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# NEWS IN PICTURES

## Proud Son



NEW YORK—Yale Chaplain William Sloane Coffin, Jr., gets proud support from his son before speaking to massive anti-war rally in New York's Central Park. Mr. Coffin called any request for an end to war resistance "a plea for spiritual death," and urged recognition of the "rightness of Black Power."

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## Religion Editor Receives Award



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DALLAS — William MacKaye, religion editor of the Washington Post, left, received the James O. Supple Memorial Award of the Religious Newswriters Association at its 20th annual meeting in Dallas. The award is given for outstanding coverage of religion in the secular press. Shown with Mr. MacKaye is Jack Hume of the Cleveland Press, who was elected president of the Association.

## Flying Navy Chaplain



ATLANTA—Chaplain (Cmdr.) Bill Powell of Atlanta has been called "the most traveled man in the Naval Reserve." A pilot since 1964 he has accumulated more than 2,500 hours and 350,000 miles and has landed in all 50 states to perform religious duties. Annually he averages 80,000 miles in his Beechcraft Bonanza. Once a month he flies from Atlanta to Detroit to serve as chaplain at Grosse Ile. Mr. Powell does most of his flying in connection with his job as associate secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention's Department of Survey and Special Studies.

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The Christian church has been furthering the healing ministry of Christ and through the ages has helped defeat the sickness of body, mind and soul. This brief account of that record will make you proud to be a part of it.

## The Christian Ministry of Healing

By CYRIL E. BRYANT

BOB GURLEY was a gruff man, and a lonely man. He was miserable to himself and obnoxious to those around him. Now he was hospitalized for surgery. And in his incapacity he was ill in mind as well as body.

Even the best physician and the best nurse is sensitive to the personality of the patient. They gave Gurley the essential medication he needed, brought his food to him at mealtime; but they responded to his troublesome nature by doing no more than was actually required.

Bob Gurley stayed alive under these circumstances, but that was all. His wounds healed, yet his spirit failed to provide the will to get well. That is, not until Sara Jones, a new nurse, came to work on his floor. Other nurses told Sara about the terrible tempered patient in 409, and that she could expect curses and blasphemy every time she entered his room. Sara smiled.

Sarah went to Bob Gurley's room and smiled at him when he cursed at her. She made extra trips to assure him fresh drinking water, to inquire of special needs. And always she smiled at him.

Bob Gurley began to get well. The doctors talked about the sudden improvement, and after several days more they dismissed him from hospital care. And on the day Bob Gurley was to leave, he asked Sara Jones a personal question.

"Why have you been so nice to me?" he inquired.

She asked him what he meant.

"All the other nurses came and went—doing only what they were required to do. But you smiled when I cursed at you, and you were kind so many times when you didn't have to be. I want to know why."

Mary smiled again, a deep loving smile.

"I've been nice to you because God wants to love you. And I'm letting Him love you through me."

This true story happened in a municipal hospital in an American city. But the love that Sara Jones displayed is helping people get well thousands of times a day in religious hospitals, clinics, infirmaries around the world. The Church recognizes God's concern for the whole of man, and it seeks to bring health to both body and soul of those who are ill.

Emphasis needs also to be placed not only on the church hospitals as institutions, but also on the thousands of individual Christian men and women who give them-

selves daily, as Sara Jones did, to be twentieth century ambassadors of the Great Physician. They work in church hospitals, in private and government hospitals, in clinics and in the homes—wherever God's healing hand is needed to minister to the ills of men.

Concern for the ills of man is recorded at the very beginning of written history. We read, in Exodus, that Moses, acting under God's command, outlined a system of personal and community hygiene that even modern writers call "an important system of pre-Hippocratic medical thought."

"Even if Moses did not originate this code all by himself, he remains to this day one of the most farsighted proponents of preventive medicine," declares Dr. Otto Bettmann of New York City, in his book, *A Pictorial History of Medicine*. Dr. Bettmann said that except for the fact that Moses was a health leader of genius, the Jews could never have lived through forty years of wandering in the wilderness. In addition to his rules on cleanliness, Moses required observance of the Sabbath as a day of rest, an observance some have called Judaism's "greatest contribution to human welfare."

The priests of the synagogue were placed in charge of enforcement of these Hebrew health rules—thus making the church a vital factor in man's never-ending concern for good health.

Throughout early Jewish history, as recorded in the Old Testa-

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ment, the people looked to God as the *only* physician. They believed that disease came as a result of disobedience to divine will, and they believed that cures came as a result only of God's favor. Gradually they began to see God delegating this healing power to his prophets. Isaiah was able to promise King Hezekiah fifteen additional years of life, though a siege of boils had appeared to make death imminent. Elisha restored life to the son of the Shunammite woman—it was the first recorded instance of mouth to mouth resuscitation (II Kings 4:32-35). Later we find Elisha

*gave them power to drive out the evil spirits and to heal every disease and every sickness."*

The Book of Acts records nineteen cases of healing—cases where the disciples restored health through the power of God.

Modern day physicians believe that some of these healing miracles, especially of those persons with mental disorders, were perhaps the world's first practice of psychiatry. These people, with troubled minds, were healed by Christ's concern, his kind words, and the hope that he gave to their seeking souls. They were graphic examples of the healing power of

the sick man: the Lord will restore him to health, and the sins he has committed will be forgiven. Therefore, confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you will be healed. The prayer of a righteous man has a powerful effect."

Early monasteries made care of the sick one of their primary functions. Monks and nuns welcomed the old, the sick and the poor to their sanctuaries. Lepers were separated from other people by the church's establishment of leprosaria—setting a pattern that medicine still follows in the quarantine of persons with communicable disease.

Constantine's edict in 325 declaring Christianity to be the state religion closed all Greek and Roman pagan temples. Care of the sick became a sole responsibility of the Christians, and considerably boosted the growth of monastic health care.

"Hospitals reached their highest peak of development up to that time, but they were soon, unfortunately, to decline to the horrors of the Dark Ages," writes Dr. Franklin T. Fowler, director of the medical ministries of the Foreign Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

"However," Dr. Fowler continues, "the main concern of the church at that time and for many centuries to follow was more for the 'soul' of the ill than for the suffering body. They seemed to have forgotten that Jesus did forgive sins, but also cured physical ills."

The modern hospital had its birth about 820 A.D. when infirmaries were added to monastic services. In that year Rabanus Maurus designed the Abbey of Fulda, providing a special wing for care of the sick, another room for quarantine of those with contagious diseases, and an apartment for a monastic physician. Abbot Gozbert followed the example when a few years later he built St. Galle.

Gozbert also added a medicinal garden outside the hospital, and



Bronson Methodist Hospital, Kalamazoo, is a Michigan Methodist example of how the Christian church has participated in the ministry of healing originated by Christ.

prescribing a cure for Naaman, a Syrian general afflicted with leprosy (II Kings 5:9-14).

Jesus's coming to earth brought God's healing ministry even more forcibly to man. The Christ was known as Saviour, as a great teacher, and as the Great Physician. Twenty-nine of the thirty-six miracles attributed to him in the Gospels had to do with healing the sick or raising the dead. We find other citations in which he held healing clinics, as in Matthew 9:35: "So Jesus went about visiting in towns and villages. He taught in their meeting houses, preached the Good News of the Kingdom, and healed people from every kind of disease and sickness." A few verses later, Matthew records (10:1) "Jesus called his twelve disciples together and

love. Other miracles, such as the healing of blindness and the cure of cripples, must be recognized however as miracles per se—the work of God through his representatives on earth.

The examples of Jesus, both in his compassion for all people and his miracles of healing, served as encouragement to the early church in its care of the sick. The early churchmen were also keenly aware of Christ's teaching of neighborliness in his story of the Good Samaritan who tended to the wounds of a man beaten by highway bandits.

James, the apostle, wrote in his epistle (5:14-16): "Is there anyone of you who is sick? He should call the church elders, who will pray for him and pour oil on him in the name of the Lord. This prayer, made in faith, will save



## What They Write

Comments for this column should be written briefly and bear the signature and address of the writer, which the editor reserves the right to print. What appears here does not necessarily represent the Advocate's point of view.

### Also Replies to Article

To the Editor:

I read both the "Challenge of the Cities" by Paul Loffler in a March issue of the *Advocate* and also the reply to that article by 15 ministers which you carried in an April issue.

It would appear to me that Mr. Loffler would have the church abandon its ministry mission and concentrate on the social problems in the cities. He should recognize that people in the urban community, as well as people in the cities, have spiritual needs that need to be ministered unto. I heartily endorse the reply to Mr. Loffler by the ministers. A number of them I personally know and consider them competent, experienced ministers dedicated to their calling, serving God with their hearts as well as their heads.—C. P. McKelvey, Dearborn Heights.

### Others Do It, Too

To the Editor:

I was pleased to note that the city of Birmingham has joined Flint in voting for open housing.

It evidently is not widely known that the city of Grand Rapids recently adopted an open housing ordinance. And such an ordinance was adopted on April 22 in our fair (all white!) city of Grandville, the first in suburban Grand Rapids.

Expected opposition here failed to show up. The ordinance was adopted unanimously by the council, with no one opposing it in public hearings. The churches represented by the Grandville Ministerial Alliance supported the ordinance solidly.—Dale D. Brown, Grandville.

### Seminarian Glad to Be Back Home

To the Editor:

Thank you for sending the *Advocate* to us while I was in seminary in Georgia. It is good to have news of home. We feel the *Advocate* is the best church news magazine we have seen.

A big thank you to the Detroit Conference Student Loan Fund. We hope that everyone who has given to replenish this fund realizes how much it is appreciated by the students in seminary. It is that extra that you know you can count on.

Our thanks also to Rev. Horace Malinson for help from the Lucy May Malinson Memorial Fund.

We are glad to be back.—William D. Schoonover and family, Norway.

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## Plans Advance for Joint Meeting of Protestant, Orthodox, Catholic Editors

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS)—Plans are shaping up for an "historic" joint meeting of Protestant, Orthodox, and Catholic editors next year, Dr. W. C. Fields, president of Associated Church Press reported here, during the annual meeting of the association.

ACP, until last year a Protestant-Orthodox group, now has five Roman Catholic publications among its 186 members. On May 21-24, 1969, it will hold its first joint meeting with the Catholic Press Association, in Atlanta. Dr. Fields said Religious Newswriters Association, the organization of religion writers for secular publications, is also being asked to join in.

He stressed that ACP and CPA would not merely be holding simultaneous separate conventions. It will be a "joint session," although time is allowed for separate business meetings.

Among speakers listed for the 1969 program are Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council of churches; Methodist theologian Dr. Albert Outler, an observer at Vatican II; and Archbishop John Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

Dr. Fields, who is a Southern Baptist executive and editor, revealed that Catholic planners also want to hear from evangelist Billy Graham.

He doubted the two press associations will merge in the immediate future, al-

### Planning Joint Press Meeting



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WASHINGTON, D.C.—Officers of the Associated Church Press and Catholic Press Association made plans for their first joint meeting May 21-24, 1969, in Atlanta. From left, are Alfred P. Klausler, ACP's executive secretary; Msgr. Terrence P. McMahon of the Catholic Transcript, Hartford, Conn., president of the CPA; Dr. W. C. Fields, public relations secretary of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the ACP; and James A. Doyle, executive director of the CPA. The joint planning session was held in Washington during the annual meeting of the ACP. Formerly a Protestant and Orthodox group, the Associated Church Press now has five Catholic members.

though there has been discussion of holding occasional joint seminars for editors on current topics.

