and honestly to make yourself known to God and to other people? Sidney Jourard, an authority in psychology, writes:

"Every maladjusted person is a person who has not made himself known to another human being, and in consequence does not know himself. Nor can he be himself. More than that, he struggles actively to avoid becoming known by another human being. He works at it ceaselessly, twenty-four hours a day; and it is work!"

The Psalmist also extols the Lord who heals all of our diseases. There is a vital link between the experience of having our sins forgiven and having our bodies healed. To carry around on your back a heavy load of guilt not only tears up your spirit but wears down your body. The late James Pike told of a man in a hospital who was in danger of dying from pneumonia. One day when visiting him, he asked him, "Have you got anything on your chest?" The man replied quickly that he had. He had a long-standing hatred for certain members of his family. That was a cover for guilt over secreting a will of his uncle to the enormous profit of the man in the hospital. Then and there he confessed his sins, resolved to lead a new life with a statement of his intentions now written down and witnessed to by a nurse. The Rev. Pike pronounced over him simple words of absolution and forgiveness, and the man's whole visage changed. He experienced a new calm and recovered so quickly that his physician was amazed. Truly, he got something off his chest.

One of the great verses in the Bible is Psalm 103:6: "Yahweh, who does what is right, is always on the side of the oppressed" (The Jerusalem Bible). Where could you get a clearer mandate of God's powerful concern for the people who are down and out? Think of the people in your community who are oppressed. The federal government is now cutting off direct help to these folk in instance after instance. The question is whether you and your local church and your local community will now join God on the side of the oppressed and do something on their behalf.

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