Msgr. Terence P. McMahon, president of the CPA, participated in this year's ACP program as a respondent to an address on the mission of the church by Dr. Josef Nordenhaug, general secretary of the Baptist World Alliance.

The CPA editors adopted a resolution on social justice in response to the findings of the National Advisory Commission on Civil Disorders and to the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., in Memphis.

## WSU STUDENTS PROVIDE LEADERSHIP FOR DRUG ABUSE WORKSHOP

With leadership from students in advanced standing at Wayne State University's College of Pharmacy the first Drug Abuse Workshop in the Thumb and Bay area was held at the Caro United Methodist Church, Burnside Street, on Sunday afternoon, April 28. Attended by 175 youth and interested adults, the two-hour workshop dealt with many aspects of drug abuse.

Gerald Savel, Ken Resztak, Phil Cole, and Sue Rosenberger spoke on the history of drug abuse and pointed out the effects of drugs. The leaders affirmed that, "The term drug abuse is commonly used to denote the illicit traffic in opiates, narcotics, and the mind-expanding agents. However, the term is more inclusive than that. The housewife or businessman, who doubles and triples the dose of his tranquilizer, is also a drug abuser. Similarly, if the nicotine in cigarettes is agreed to be a drug, the cigarette smoker is a drug abuser. Alcohol is the most commonly abused of all depressants. The idea is, that the use of a non-mechanical agent which causes an effect on the body may be considered a drug—and the misuse of that drug is, in fact, drug abuse."

A motion picture film titled "Mind-Benders" was shown to the workshop. Produced by the Food and Drug Administration, it dealt with LSD, a hallucinogen which is a derivative of lysergic acid. It has been demonstrated that permanent damage may occur as a result of the use of this drug. In some instances chromosome changes occur. In other instances there is a recurrence of imagery and fantasy even weeks and months after primary dosage. It is described as "very dangerous."

Hosts to the workshop were the pastor, Rev. Paul M. Cargo, MYF counselors, Ron Laeder, Barbara Nelson and Nancy Peterhans, and the Caro Sr. Hi MYF with Dan Squires, president.



# A Pictorial View of the Uniting Conference



Delegates on their way to Memorial Auditorium at Dallas passed this sign announcing the "Uniting Conference, The United Methodist Church, April 21-May 4."



Mr. James Crippen of Ann Arbor stands at the podium of the Uniting Conference in Dallas where he assisted in making a significant report for the Commission on World Service and Finance.



Bishop Dwight E. Loder of the Michigan Area at the chairman's desk where he presided over the Uniting Conference on Tuesday morning of the second week of the conference.



Mrs. Raymond J. Wade, wife of retired Bishop Wade, attended the Uniting Conference in a wheel chair.



The oldest and youngest bishops at the Uniting Conference of The United Methodist Church, are Bishop Raymond J. Wade, right, retired, and formerly of the Michigan Area; and Bishop Stephen T. Nagbe of Monrovia, Liberia, West Africa.



During the Uniting Conference in Dallas, a fellowship dinner for EUB's and Methodists from Michigan was held at the Adolphus Hotel. Present were three bishops including Bishops Dwight E. Loder, Reuben H. Mueller of the former EUB Church and Charles W. Brashares, retired. Shown here is a composite picture of those attending.



# The Uniting Conference

THE United Methodist Church before a full house at the Dallas Memorial Auditorium paid tribute to the role of Methodist-supported educational institutions at one of their evening programs when 150 students from 10 of the 12 colleges portrayed the church's racial history and dramatically underscored the racial discord through songs and readings using "Climbing Jacob's Ladder" as a symbolic theme. Directing the musical portion of the program was Dr. Fred Hall of Dillard University, New Orleans. Executive director was Dr. James P. Brawley, president emeritus of Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.

All 12 of the Southern colleges now have a policy of integration on boards, faculties and student bodies. All except one are accredited. Their combined student bodies number more than 8,000 and they have more than 30,000 living alumni. Closing the program was a commencement address by Bishop James S. Thomas, Negro episcopal leader of the predominantly white Iowa Area of The Methodist Church. "The Negro can no longer be denied the privileges, rights and basic needs that should come through normal democratic process," Dr. Thomas stated. "The Negro can no longer be forced into ghettos and blighted communities, deprived of the basic necessities of life. He cannot be told to be patient when he has waited a hundred years and is still being told to wait." The Centennial of Negro Education was observed as a special feature of the two-week Uniting Conference of The United Methodist Church.

## Catholic Prelate Speaks to the Uniting Conference

The speed with which ecumenical relations are progressing was highlighted to the United Methodists when they were addressed by Archbishop John J. Carberry of St. Louis, Mo. This would certainly mark another first for the United Methodists to be so addressed by a Roman Catholic official and it was a first for the Archbishop too. After his remarks concerning the privilege he felt in being so honored and his statement of joy with regard to the union effected, he indicated that it was evidence of the vitality of the ecumenical movement in our midst. "In the case of the Methodist-Catholic consultations," Archbishop Carberry said, "it was confirmed at the outset that Catholics and Methodists have certain mutual concerns which we feel must be a part of the ecumenical dimension and that there is no deep-seated bitterness between Methodists and Catholics." "Hopefully,"

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he continued, "The United Methodist Church together with the Catholic Church can help to make spiritual ecumenism a living reality in the lives of all Christians. Through retreats, programs of spiritual formation, through preaching and teaching, as well as by example, the importance of a change of heart and holiness of life can be imparted."

## General Conference Business Floods In

With the uniting ceremonies and the special programs which attended that aspect of United Methodism behind them the fourteen Standing Legislative Committees began to bring to the floor of the conference the results of their committee sessions. Each committee had sorted through the many petitions sent to the Uniting Conference, reviewed the Constitution adopted by the 1966 Special Uniting Conference in Chicago, and scanned the editorial revisions and recommendations made since that meeting and brought to the General Conference itself their recommendations for an affirmative vote or non-concurrence. The results of these endeavors after much debate are then made a part of the *Discipline* for the next quadrennium.

## Commission on Religion and Race

A Commission on Religion and Race was approved by The United Methodist Church. The commission, set up to func-

tion for the 1968-72 quadrennium, is to have an executive director, "other suitable staff" and a budget of \$700,000 for the quadrennium. The budget is to come from the \$20,000,000 Fund for Reconciliation which was set up as a part of the Quadrennial Emphasis. Makeup of the commission will be two bishops appointed by the Council of Bishops, five persons elected by each of the five jurisdictional conferences, and seven members elected at large by the commission. Two from each jurisdiction are to be Negro and one from another ethnic minority group and at least three of the seven members at large must be Negroes and one from another minority group.

A nine-point program of activity is spelled out for the new commission, including: supervision and administration of a general church fund to assist mergers of predominantly white and Negro annual conferences; the merging of such conferences; counseling and encouraging local churches seeking to become inclusive fellowships; cooperating with other Negro denominations; coordinating support and cooperation with prophetic movements for racial and social justice; helping to assure participation by Negroes and other minorities in every level of the Church's life and ministry; the setting up of convocations on Religion and Race. The commission is to report to the next General Conference of The United Methodist Church on its work, the role of minority groups in the

## Participants in Church Union Service



DALLAS—Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren leaders join in song at the service of worship in Dallas during which the two churches were formally merged into The United Methodist Church. Left to right are Dr. Albert C. Outler, professor at Southern Methodist University; EUB Bishop Reuben Mueller of Indianapolis; Methodist Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of New York; and Methodist Bishop Donald H. Tippett of San Francisco. Dr. Outler preached the sermon during the uniting service. Bishops Mueller and Wicke declared the merger and Bishop Tippett presided.



church, and elimination of all segregated structures.

The United Methodist Church adopted a basic benevolence budget for the next four years of \$25,000,000 annually. The \$25,000,000 annually for World Service—the basic benevolence fund—is an increase of about \$5,000,000 per year over the amount given previously in the two denominations making up the new church. World Service funds are used by the various denominational boards and agencies in carrying out their programs in this country and abroad. Largest single allocation in the benevolence budget is \$11,720,000 for the Board of Missions. Salaries of the active bishops of the church was placed on an ascending scale, beginning with \$19,000 from June 1, 1968, through Dec. 1969, with an increase of \$1,000 each year until it reaches a salary of \$22,000 for the fiscal year 1972. An additional amount of \$4,200 annually by 1972 is allowed for housing.

#### Vote Financial Support of Ministerial Training in Seminaries and Conferences

A nationwide program of financial support of United Methodist ministerial recruitment and education, to cost an estimated \$8,300,000 annually, was approved after a 2½-hour debate. The program calls for levying upon each local United Methodist Church an apportionment of 2 per cent of the church's total 1967 budget, exclusive of certain benevolence items (World Service, Conference Benevolences and Advance Specials), new building costs and debt payments. The apportionment will begin in 1970.

Under the program, 25 per cent of all money raised through the "Ministerial Education Fund," as the new program will be called, will be retained in United Methodism's approximately 120 annual conferences. That amount was estimated to be about \$2,000,000 annually. It was stated that conferences would use the money for scholarships and other means of financial support of ministerial students. The remaining 75 per cent, an estimated \$6,300,000 annually, will be distributed to 14 United Theological Seminaries through the Department of the Ministry of the United Methodist Board of Education. The conference said the plan intends that every seminary shall receive "substantially more money" for current operating expenses under the new program than it received previously from all Methodist and EUB sources.

In approving the Ministerial Education Fund, the conference said: "The education of ministers is vital to the whole life of The United Methodist Church. The total membership of the church should be engaged in a national effort to equip the annual conferences, theological schools and the Department of the Ministry to meet increased demands for the education of ministers. Our church needs to unify and expand its program of financial support for

Michigan Conference Archives of the United Methodist Church ministerial recruitment and education." When the fund gets rolling, the conference said, "the maximum amount possible should go directly for program and services in theological education, ministerial enlistment, continuing education and courses of study."

The Rev. Dr. Joseph D. Quillian, dean of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, emphasized that the Ministerial Education Fund, with its 2 per cent apportionment, was intended to be permanent. "This proposal is not a part of a quadrennial program, nor is it of the nature of a benevolence program," he declared. "Rather, it is intended to be a permanent arrangement for the firm and direct support of ministerial recruitment and education."

#### Support of Board of Missions Action

The United Methodist Church, through its highest legislative body, the Uniting Conference, supported by a substantial majority its Board of Missions in a decision to remove a \$10,000,000 investment portfolio from the First National City Bank in New York City as a pro-

test against the bank's involvement in a credit arrangement with the government of South Africa.

The Board of Missions of the former Methodist Church had voted in September, 1967, to remove the portfolio if the bank renewed its participation in a revolving \$40 million line of credit to the South African government which practices apartheid. The Board was notified in January that First National City had renewed its participation. On February 2, Mrs. Porter Brown, board general secretary, informed the bank that the board would transfer its portfolio. In its action here, the Uniting Conference voted to "support the Board of Missions in its vote to remove an investment portfolio totaling \$10 million of the National Division from the First National City Bank when that bank participated in a renewed line of credit to the government of South Africa as a protest to the practice of apartheid by that government."

**Vietnam:** In another action the Uniting Conference voted to commend President Johnson for his recent moves for negotiation in Vietnam and called upon the government to "fulfill its repeatedly expressed offer to send a representative anywhere, any time to make such talks possible." The action came after a spirited 30-minute debate. An amendment that would have eliminated the call for talks "anywhere, any time," was defeated by a vote of 604 to 557. After defeat of the amendment, the resolution passed by an overwhelming majority on a show of hands vote. As adopted the resolution reads: "We commend the President of the United States for his recent move to enter into negotiations with North Vietnam and call upon the government of the United States to fulfill its repeatedly expressed offer to send a representative anywhere, any time to make such talks possible." Closing the debate, Dr. Dow Kirkpatrick, Evanston, Ill., said that the resolution commended the president in his quest for peace and picked up his words that he was willing to negotiate any time, any place. Dr. Kirkpatrick is chairman of the conference's legislative committee on Christian Social Concerns through which the resolution came to the plenary session.

**Project Equality:** The Uniting Conference also gave sweeping endorsement to Project Equality, an ecumenical program whereby religious agencies have opportunity to give preference in their business dealings to firms which state they will observe fair employment practices. After a 30-minute debate in which opponents leveled charges of "boycott," the conference approved by a clear majority vote. In its action, the conference also recommended that all United Methodist annual conferences, local churches, and local or national institutions, agencies and organizations cooperate with Project Equality through participation and financial support. Spokesmen from Project Equality explained how the program works: "Churches are supplied

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#### Catholic Archbishop Addresses Methodists



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DALLAS—Roman Catholic Archbishop John J. Carberry of St. Louis arrives at the General Conference of the United Methodist Church in Dallas to address delegates at the quadrennial, legislative meeting. He is escorted to the platform by Methodist Bishops Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis (left, beside Archbishop Carberry), Fred P. Corson (behind Bishop Frank) of Philadelphia and F. Gerald Ensley of Columbus, (behind the archbishop). Archbishop Carberry is chairman of the Ecumenism and Inter-Religious Affairs Committee of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.



## Report Cites "Unconstitutional" School Practices In New Jersey

NEW YORK (RNS) — Congressional hopes for "constitutional implementation" of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act 1965, Title I, have not been achieved in New Jersey, according to a report slated for Spring publication.

The conclusion was reached in what is claimed to be "the first comprehensive non-governmental study of church-state problems in the implementation of federal aid to education" — a survey financed primarily by the Roger Baldwin Foundation of the American Civil Liberties Union.

Prof. George La Noue of Columbia Teachers College, an expert in church-state problems and director of the study, claimed that examination of how Title I funds are used in New Jersey's 60 largest cities turned up widespread unconstitutional practices.

The Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 was the first proposal for large-scale federal aid to education to pass Congress. More than one billion dollars has been involved in the Title I program.

Aid provided was to go to "emotionally deprived children" in both public and private schools, and was to avoid constitutional infringement by giving the aid to the pupils in parochial schools rather than to the institutions themselves.

The La Noue study declared that "among private schools, only Catholic parochial schools benefit substantially from Title I. These schools have the most need and best organization."

The survey also charged that:

"Most parochial school students receive their Title I instruction services in parochial schools rather than public or neutral sites;

"Services are offered to whole parochial schools or classes rather than to individual students;

"Huge amounts of equipment are given to parochial schools which are neither loaned, mobile, or confined to use in Title I projects."

Standards for determining "educationally deprived children" are "so inadequate," the report said, that "it is impossible to find out whether parochial pupils are getting full benefit from ESEA funds. Public school officials were able to offer 'hard data' in support of their needs, the report said, but parochial school officials could only provide 'soft data' and estimates which were 'almost never publicly verified.'"

The La Noue study also criticized the New Jersey Department of Education for its "unwillingness" to produce written policies or press for clarification of ambiguous legal points.

It was noted that the National Advis-

ory Council of the Education of Disadvantaged Children, which was to be a Congressional watchdog for church-state abuses, has had "neither the interest nor the resources to fulfill its obligations."

Local school boards and attorneys have played "virtually no policy role" in clarifying church-state issues in designing Title I projects, it was claimed.

The survey did point to "some superbly run programs from a church-state viewpoint" in the state, but concluded that it would be "unrealistic" to hope for sufficient "legislative or administrative reform . . . the political pressures are too great to expect much change."

Prof. La Noue said that "overt" political pressure was not reported by public school officials, but that the public officials "have too often deferred to their private school counterparts in designing projects."

Henry di Suvero, executive director of the New Jersey Civil Liberties Union, said his organization would begin a drive to see that the federal money is used in a constitutional manner.

"If appropriate changes are not speedily made," he warned, "we will bring suit."

## Clergyman Critical Of Graham's Methods

SYDNEY (RNS)—A prominent clergyman and youth leader, the Rev. Ted Noffs, made a strong attack on Billy Graham's theology and methods on the eve of the evangelist's arrival in Australia on (April 1) for crusades in Sydney and Brisbane.

Mr. Noffs, Methodist minister at the Wayside Chapel at Kings Cross, Sydney's sophisticated and cosmopolitan night life area, claimed in an interview that Mr. Graham's teachings have no basis in the teachings of Christ.

"By and large the teachings that will be highlighted in April in Sydney and Brisbane had their origins in the mystery religions prevalent some 60 years before the time of Jesus," he declared.

"Billy Graham's preaching is bound up with this primitive emphasis on blood, and the saving power of the slain Jesus on the Cross. But throughout the four Gospels there is not one reference to Jesus speaking about the Cross in these terms."

Mr. Noffs told newsmen that he felt Mr. Graham placed "inordinate emphasis on sin and guilt."

"Once again," he said, "we have to look at the central teaching of Jesus, rather than the teachings of His interpreters, including Paul. Jesus never dwelt on man's depravity, as does Billy

Graham. Jesus dwelt on man's infinite possibilities.

"The issue of sin which dominates the whole of Billy Graham's preaching is quite a secondary issue in the teaching of Jesus. And sin for Jesus was a vastly different thing from what sin is for Billy Graham. For Billy Graham, sin takes the form of man's abuse of his bodily appetites.

"Thus Graham dwells upon issues as sex, corruption and worldliness. In the teachings of Jesus, when it is mentioned at all, sin is man's failure to be obedient to the truth.

"As a result of this obsessive interest in sin by Billy Graham and those who speak his language, great numbers, even though they profess conversion, leave his meetings with a deep sense of guilt."

The Sydney clergyman also criticized the Billy Graham program for an alleged lack of "spontaneity."

"The crusade has to be manufactured wherever he goes," Mr. Noffs claimed.

## Children's Village Open House, May 19

Children's Village of the Methodist Children's Home Society completes its fifty-first year of service to children with an Annual Open House on May 19. Methodists and their families and friends are especially invited.

A program by staff members and children will acquaint visitors with the services offered to some 500 children and parents each year by this Methodist agency.

Refreshments will be served by the League of Children's Friends, a volunteer organization devoted to serving Children's Village. Under its new president, Mrs. Donald Clark of Birmingham, members of the "League" will be hostesses and guides for the Open House celebration.

Long respected for the quality of its casework services to dependent and emotionally troubled children and their parents, to unmarried parents, and to infants needing adoption, the Village is beginning to develop group treatment as a new part of its helping services. Group discussions are being found helpful to adoptive parents, foster parents and children. Plans are underway to develop a group counseling program for children residing at the Village, and for parents.

At its annual meeting on April 22, the Board of Directors elected the following officers to one-year terms: president, Mr. Edgar C. Thorne; 1st vice-president, Mr. W. Ralph Hileman; 2nd vice-president, Mr. Wesley R. Baker; secretary, Mr. Lloyd C. Nyman; treasurer, Mr. Willis Bugbee. Chairman, Board of Trustees, Mr. Samuel J. Lang; Chairman, League of Children's Friends, Mrs. Donald Clark.



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with forms which they give to each business with which they deal. The firm is asked to sign the form, indicating that they wish to be a merit employer and will develop an affirmative program of job opportunities for minority groups. Lists of firms completing the procedures are compiled and circulated to the churches and synagogues."

**New Social Issues Magazine:** The delegates also approved the publication of a social issues magazine by a count of 615 to 533. A Methodist social issues magazine called *Concern* was ordered halted this past winter by the denomination's Coordinating Council. The publication authorized will "engage Methodists and others in serious conversation on social issues and problems, including those within the church," analysis of issues and problems, research, discussions of proposed solutions and encouragement of ecumenical discussions.

**Methodist Publishing House:** An investigation into operation of the Methodist Publishing House was authorized by the Uniting Conference. Dr. Claude Garrison, Columbus, Ohio, a member of the Board of Publication, made the original motion calling for a thorough investigation of charges and asking for proper documentation and supporting evidence. Following lengthy debate, the delegates approved the resolution calling for an Investigation Committee to be appointed by the Council of Bishops, eight ministers and eight laymen.

**Consultation on Church Union (COCU)**

Full support for the nine-denomina-

tion Consultation on Church Union, including participation in drafting a plan of union, was approved by the highest legislative body of the United Methodist Church. The Uniting Conference voted overwhelmingly and without debate for legislation that committed the church's 11,000,000 members to continue participation in a proposal that would bring together 25,000,000 American Protestants into one body. The delegates acted on recommendations from a Legislative Committee on Interdenominational Relations and Activities, headed by Boston theologian Dr. J. Robert Nelson. The wording authorized its Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, "in cooperation with the Council of Bishops, to continue its direction of the United Methodist delegation to the Consultation on Church Union in the preparation of a plan of union in company with other churches in the Consultation, to report periodically to the church all developments of the plan and to refer all matters of decision on the developed plan to the General Conference, or in the interim between General Conferences, to the Council of Bishops."

The Uniting Conference was not as quick to support other interdenominational activities of United Methodists. A proposal for increased financial support to the National Council of Churches and the World Council of Churches was watered down to the status of a recommendation to the church's fiscal agency, the Council on World Service and Finance, which was on record already in favor of holding the line on present financial contributions to NCC and the WCC. Dr. Nelson's committee would have increased the total dollar support from \$657,240 to \$960,110 per year. This was reduced to a recommendation.

## Evening Program Focuses on "The Renewal of Conscience"

The Wednesday night program sponsored by the Council of Secretaries of The United Methodist Church presented a collage, "a mixture of disparate bits and pieces giving liveliness and vitality to the program." This special feature included 75 participants reading choruses, singing, speaking, and involving the audience in an effort to make those attending think in new ways about the church's mission. Robert Seaver, producer and director from Union Theological Seminary, explained that a "certain amount of disorientation and dissonance is a part of the production in an effort to help people feel uncomfortable about some assumptions and attitudes they hold."

Following the opening "Praise and Thanksgiving," the program moved through three "gaps" which need to be bridged in our society: The gap *between the generations* with local "rock groups," singing current youth songs in an effort to help adults understand this modern music. The gap between the few *who have* and the many *who have not*. Readings from the President's Commission on Civil Disorders were intermixed with Biblical passages. The gap emphasizing the *disparity between feeling of piety and social action*, particularly stressing the barriers still separating white and black peoples. A selection of "soul music" was used in this part of the unique presentation.

## The Longest Debate Was on Ministerial Requirement

After vigorous debate stretching over two days on the part of the 1,200 delegates they removed from its ministerial requirements specific prohibitions on the use of tobacco and alcohol in favor of a change that calls for a deeper commitment than anything that General Conference has had before—"a pledge to self-discipline of the whole of life." At issue in the debate were questions asked of young men coming into the ministry. Previously, both denominations, specifically stated that a candidate must pledge to refrain from the use of tobacco and alcohol, "for the sake of a disciplined example, and without implying moral superiority."

As proposed by the conference's legislative committee on the ministry, and adopted by a substantial majority on a show-of-hands vote, the candidate now must say that he has: "Agreed for the sake of the mission of Jesus Christ in the world and the most effective witness to the Christian gospel and in consideration of his influence as a minister to make a complete dedication of himself to the highest ideals of the Christian life (as spelled out in other sections of the Discipline) and to this end, agreed to exercise responsible self-control by personal habits conducive to bodily health, mental and emotional maturity, social

## Methodist Delegates Conduct Church Business



DALLAS—A view from the center of the Dallas Memorial Auditorium, the meeting place of the first General Conference of the new United Methodist Church. The Church was formed in the auditorium by merger of the Methodist and the Evangelical United Brethren denominations. Twelve hundred delegates attended the quadrennial meeting which conducts the business of the denomination and sets the program for the next four years.

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responsibility, and growth in grace and the knowledge and love of God."

A "Resolution of Interpretation" accompanying the new paragraph stresses that the changes "do not relax the traditional view concerning the use of tobacco and beverage alcohol by ministers," but, "rather . . . call for higher standards of self-discipline and habit formation in all personal and social relationships." The statement says that "the legislation in no way implies that the use of tobacco is a morally indifferent question" and adds that "in the light of the developing evidence against the use of tobacco, the burden of proof would be upon any user to show that his use of it is consistent with the highest ideals of the Christian life." The report adds: "Regarding beverage alcohol, the burden of proof would be upon any user to show that his action is consistent with the ideals of excellence of mind, purity of body, and responsible social behavior."

The specific prohibition on the use of tobacco by ministers in The Methodist Church has been in the *Discipline* since 1939; the specific reference to alcohol was added in 1964. Both prohibitions have a long history in the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

"This proposal changes the focus of moral concern from two problems to the whole range of self-indulgences and is more rigorous than our previous statement," asserted Dr. Albert Outler, SMU professor. Agreeing with this view Dr. Harold A. Bosley of New York said "it is time we took seriously what we mean by a moral witness; you do not make a moral witness under the gun (coercion)—you make a moral witness when you *choose* to make it."

#### Study Commission on Church-Government Relations Makes Report

Two hours of intense debate preceded the adoption of a series of wide ranging resolutions which came to the conference from an eight-year study commission on Church-Government Relations. A statement on conscientious objectors drew the most fire and forced a count vote. The commission's statement endorsed objection to "all war or a particular war" as a basis for deferment from the armed services. Delegates eliminated, by a vote of 664 to 444, a phrase which would have supported conscientious objection to "a particular war."

In other statements delegates drew back from the rigid separation which has characterized the denomination's previous statements on church-state relations. In its social welfare resolution, for example, delegates agreed that church-related hospitals and homes "may be proper channels for public programs in these fields." Delegates also said public money should not be used in institutions which serve a "sectarian purpose or interest." While affirming their historic support of public schools,

## President of the Council of Bishops



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DALLAS—Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis, left, was elected president of the 101-member Council of Bishops of the United Methodist Church here. Former Evangelical United Brethren Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis was selected vice-president and president-designate. The term of office is for one year. The United Methodist Church was formed in Dallas by merger of The Methodist and EUB Churches.

United Methodist delegates stressed that "sometimes the government and non-public educational institutions need to enter a cooperative relationship." Public support of non-public schools should be approved only if it "is in the interest of the whole society" and only if funds granted are "subject to public accountability," the conference said.

Concerning the traditional exemption of churches from property taxation, the



Mrs. D. Dwight Grove of Philadelphia, a delegate from the former EUB Eastern Conference, was elected to membership in the new United Methodist Church's Judicial Council. No woman ever served on the former Methodist Church's "supreme court." Mrs. Grove is president of the former EUB Women's Society of World Service.

conference warned that churches "may become so dependent upon government that they compromise their integrity or fail to exert their critical influence on public policy." The conference urged the denomination's 42,000 churches to consider making contributions to local government, in lieu of taxes, "for essential services provided by government."

Because of the many problems and business resulting from the uniting of the two denominations the conference voted to hold a Special Session of the General Conference during April of 1970, with the location to be decided later. The session will be limited to five days and be "for the purpose of transacting any business that a regular session of General Conference could transact."

#### Changes in Local Church Structure

Details of a proposed new structure for local churches were approved. Major features of the proposed new structure include: Permissive instead of mandatory commissions; A new "Council on Ministries"; A "Charge Conference" meeting at least annually instead of the present Methodist "Quarterly Conference" meeting once or twice a year and an EUB "Local Conference" that usually meets monthly; An "Administrative Board" meeting at least quarterly to "initiate planning, receive reports, set goals, authorize action, determine policy, evaluate the church's ministries and review the state of the church."

The new structure is designed to make it "pertinent and useful in the almost 27,000 United Methodist congregations which will have 150 members or less."

The "Council on Ministries" which is at the heart of the proposed new structure is mandatory in each local church and is designed to "consider, develop and correlate proposals for the church's strategy for mission." Basic membership of the council: pastor and other staff, chairman of Administrative Board, lay leader, coordinators of age levels for children, youth and adults, coordinator of family ministry, chairman of work areas: education, evangelism, missions, social concerns, stewardship and others, President of the WSCS. Other persons as added by the Administrative Board. The council will correlate program resources from agencies of the denomination at all levels and relate them to local planning. Additional mandatory local church structure includes a Committee on Nominations and Personnel, a Committee on Pastor-Parish Relations, and a Committee on Finance.

Other items of business as the Uniting Conference comes to its conclusion. It voted unanimously to instruct its Commission on Ecumenical Affairs to "express and implement a warm welcome to the African Methodist Episcopal, the African Methodist Episcopal Zion and the Christian Methodist Episcopal churches to explore with the United Methodists



the prospects of union." All three are Negro Methodist denominations.

Until the end of 1968, local churches will send funds to the places where they formerly sent them. After Jan. 1, 1969, the new church will go on a calendar year and all conferences will send their funds to the consolidated treasury in Evanston under the Council on World Service and Finance of the new church.

The traditional policy was reaffirmed stating that "only the General Conference is competent to speak or act in the name of the United Methodist Church." Delegates approved the printing of two official "law books" of the church instead of the one *Discipline*. A second volume will include resolutions made during the General Conference. They affirmed the necessity for persons to respect law, but at the same time supported the "right of non-violent civil disobedience in extreme cases." The adopted report also had sections which affirmed "the right of dissent as an essential ingredient of any democratic society" and "the right of clergymen and others to counsel persons on problems of conscience." The report defined civil disobedience as deliberate and non-violent disobeying of the law.

The last session of the Uniting Conference took place on Friday evening. At that time a number of the delegates from the former Evangelical United Brethren left and the much fewer number of the former EUB's remained for the convening of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church on Saturday morning which body adjourned at noon with all of the business of the conferences concluded.

## Uniting Conference Briefs

Bishop Eugene M. Frank, St. Louis, Mo., takes office as first president of the Council of Bishops of The United Methodist Church. The episcopal leader of the Missouri Area becomes the top leader of the 11 million denomination and will preside for a year over the 10-mem-

ber council. Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, Ind., was elected president-designate to take office one year from now, succeeding Bishop Frank.

Rev. Archie Rich of Highland Park appeared with several others on Television station KTVT on a program entitled "Perception" featuring a panel which discussed Christian conscience and civil disobedience during the conference sessions.

Mr. James Crippen, attorney from First Church, Ann Arbor, had a prominent place in the presentation of the World Service and Finance Commission's report to the Uniting Conference. His grasp of the material and answering of questions in the spirited debate were valuable contributions to the whole church.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder of the Michigan Area presided at the business session of the General Conference on the morning of April 30. The Bishops of the UMC, 101 in number, sit in a body upon the platform of the conference and preside at the sessions by assignment. They are permitted to speak and enter into debate only upon permission of the conference body.

Dr. Hoover Rupert, pastor of First Methodist Church of Ann Arbor, was a nominee for the Judicial Council (which operates as a Supreme Court for United Methodism). Dr. Rupert was elected on the third ballot with 642 votes. His term will expire in 1972.

The record length for service to Methodist General Conferences is held by T. E. Acker of Jacksonville, Texas. Mr. Acker, 78, was elected first to the 1922 General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South. He has attended each regular and special General Conference since that time. In 1924 at Chattanooga, Tenn., a special session of the Southern Church was held to consider a plan of union between the Meth-

odist Episcopal Church and the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. Since Mr. Acker's name was alphabetically on the top of the list, he was the first person to cast a vote for union in the Southern Church. He is undoubtedly the only person living who voted for union at such an early date. The General Conference voted for the plan, but the annual conferences failed to approve it.

The names of additional people seen in and about General Conference are: Mr. and Mrs. Foster Williams, Rev. and Mrs. O. M. Bailey, Rev. James Sherwood, Rev. James R. Timmons, Rev. and Mrs. Myron K. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Ball, Rev. and Mrs. Haldon Ferris, Rev. Roger Stressman, Rev. Ray Kretschmer, Sr., Rev. H. E. Ryan, Rev. George Fleming.

Also present were Rev. and Mrs. Howard Lyman, Rev. and Mrs. David Crawford, Rev. and Mrs. Harry Johnson, Rev. and Mrs. Howard Fuller, Rev. and Mrs. Paul Alberty, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Allen, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred Lowther and Miss Donna Lundberg, a student at Perkins Theological Seminary. Rev. and Mrs. Burlin Main were present as was Rev. Donald Trowbridge.

There were many more: Dr. and Mrs. Willard Haist, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Strong, Rev. Philip Townley from Chicago, and Rev. Jack Hanford from Cedar Falls, Ia., Rev. William Hutchinson from Centro-Social, Monterrey N.L., Mexico, Rev. Eugene Ransom, Rev. Hugh White, Rev. Russell Sursaw and Lt. Col. and Mrs. Dan Jorgensen, from Denver, Colorado.

On Tuesday night of the second week of conference a dinner for the people of Michigan was held at the Adolphus Hotel honoring Bishop and Mrs. Dwight E. Loder, Bishop and Mrs. R. H. Mueller and retired Bishop and Mrs. Charles W. Brashares. The program was planned by Rev. Lawrence Taylor, Rev. Jesse DeWitt and Rev. John Tennant. Mr. Arden Peterson led the group of 102 guests



Among those seated at the speaker's table at a dinner held for Methodists and EUB's from Michigan were, left to right: Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Mrs. Loder and Rev. Lawrence R. Taylor.



Mr. Harold Karls, left, head of the lay delegates from the Detroit Conference to the Dallas meeting, was master of ceremonies at a dinner for Michigan EUB's and Methodists. Mrs. Karls is seated between him and Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of the former EUB Church.





High above the platform of the Uniting Conference was this huge cross with four emphases: Joy, Unity, Service and Today which constantly reminded the delegates of the mission of the Church in today's world.

from Michigan in singing and then the presiding layman, Harold Karls, had Rev. Lawrence Taylor and Rev. John Tennant introduce the honored guests. Mr. Tennant also conducted the brief program which consisted mainly of getting the three Annual Conference representatives acquainted with each other. This was particularly helpful for those present to get acquainted with the former EUB's and for them to know the representatives from the Michigan and Detroit conferences. Also seated at the head table were Norman and Cynthia Kohns, students from Michigan at the Perkins Theological Seminary. Other Perkins students present were Mr. and Mrs. John Ellinger, Miss Margery Taber, Ron Tallman, Donna Lundberg, Jim Fox and Mr. and Mrs. Roger Parker. It was a short and enjoyable experience for all.

**\$464,469 Pledged to "Fund for Reconciliation."** Bishops, delegates and visitors to the Uniting Conference pledged \$464,469 at an evening commitment service of The United Methodist Church's "Fund for Reconciliation." A goal of \$20,000,000 has been set for the Fund which will be used in a frontal attack on the nation's poverty and racial crisis.

The church's bishops set the pace by pledging \$100,000, and executive secretaries and staffs of denominational

boards and agencies pledged another \$50,000 to initiate the four-year program.

Other former EUB delegates were assigned to the stated Standing Legislative Committees: Rev. Gerald Fisher and Edison Chamberlain to Membership and Evangelism; Rev. Stanley Forkner, Education; Rev. Robert Horton, Ministry; Rev. Garfield Kellerman, Jr., Local Church; Rev. Prentice Peck, Pensions; Mr. Willard Haist, Hospital and Homes; Mr. John Iwaniuk, Judicial Administration; Mr. Ralph Klump, Lay and Temporal Econ.; Mr. Arden Peterson, Christian Social Concerns; and Mrs. Frieda Spafford, Missions.

## Bishop Loder's Sermon Creates Excitement in Dallas

Some people believed it. Some thought it was just an allegory. In any case, they were shocked.

"It's savage," said a church delegate, in Dallas for a merger conference to form The United Methodist Church. "How could any parents treat a child that way?"

The story was told on a Sunday from the pulpit of the First Methodist Church by Bishop Dwight E. Loder, Bishop of The Methodist Church, Michigan Area. His account also was carried by radio in the area, and had listeners appalled at the case he described to the 2,600 people in the morning congregation.

"I have a heavy heart this morning," Bishop Loder said before starting his sermon. He said he had received a message asking him to be a "character witness" for a family he knew that had kept a son hidden and locked up in a basement from birth because of facial markings. They were ashamed of the way the child looked so they put him in the basement behind the furnace and kept him confined there, letting him grow up without knowing other children or the world outside.

"They fed him leftovers from the table, and forced him to do menial tasks around the basement such as chopping wood for the fireplace and keeping it clean. He grew up without the barest minimum education in spite of the fact that he was bright and capable of real education and accomplishments. Finally, the account went on, a younger brother became sympathetic and smuggled the imprisoned boy a television set through which he learned of the outside world and he became hard to manage and plotted to escape. In the struggle which ensued the younger brother was killed and the neighbors became involved which brought the long-hidden secret to public attention," the Bishop replied.

"Now I am expected to come in and testify for the good character of this family," he added.

Bishop Loder then went into his sermon based on the Biblical text: "God

has no favorites," and delivered the message he had given to the Black and White gathering at the University of Detroit Stadium on Easter afternoon in Detroit in which he documented the plight of the cities, the lack of liberty and justice and the second-class citizenship of the Negro.

At the conclusion of his sermon Bishop Loder turned again to the congregation to say: "By the way, when you go home, there is someone in your basement whom you know, someone your family has been keeping there. This message, he said, "I wrote to myself last night. However, it can be documented. I can take you into the dark basements of any American city and there children have been confined with no chance to get out in the world, restricted to the most menial tasks, liberty denied and justice not meted out. He is in your basement."

There were so many inquiries from radio listeners about the case that newsmen from around the nation were led to check into the case he cited. Bishop Loder went to some length to indicate the account was a parable and that he had indicated that at the end of his sermon. "Let them think it is real," he said, "It is real!" The Negro is our son and our brother and he is being held in our basement.

## Chaplain Cites GI's Recovery After "Flood" of Prayers, Mail

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — A 19-year-old Minnesota soldier critically wounded in Vietnam probably owes his life in part to a "flood of letters and prayers" from his home town, according to an Army chaplain.

Chaplain (Maj.) Donald J. Ostroot, formerly of Pequot Lakes, Minn., told newsmen here of the "miraculous recovery" of Pvt. John Hovde, Fertile, Minn.

Pvt. Hovde, driver of an armored personnel carrier in "lead sweeps," was struck by Vietcong mortar fire in January. His right leg and right arm were blown off, his left leg and left arm were broken, and he sustained grave internal injuries.

In the hospital he developed internal infection. When Pvt. Hovde's temperature rose to 107 "it didn't look like he was going to make it," the chaplain said, but the young GI didn't give up.

The doctors and nurses worked with the youth and Chaplain Ostroot fed him and read him his mail — as many as 45 letters a day from members of Concordia Lutheran church, Fertile.

When the hospital came under attack in late January, Pvt. Hovde was taken to Tan Son Nhut, an evacuation point. When that area was besieged, the chaplain said, Pvt. Hovde was given an M-16 rifle with instructions to defend himself. He was later evacuated from Tan Son Nhut and taken to Japan.



# News From the Churches

## Study Group Plans Ecumenical Meeting

The Price Church of the St. Johns Parish completed the study "That the World May Believe" with an ecumenical meeting. About 50 attended including laymen from St. Joseph Catholic Church and also the East Pilgrim United Methodist Church, formerly the EUB Church.

Things in common in the different faiths were discussed and the pastor, Rev. John Huhtala, told of the origin of Methodism. Refreshments were served in conclusion.

## Congregations Update Bulletin Boards

Dallas, Texas, is a long way from Lapeer County in Michigan and to the members of the Oregon EUB Church and the Columbiaville Methodist Church it seemed that if they could not be present for the formation of The United Methodist Church, they could dramatize the fact locally at least. This was done on Sunday, April 28.

Three families from each congregation attended worship service in their sister church. Then, at 11:45 Rev. Harold Krieg led the Oregon congregation out to the bulletin board in front of the church building. There, assisted by Clyde Ross, chairman of the Trustees, and the guests from Columbiaville, the lettering on the sign was changed to read Oregon United Methodist Church. Immediately many of the congregation drove into the village and joined the Columbiaville congregation there in the alteration of their sign board. The combined group par-



Preparing to change the wording of the bulletin board of the Oregon EUB Church to read "Oregon United Methodist Church," left to right, are, Rev. Harold Krieg, pastor; Bernard Chapman, Raymond Carls and Clyde Ross.

ticipated in "An Act of Recognition of Denominational Unity" led by Jac Faith, of the Oregon church; Edward Merritt, lay leader in Columbiaville; and the ministers, Harold Krieg and Theodore Bennink. In conclusion the four men joined hands and repeated the words used in the conference at Dallas, "We are united."

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Minium and their committee served refreshments as the United Methodists became better acquainted. Representing the church in Columbiaville were Mr. and Mrs. Gene Later, who took pictures of the unfolding events; Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Carls, and Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Chapman and family. The church in Oregon was represented by Mr. and Mrs. Jac Faith and family, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Bush, Carl Willis and Mrs. Aleana Willis.

## Commission Activities Feature Guest Speakers

The Commission on Missions and Christian Social Concerns of the Columbiaville church has been active in several endeavors during recent weeks under the leadership of its chairman, Mrs. Lester Paris. The latest success took place the evening of April 28 when Mrs. Reo McMillen of Berrien Springs escorted some 55 fascinated viewers through Hong Kong, Thailand, Korea and Taiwan via her slides. Mr. and Mrs. McMillen had visited their daughter and her physician husband late in December and early in January. The presentation was preceded by a carry-in family supper.

A similar venture was completed in cooperation with the Woman's Society on March 14. The two groups were hosts to neighboring churches when Mrs. George Garden, missionary to India, was the speaker. Also in cooperation with the Woman's Society, the commission has sponsored several all-day sewing sessions during which quilts have been made for distribution to migrant laborers.

Advance Specials were the goal for the Lenten offering received Easter Sunday with \$222 to be shared equally by Inner-City Ministries, Michigan Migrant Ministry and for the Indians of our State.

## Two Churches Plan to Observe Anniversaries

The Carsonville and Applegate churches are planning 80th anniversary celebrations this summer. In anticipation of the event, the Carsonville Church has redecorated the sanctuary and entryway with antique birch paneling and improvements at the Applegate Church include the addition of a new Sunday school room and redecorating the basement. Last fall a new roof was put on and a new furnace installed.

The MYF groups are active in both churches. The Carsonville youth contributed \$100 toward the paneling, solicited members and friends of the church for the purchase of 120 new hymnals and presented the church a wooden cross displayed with indirect lighting for the front of the sanctuary. They conducted the Easter sunrise service and, with the help of several parents, served breakfast to 100.

The Applegate MYF also had charge of their Easter sunrise service and breakfast and have just had lights installed behind a glass cross in the front of the church which is lighted each evening and can be seen for quite a distance.

There were special services in both churches during Lent with neighboring ministers as speakers. The pastor, Rev. Wallace Zinnecker, was the speaker for the union service on Good Friday which was attended by members of the Free Methodist Church and the Full Gospel Church of Carsonville.

## Ann Arbor First Honors Rev. and Mrs. Burlin Main

The congregation of Ann Arbor First Church honored Rev. and Mrs. L. Burlin Main by celebrating the 10th anniversary of their pastorate on April 21.

Mr. Main, parish minister since February 15, 1958, was the preacher at both morning worship services using the theme, "Go to All the World." Also participating in the service were his fellow-pastors and Dr. Merrill R. Abbey, senior minister when the Mains moved to Ann Arbor and now professor of Preaching at Garrett Theological Seminary.

Dr. Abbey was the speaker at the recognition dinner held at 12:30 p.m. in the church social hall. Mrs. Burton L. Baker and Mrs. Lawrence Van Vlack were cochairmen of the dinner committee and Mrs. Q. C. Vines, director. J. Dale Boyd, vice-chairman of the Pastoral Relations Committee, was master



Participating in "An Act of Recognition of Denominational Unity" at the United Methodist Church of Columbiaville, left to right, are: Jac Faith, Rev. Theodore Bennink of Columbiaville, Rev. Harold Krieg of the Oregon Church, and Edward Merritt.



of ceremonies and Dr. Jerry M. Gray, chairman, and other members of the committee planned the day's activities.

The dinner program included anthems by the Epworth Junior Choir; invocation, Dr. LaVerne Finch; introduction of guests and words of appreciation with presentation of gifts, Mr. Boyd; introduction of Dr. Abbey by Dr. Albert Logan; and the benediction, Mr. Melzer.

During Mr. Main's ten years in Ann Arbor, he has made more than 10,000 hospital visits and more than 2,500 persons have united with First Church through his efforts.

### Daylong Observance Includes Consecration and Open House

Rev. Donald Strobe of First Methodist Church, Grand Rapids, was the guest minister at the Lansing Trinity Consecration service held April 21, at 2:30, in Delta Township.

Speaking from the topic "Where the Action Is," Mr. Strobe declared that the violence of Vietnam and the sickness of our cities is not an expression of God's Will, but results from man's willfulness.

The climax of the ceremony took place when Harold Krieger, Building Committee chairman, presented the new sanctuary key to Lansing District superintendent, Dr. Harold A. Jayne, who declared the building open for worship and the key was turned over to Rev. John Bullock, pastor.

The Chancel and Chapel choirs, under the direction of Mrs. John Bullock, presented the anthem "From All That Dwell Below the Skies." Former minister, Rev. Meinte Schuurmans, gave the pastoral prayer. Letters were read from former pastors, Grant Jordan, Lambert McClintic, and James Laven-good.

About 500 members and friends attended the daylong period of consecration which began with morning worship at 10 a.m. A fellowship dinner was



Participating in the consecration service at Lansing Trinity, left to right, are: Dr. Harold A. Jayne, Rev. John Bullock and Mr. Harold Krieger.—Culp Photo.

## Baptisms and Transfers at Lake Odessa



Infants were baptized April 7 in the Central Church, Lake Odessa, by the pastor, Rev. Marvin F. Zimmerman, and new members were received by transfer. Receiving the sacrament of baptism, above, were William John, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cobb, Jr.; Ross William, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Jackson; Mary Beth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Reed; Brent Alan, son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Bailey; and Penny Jo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Avery. Received by transfer, below, are: Mrs. Robert Avery, Mrs. Robin Lambert, Mr. and Mrs. Don Fuller, Scott Fuller, and Alva Tingley. Monica Fuller and Mrs. Ila Hamp were not present for the picture.



served to 200 persons, with open house from 3:30-5 p.m., following the consecration service.

### Receives Second Membership Class

New members were received into the fellowship of the Faith United Methodist Church, near Belleville on the Ann Arbor District, on April 7.

This is the second class to be received since the formation of Faith Church through the merger of the Den-

ton and Sheldon congregations in February 1967.

Plans for construction of new facilities are progressing. A new three-acre site has been purchased on the southwest corner of Michigan Avenue at Denton Road. Interviews with architects have been completed and the Quarterly Conference will soon act upon the recommendation of the Building Committee for selection of an architect. Rev. Clive H. Dickens is the pastor.



New members joining the Faith Church, left to right, front row, are: Calvin Walls, Sheryl Hutchings, Linda Folts and Rhonda Clark. Second row: Rev. Clive Dickens, Susan Dickens, Ezra Folts, Iva Folts and Carrie Jenkins. Back row: Kaye Gardner, Sally Gardner, Ray Burkholder, Ida Burkholder, Laura Williams and Thelma Howe. Also received on March 31 was Robert Jenkins.



## About Persons

**BORN:** To Mr. and Mrs. David Cary (Katharine Love) of Burr Oak, a son, Michael Wayne, April 30. Grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Everett Love of Concord, and Mr. and Mrs. Howard Cary of Burr Oak.

**REV. FRANK HARTLEY**, retired member of the Detroit Conference, returned home May 2 after having been hospitalized twice with a severe heart condition. He expects to spend the next few weeks convalescing and wishes to express appreciation and thanks to his many friends for their cards and prayers. The Hartleys live at 519 Rountree Drive, Sarasota, Florida 33577.

**DR. PAUL R. TRAUTMAN**, vice-president of Albion College, will retire in June after 23 years with the college. Holding the longest tenure among the present administrative staff, he became business manager in 1946 and was named assistant secretary to the college Board of Trustees in 1960. Five years later he was appointed vice-president for finance and business affairs of the college and secretary to the Board of Trustees.

**REV. AND MRS. RALPH M. DEAN** of Kalamazoo joined a Wally Byam Airstream Caravan, composed of 267 trailers, to eastern Mexico in January. According to a policy of the Caravan an undenominational service was held each Sunday and Mr. Dean, a retired member of the Michigan Conference and U.S. Army chaplain, preached on three Sundays. Last summer he supplied for ministers on vacation and when he and Mrs. Dean were in Iceland attending a 25th reunion of persons who served there during World War II he conducted services for that group in the hotel.

**DR. ELDEN T. SMITH**, president of Ohio Wesleyan University, Delaware, Ohio, and chairman of the Ohio Founda-



Dr. Smith

tion of Independent Colleges, will be the speaker at the 123rd commencement exercises at Adrian College on June 2.

**REV. AND MRS. ATHANASIOS P. RICKARD** of Rochester left May 15 for England where they will visit relatives and Mr. Rickard will speak in a number of churches in Cornwall including the annual re-union of Highland Park St. Paul's service to be held at Beacon, Camborne, in July, and the memorial address at the annual re-union of the ¼th D.C.L.I. at Bodmin in October. Mr. Rickard is retired but has been serving St. Paul's, Rochester, as an associate and minister of visitation for the past few years. Rev. William J. Richards, minister of St. Paul's arranged for a "bon voyage" reception for the Rickards at the close of both morning services on Sunday, April 28, and large congregations were on hand. They were handed a substantial

gift of money from the Official Board in recognition of their service to the church. While in England Mr. Rickard will speak in the Methodist Church at Mylor, the home church of the late Rev. William J. Richards of the Detroit Conference and father of St. Paul's minister. The Rickards will return to Rochester on October 15.

## Obituaries

**MISS AMELIA M. EULER**, a devoted and honored member of Perry Methodist Church for more than 64 years died March 28 after a brief illness. She served with distinction in the church and Sunday school, and in the Woman's Society. Through many years she cared for aging parents to the end of their days, and then she lovingly cared for a handicapped sister. She never married but her life of service was beautifully spent in her home, her church, and her community.

**MRS. MYRTLE A. MORRICE**, 81, of Perry died at her home March 29. Born September 5, 1886, she lived all her life in the Perry community and in 1908 married Ward Morrice. She was an active member of the Perry Church. Survivors include a son, George, of Perry; a daughter, Ruth, of Detroit; and a sister, Mrs. Grace Millsbaugh, of Morrice.

**CHARLES E. STARR**, 59, of Grand Rapids, died suddenly of a heart attack April 15. A member of the Epworth Methodist Church, he had served as lay leader, church school teacher and counselor of the youth group. Mr. Starr served on the Methodist Union of Grand Rapids, and the Grand Rapids Board of Lay Activities many years, retiring two years ago at which time he received an award for his outstanding service to the Board. He also served on the Conference level, helping to plan the Annual Methodist Men's meeting at East Lansing. Survivors include his wife, Mildred; two daughters, Mrs. Glenn Fischer of Grand Rapids, and Mrs. Kenneth Curtis of Marne; one son, Richard of Wyoming; ten grandchildren; one brother, Joel of Sand Lake; and four sisters, Mrs. Larry Barera of Ann Arbor, Mrs.

## LINER ADS

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Harold Welven of Rockford, Mrs. John Luyk of Byron Center and Mrs. Max Hunting of Ft. Thomas, Ky. Funeral services were held April 18 at the Creston Mortuary in Grand Rapids with Rev. Emmett E. Coons, Morenci, officiating. Burial was in the Blythfield Memory Gardens.

**MRS. PAULINE CORNELL**, 79, died April 3 at the McPherson Community Health Center in Howell following a month's illness. Born in Deerfield Township on July 26, 1888, she graduated from the Howell High School and Ypsilanti Normal College. She was married to Thurber Cornell who preceded her in death in 1954. Mrs. Cornell was a long-time member of the Hardy United Methodist Church. She was an active member of the local WCTU, the House and Senate Club and the Livingston County Republican Women's Club. She leaves seven children, 18 grandchildren and 27 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Tyndall Memorial Nazarene Church on Friday, May 3, with Rev. Mr. Raycroft officiating, assisted by Rev. Douglas Trebilcock. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery in Howell.

### Marion Methodist Honored

A balloting for Marion's First "Out-standing Citizen," conducted on a community - wide basis, resulted in the honor being bestowed on Howard B. Fosnaught at the Chamber of Commerce banquet this spring.



Mr. Fosnaught  
work in and for the community as he

Dr. Douglas C. Youngman, toastmaster, spoke of Mr. Fosnaught's

### Notice to Ministers

Copies of the Proposed Plan of Union of the Methodist and EUB conferences in Michigan have been mailed to all ministers. Pastors have been asked to share these plans with their lay members to Annual Conference.

Both ministers and lay members are asked to bring their copy of the Plan of Union to the Annual Conference session. This Plan will be voted on during the Annual Conference and this should be studied as any other Pre-Conference Report.

—(signed) Steering Committee for Union in Michigan.—Keith T. Avery, secretary.

presented a plaque in recognition of his service.

Mr. Fosnaught has had an active interest in church, school, community, and political affairs since moving to Marion in 1945. For years he has served as financial secretary of The Methodist Church as well as a member of the church choir. He was on the board of education and treasurer of the village for many years and is a past president of the Marion Chamber of Commerce and Kiwanis Club. He is currently secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, a post he has also held for some time.



News of local church, sub-district or district Methodist Men's activities are solicited for this column. If possible, copy should be typewritten and double spaced.

### Plan May Fellowship Dinner

The Methodist Men of the St. John Methodist Church of Pontiac held their annual tea Sunday, March 24. An after-



noon hymn-sing was followed by a short program. The men do their own cooking and plan to have a May fellowship dinner.

### Families Are Invited for Coffee and Rolls May 18

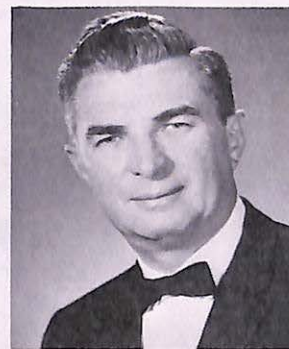
The Methodist Men of Bridgman Faith Church are holding the First International (unofficial) Coffee Club Convention on the church lawn Saturday, May 18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. The church is located on Lake Michigan, 12 miles south of St. Joseph on Red Arrow Highway, just off I-94.

This is the same Saturday of the Grand Floral Parade which is held annually in the Twin Cities of St. Joseph and Benton Harbor, our neighbors a few miles to the north of us. The entire family is invited for coffee, milk and rolls; \$1.00 per adult and 50c for children.

Profits from the event will be used in the program of the church which is a mission church partially supported by the conference.—Horace Linderman, president.

## Detroit Evangelism Rally to Hear Dr. Long

Dr. Kermit Long, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, will be the principal speaker at the United Method-



Dr. Long

ist Evangelism Rally on Sunday afternoon, May 26, 3:30 p.m., at First Methodist Church, Royal Oak. This gathering for the metropolitan Detroit area is sponsored jointly by the Detroit East and Detroit West Councils, under the leadership of the District Secretaries of Evangelism, Rev. Dee W. Cobb, and Rev. Roland Brooks. Their main concern is to present Dr. Long to this sector of United Methodism for the first time since becoming the general secretary, and to give him the opportunity of interpreting evangelism and setting forth the newer thrusts of the program for our day.

Bishop Dwight E. Loder will be present in the early part of the gathering before leaving to speak for the seminary commencement in Ohio. He will speak briefly on racial understanding, especially as related to the rumors of possible riots during the coming summer.

Special music will be provided by the Wesleyan Choir from Second Grace United Methodist Church, Detroit, and by a male quartet from the St. Clair Shores First United Methodist Church. Rev. Charles Beynon will direct the congregational singing, with Mrs. Sarah Williams at the organ.

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## With Our Youth

### METHODIST GIRLS TAKE TOP HONORS

Two officers of the Carson City MYF who attended the UN Seminar, sponsored by the church, have attained top honors in the Carson City-Crystal graduating class.

Mickey Webster, daughter of Mr. and



Barbara

Mickey

Mrs. Duane Webster of Carson City, is valedictorian with a 3.8 grade average, and Barbara Wilson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carleton Wilson of North Shade Township, salutatorian. Her grade average is 3.6.

Both students are members of the National Honor Society. Barbara is president of the MYF and also district and sub-district secretary. Her school activities include band, cheer leading, forensics, junior and senior plays, yearbook staff, pep band, and vice-president of her freshman class. She will attend Albion College this fall, majoring in either psychology or chemistry.

Mickey plans to major in social science at Michigan State University. Secretary of her sophomore class, she also participated in the high school and pep bands, yearbook staff, senior play cast, and was named DAR Good Citizen. She

enjoys sewing and playing the piano and serves as accompanist for the church's Carolers Choir.

### MYF VISITS NASHVILLE

The Battle Creek Urandale MYF enjoyed a trip to Nashville, Tenn., April 14 to 20 where they participated in a communion service in the Upper Room and visited the Methodist Publishing House, TRAFICO, Methodist Board of Education, and the Parthenon and Hermitage. They also spent a day at Henderson House at Frakes, Ky., where they left boxes of clothing.

Other places of interest included the Mammoth Onyx Cave, Pinnacle at Cumberland Gap, Cumberland Falls and Abraham Lincoln's birthplace at Hodg-

### God and Country Award



Ronald F. Miller, son of Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Miller of Dearborn received his God and Country Award at the Saint James Methodist Church in Detroit where he and his parents are members. Shown presenting the award is Rev. Robert Goudie, associate pastor, who worked with Ron on the program.

enville, Ky. The group stayed in different churches at night and raised all their own funds through programs, paper drives, car washes and candy sales.

Individuals making the trip included: Steve Vollmar, James Howell, Bill McNinch, Richard Litz, Patricia Ward, Dawn Norton, Debbie TenEyck, Sherry Smith, Carol Riley, Susan McKeen, Cathie Pletcher, Elizabeth Hedges, Gail Tappan, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Tappan, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Morris and the pastor, Rev. Gaylord Howell.

### FAMILY RECEIVES TWO HONORS

Carol Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Williams of Mesick, was one of two candidates selected by the Wexford and Missaukee counties' Odd Fellows and Rebekah organizations to attend a United Nations seminar in July.



Carol

The candidates, rated on scholarship, school activities, community activities and speaking ability, each gave a ten-minute speech on "What a trip to the United Nations would mean to me."

Mrs. Williams was one of the 18 Merit Mothers selected in the 1968 Michigan Mother of the Year contest. She attended a luncheon by the Northland Chamber of Commerce as one of the honored guests.

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### Forty-Eight Admitted to Membership



Received into membership at First Church, Mt. Clemens, on Palm Sunday was this group of 48 youth. They are: Wallace Adams, Douglas Allen, Karen Baxendale, Gwendolyn Beaudette, Patricia Castro, Robert Cornwell, Susan Covert, Donna Cunningham, Cynthia Damon, Jeffrey Finamore, George Freeman, Jr., Laura Gallagher, JoAnn Guard, David Hacker, Carmen Ham, Lauren Hart, Mary Theresa Harwood, Kris Heinze, Chetney Hieber, Patrick Hunt, Peter Hunt, Karen Johnson, R. Edward Kingston, Brian Kludd, Robert Kruse, Gregory Langston, Laura McPhedran, Danita Mentzer, Loraine Milbourn, Cheryl Montagne, D'Anna Moltmaker, Debra Moody, Diane Moody, Albert Murawka, Janice Oman, William Penning, Karen Randolph, Deborah Richter, Marilyn Semrau, Janet Sharpe, Julie Sheldon, Gay Sowers, John Stover, Brian Toner, Janice VanDyke, Debra Wendt, Michael Wrona and Terry Yacks. The ministers are Dr. John S. Jury, left, and Rev. Ronald W. Cornwell.



# She Needs Your Love

Little Su Lin in Formosa is hungry but her mother won't be home to feed her until after dark. And then supper will be only a handful of rice, a cup of tea, and maybe a bit of fish.

Since Su Lin's father is dead her mother works fourteen hours a day in Taipei's crowded industrial center—trying to earn enough to keep Su Lin and her five brothers and sisters alive.

Su Lin has never had a dress that wasn't torn, or a bright ribbon in her hair, or a birthday party, or a doll. She can't go to school because there is no money for proper clothes, shoes, books or lunches.

And her future? Well, she may learn to beg and search garbage heaps for edible scraps of food. When she gets hungry enough she will learn to steal.

Yet, for only \$12 a month, Su Lin—and children like her—can be helped. Your love can give her nourishing food, school books—and maybe even that bright ribbon for her hair.

In return you will receive a deep satisfaction, plus the child's picture, personal history, and the opportunity to exchange letters . . . and love. The child will know who you are and will answer your letters.

(If you want to send a special gift, a pair of shoes, a warm jacket, a fuzzy bear—you can send your check to our office, and the *entire amount* will be forwarded, along with your instructions.)

You can join thousands of other Americans who find this to be the beginning of a warm personal friendship with a deserving child.

And your help is desperately needed. Requests continue to come from Seoul, Korea, 15 babies abandoned *every day* . . . Vietnam, more war orphans . . . Calcutta, children living in the streets . . . Jordan . . . Brazil . . . Formosa.

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## With Our Youth (Continued from page 18)

### MYF DECORATES SANCTUARY, DISTRIBUTES EASTER PLANTS

Several special events marked the Lenten season at the Stony Creek Methodist Church in Ypsilanti, Rev. Robert N. Hicok, pastor.

Palm Sunday eight young people, having completed a membership training class, were confirmed including Mike Hayes, Judy Jones, Mark Nastos, Scott Porter, Phyllis Roome, Bonnie Smrcka, Patty Sanderson and Sarah

Shoner. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Tenebrae services were held with several laymen participating.

The MYF conducted the Easter sunrise service and served breakfast. For a special project they decorated the sanctuary with a Living Lily Cross constructed of slab wood which held forty potted lilies. After the services they distributed some of the lilies to shut-ins in the community and the State Hospital.

### New Members Unite on Palm Sunday



New members received April 7 into the fellowship of St. John Methodist Church of Pontiac are pictured with their pastor and instructor. Left to right, back row are: Mrs. Dyer, Rev. Chester Trice, pastor, and Mrs. Mildred Garling, teacher. Middle row: Caree Corr, Andrea Lidell, Colleen Reynolds, Kathi Garling, Lesa Dyer, Linda Seay and Frances Yokley. Front row: Randall Williams, Stanley Richardson, Donald Richardson, Karen Jones, Sephanie Bowens, Gayle McHaney, Gray Richardson, and Ronald Richardson, Deborah Freeman also was a member of the class.



This cross, made by the MYF, decorated the sanctuary at the Stony Creek Church on Easter Sunday.

### HOMECOMING QUEEN WINS TOP HONORS

Christine Henderson, daughter of Mrs. Donna Henderson, Applegate, and the late Warren Henderson, has been named valedictorian of the Carsonville High School. She is president of the senior class, National Honor Society, and the Student Council of which she also had served as vice-



president and secretary-treasurer. Editor of the yearbook, she also participat-

### Choirs Present Annual Concert



The Junior and Cherub choirs of the Grandville Church, appearing in new robes and bows made by members of the church, presented their annual spring concert April 28 under the direction of Mrs. Wendell Grummet with Miss Alayne Caver, accompanist. Other choirs and directors at Grandville include, Junior High, Mrs. John Donker; Senior High, Mrs. Ralph Pruitt; and the Chancel Choir, Mr. Boyd Mackus.



## The Youthful Accent

By Hoover Rupert



### LIFE CATCHES UP WITH YOU

IN SIOUX CITY, Iowa, many years ago lived a man named John Schmidt. At one time he was the superintendent of schools. He wrote a little book about his experiences in education. He started his career as so many of his colleagues have, in a small town. It was in northwestern Iowa and he was not only high school principal but he was also the athletic coach. Now it happened that he was not an athlete. He really didn't know very much about sports. The high school was too small to have a football team, so he found his first athletic test when basketball season rolled around. He had anticipated this, however, and had bought a rule book on basketball and mastered its contents. So he went out to coach his basketball team.

His team lost every game during the regular season, and not too often was the score very close. But, spring came, and with it the traditional district tournament to which each high school was invited. The tournament was being held in another town. Although there didn't seem to be much point in showing

up—most of the teams there had already beaten his boys—Coach Schmidt took the team to the tournament.

Now here's where fiction breaks down and fact takes over. For who would believe a fiction writer if he told the following true story? In the first round they drew a bye. That moved them automatically without playing a game to the second round. Here the team they were matched against went back home for supper before the game. A rain-storm came up, their school bus got stuck on the Iowa mud road, and they failed to show up for the game. Schmidt's team won by forfeit and advanced to the semi-finals. Their opponents were a good team but from a school which had only eight boys enrolled. The 24-hour variety of flu bug had hit them the night before and that took care of the semi-finals.

So, here they were in the finals of the district tournament without having won a single game the entire season, and without even having *played* a game in the tournament! Principal-Coach Schmidt, with a mastery of understatement recalled, "It was a memorable occasion." The gym was jammed with fans. The excitement was at traditional fever pitch. The game was fast. It was wild. Indeed, it was a massacre! When it was over, his team had lost 83-0!

You don't believe it? It's a matter of record. And more than that, it is really true to the laws of life, when you get right down to it. Life eventually catches up with the phony, the bluff, the perennially lucky. A person can go a long way on a little luck and/or with lots of bluff. But the day of reckoning finally comes, for you cannot fool life. Sooner or later the imposters are shown up for what they are—as for example, the college instructor who it was learned had himself never gone to college but had proved a successful teacher on at least three faculties; or the recent news story about the airline pilot who had never "learned to fly" and thus did not have a proper license, though he had been flying commercial planes for more than ten years!

On the other hand, this idea suggests that the man who has integrity, who has earned the right to enter the finals, whose performance justifies his position—he can trust life to be ultimately fair.

Which reminds me of what basketball star Rick Barry said one time in an interview, "It all comes down to whether you can put them in or not. In the final analysis, it's not them stopping you, but you missing it."

ed in the junior and senior plays and was chosen Carsonville Homecoming Queen. She was secretary of her junior class.

Christine is a member of the Applegate Methodist Church where she serves as organist and secretary of the MYF. She is a nine-year piano student and has been accepted at the University of Michigan where she plans to major in math.

### TO ATTEND GIRLS' STATE

Sandra Grubaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alpha Grubaugh of Elsie, will attend Girls' State at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor in June. A junior in the local high school, she is being sponsored by the Elsie Woman's Literary Club.

Sandra

Sandra is active in the Elsie Methodist Church, having been a member of the choir six years and the MYF, five years. She is a member of the folk-singing group, Methodaires, and attended church camp one summer.

A member of the school band, Future Teachers Club, yearbook staff, and girls' basketball two summers, she will study and put into practice the operations of city, county and state government during her week in Ann Arbor.

### New Members at Lapeer Trinity



This confirmation class was received into membership at Lapeer Trinity Church on Maundy Thursday by Rev. Wm. D. Rickard, Port Huron District superintendent, after completing a 16-week study course under the direction of the late Rev. Richard T. Markham, Mrs. Markham and Miss Nancy Brodbeck, director of Christian Education. Left to right, front row, are: Miss Brodbeck, Gail Surbrook, David Van Horn and James Cosens. Second row: Lu Anne Jones, Karla Jones, Susan Laidler, Kay Daley and Tom Hutchings. Back row: Bethany Riddell, Carol Bennington, Mrs. Markham, Terry Huffman and Bruce Mackie.





## Speaking Of Books

By Allan G. Gray

### MOUNTAIN DOCTOR

By Legette Blythe

ONE of the heartening, encouraging things about this old world is to read about someone who is doing good and especially in an unobtrusive, quiet way. Gaines Cannon is a doctor in Balsam Grove, North Carolina, where he has had a farm and has been told to get away from his heavy practice in Pickens, South Carolina. He took a little furniture and a few groceries with him expecting to sit on the porch and rock for a long while. The very first day the news got around that there was a doctor in the community and people started coming. In fact, the need was so great that he had to go back to Pickens to rest. Finally he began to divide his time between the two places but later saw so great a need in the mountains that he moved there permanently.

Somewhere along the way he had read an article in a magazine about Albert Schweitzer. Though he could not subscribe to the traditional creeds of the church, he found a deep interest in Dr. Schweitzer's "Reverence for Life" philosophy. He read everything about the good doctor he could lay his hands on as well as on the books he had written. He even made a trip to Africa and lived and worked in Lambarene for a while. When he told the great humanitarian of his work in the mountains and the conditions of the people, the doctor could not understand how this could be in so great a country as America. When he decided to start a hospital in Balsam Grove he asked the doctor's permission to name it the Albert Schweitzer Memorial which permission was granted with a very gracious letter.

The book is very folksy and human, filled with the interesting situations and quaint sayings of the mountain folk, yet bestowing upon them dignity. Sometimes you won't know whether to laugh or to cry and may end up doing a little bit of both. When one thinks about the government programs and mission enterprises that are conducted in Appalachia, it is refreshing to read what one human being, almost on his own, can accomplish. Here is a dedicated life and it is good to read about him.

("Mountain Doctor," Blythe. Morrow, \$4.50. This book may be secured from Cokesbury Bookstore, 2101 Woodward Avenue, Detroit, Mich. 48201.)

Some men think they have made a success of life when all they have made is money.

## The Christian Ministry Of Healing

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such "bishop's gardens" have become traditional with monasteries and cathedrals.

Dr. Fowler recounts that many of the religious hospital orders became rich, and in their prosperity "tended to forget their main reason for being and left the care of the poor to whoever had nothing better to do. By the Dark Ages the so-called hospitals had become literally 'pest houses.' That which had originated in the name of heaven became real hells."

The modern medical mission enterprise began in the 18th century. Dr. Kasper Gottlieb Schlegelmilch went to India under joint Danish and German auspices. Unfortunately, he died of dysentery within a month after his arrival in Madras. He was followed by other Danish and German doctors, but they also succumbed to tropical diseases and other misfortunes without having rendered any permanent contribution to missionary work.

Dr. John Thomas, an English doctor, went to India under auspices of the East India Company about 1790. He joined with William Carey, who is known as the father of modern medical missions, when Carey went to India in 1793. He became, therefore, the first modern medical missionary who left any lasting impression on the world. Krishna Pal, Carey's first Indian convert to Christianity, had been treated by Dr. Thomas.

Medical missions have grown consistently in emphasis through the years and now stand close to evangelism as a primary objective of many overseas posts. The Christian Medical Commission of the World Council of Churches reported that as of January, 1967, there were 1,238 medical institutions related to Protestant and Orthodox churches in Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Near East. They are operated by a total of 330 sponsoring organizations and have a total budget of more than \$100 million per year. The Catholic Medical Mission Board of New York re-

ports approximately 5,000 medical institutions under Roman Catholic auspices.

These hospitals are doing a marvelous work—to the extent of their ability. But they are too few and their accommodations are much too limited to meet the needs around them.

As many as three patients are being treated in the double beds of one Hong Kong hospital. Patients lie on pallets under beds and between beds in some African institutions.

An American visitor who asked a mission doctor why hospital administrators admit more patients than they can handle received the reasonable answer: "It is much better to give them limited treatment under these conditions than not to treat them at all."

Medical leaders of mission societies throughout North America met at Harriman, New York, in 1963 under sponsorship of the Christian Medical Council for Overseas Work, a unit of the Division of Foreign Missions of the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. For three days they discussed principles of medical work in the light of the Christian gospel, and closed the meeting with adoption of a paper, "The Premise of Medical Missions."

Recognizing first of all that "the one world mission of the whole church is directed towards the whole world of men," the statement continued:

"God has put the Church into the world to proclaim that He is in Christ reconciling that world unto Himself. This message of reconciliation is proclaimed in the ministry of reconciliation through three forms of the preaching of God. These are the verbal word in speech and print; the dramatic word of service, which validates the spoken word; and the visible unity of love in the Church, which gives authenticity to the other two.

"The ministry of health and healing is an essential element in all three forms of the preached word, but is most evidently a fundamental part of the word through service. It is an essential mode of the operation of the Holy Spirit."

The statement recognized that the church's medical ministry is largely discharged through institutions, such as hospitals and clinics "in which members of the staff corporately demonstrate... what it means to be in Christ."

But it continued beyond that. It said that the medical ministry is a mission of "the whole Church" which includes not only institutions but all individuals who "have a sense of Christian vocation in their profession, such as each disciple should have."

"The Christian ministry of health and healing is, therefore," according to the statement, "being implemented through the service of every dedicated doctor, nurse, technician, and assistant."

At a consultation held in Tubingen, Germany, September 1-8, 1967, under





the sponsorship of the World Council of Churches and the Lutheran World Federation, it was emphasized once more that the Christian medical worker brings to his profession, besides his technical proficiencies, his own experience of encounter with God in Christ.

Christians everywhere applaud the work of Albert Schweitzer who independently set up his health ministry at Lambarene, in the Congo. They marveled at the work of Tom Dooley, who brought modern medicine to the common man of Southeast Asia. Schweitzer and Dooley are now gone, but the call to Good Samaritan service has been answered by thousands of dedicated doctors and nurses—independently and through church and volunteer organizations—in every part of the world.

## Next Week in History

By Wm. Cardwell Prout

**May 19 (1804)**—Birth of James Drummond, Methodist minister and doctor of medicine. Following his appointment by President Lincoln and Bishop Janes, he served for eighteen months as Chaplain in the United States Hospital at Wheeling, W. Va.

**May 20 (1868)**—The Republican National Convention met in Chicago on May 20-21. The name "National Republican Party" was adopted. General U. S. Grant and Schuyler Colfax of Indiana were nominated for President and Vice-President.

**May 21 (1776)**—The fourth American Methodist Annual Conference met under great difficulty in Baltimore, May 21-24, in Lovely Lane Chapel. Twenty-four ministers were appointed to 11 circuits. The membership of the church was 4,921.

**May 22 (1882)**—William Taylor, world-wide Methodist leader, was consecrated missionary bishop for Africa.

**May 23 (1707)**—Birth of Carl Linnaeus, eminent Swedish botanist. The publication of his *Genera Plantarum* in 1737 laid the foundation of modern botany.

**May 24 (1920)**—The General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church meeting in Des Moines, Iowa, unanimously approved a tentative Plan of Union with the Methodist Episcopal Church South. Nineteen years were to pass before unification.

**May 25 (1805)**—Death of William Paley, famous English clergyman and theologian. For many years some of Paley's writings were in the Conference Course of Study of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

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## The Bible for Today

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By Robert C. Brubaker

Sunday, May 26

Job Under Fire

Job 1 and 2; 29; 32:1-5; 42

THE book of Job is one of the greatest in the entire Bible. Tennyson said it is the greatest poem of ancient and modern times. Carlyle affirmed that "there is nothing written, I think, in the Bible or out of it of equal merit." Luther said Job is "magnificent and sublime as no other book of Scripture."

In the popular mind, Job is a man of magnificent patience, someone who takes the adversities of life in stride. This may be true for the prologue (chapters 1 and 2) and the epilogue (42:7-17), but is most assuredly not true for what lies in between. Here Job curses the day he was born and lashes out at God with a vengeance. Patience indeed!

Most scholars agree that the poetry in the middle of the book was written by someone different than the author of the beginning and the end. The portrait of Job contrasts markedly. Also the writer of the poems uses general terms for the deity, while the author of the narrative uses the name Yahweh.

Job is known in the beginning as a man who feared God and turned away from evil; blameless and upright in life. But the depth of his faith is suspect to at least one of the sons of God named "Satan." The Hebrew word literally means "adversary," and in Job is an angel in good standing in the Heavenly Council whose special vocation is investigating affairs on earth. How does he compare to your concept of Satan? Do you believe such a Person really exists, and if so, what difference does this make in the way you lead your daily life?

In any case, this Satan suspects that Job's faith is motivated by self-interest. "Does Job fear God for nought?" he asks. Perhaps this holy man is simply keeping up his insurance premiums. Religion "pays off," so obviously he has become a religious man. Who wouldn't? Perhaps we need to ask ourselves what is the motivation for our moral behavior. If we are trying to win a swank "room at the top," our motives do not differ in character from the man who saves up all week for a "juicy" weekend. Compare this to Kierkegaard's definition of Christianity: "the profound humiliation of man, the boundless love of God, and an endless striving born of gratitude."

God decided to let Satan put Job to

the test, and a hurricane of adversity followed. Job's oxen are slain, his sheep are burned up, his camels fall by the sword, his servants are annihilated. Then suddenly a great wind kills his sons and daughters. Job rises, tears his robe, shaves his head, falls upon the ground and worships the Lord. His prayer includes these words: "... the Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord."

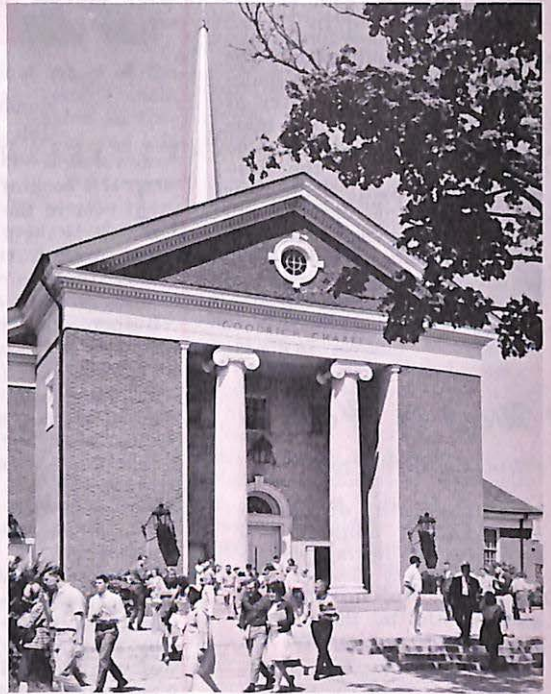
Is that the way God operates? Here is a young mother whose husband suffers a heart attack while under terrific pressure to "make good" in business. A friend explains to the children of the deceased that God took away their father to join Him in heaven. The first reaction of these little ones is to hate God for stealing their father from them as day after day they ache for his presence and his love. Is it true that God gives and then takes away? In the New Testament, the Lord wills our health and our healing, and Jesus comes that we might have life and have it more abundantly. It is hard to reconcile this with a God who strikes a man down in his prime, who intentionally destroys the life he has previously given.

When Job's three friends arrive, they sit with him for seven days and nights, and no one speaks a word to him. You might call this "non directive counseling." When you are suffering, do you not want friends who will sit where you sit, feel as you feel, and share your grief instead of spouting forth slick answers? When the friends begin to speak, they offer "God" conveniently enclosed in disposable verbal containers. What do we offer people who suffer?

The more you read the book of Job, the more you realize that the burning question is not why does a man suffer but what is a man's relationship with God, though the two issues are of course related. Job's misery stems from his separation from God. He searches in all directions but cannot seem to find Him. Finally he hears the Voice from the whirlwind, and responds with repentance. Confident of God's power and care, he perceives his own guilt. No longer clinging to a secondhand faith inherited from his fathers, he meets God in direct encounter. His eye sees the living God, and Job enters into a new and humbling relationship with the Lord. How does this utterly transform the way in which suffering is received?



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