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## For What Should Christians Give Thanks?

THE Apostle Paul, in his revealing and stimulating letters to the early Christian churches, is continually speaking of the giving of thanks, and the spirit and sacrifice of thanksgiving. Perhaps his emphasis is second only to the Psalmist's in all the Holy Bible's expression of thankfulness for non-material gifts and endowments. And it is interesting to note for *what* Paul gives thanks to God: it may suggest new depth, and breadth, and meaning for our own acknowledgment of gratitude.

*Paul is thankful to God for the gift of Jesus Christ and for the Holy Spirit* ("the grace of God") at work among the people. "Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift!" (II Cor. 9:15.)

Paul, the scholar, the leader, and preacher able to expound and explain the gospel more fluently and more understandingly than any other apostle, finds himself without the words to express the wonder, the glory, the riches, the meaning, and the depth of awe and appreciation due to God from man in the event of Jesus' entry into human life! Is *our* feeling so deep and so overpowering that we cannot give adequate expression to it? Or do we in rituals of prayer and thanksgiving, and in Christmas hymns, merely repeat words and phrases that do not explode from awe and gratitude? Do we receive God's gift without recognizing its potential value?

*The note of certainty and of ultimate triumph of God's cause and the Christian quest* mingles with Paul's expressions of thankfulness. "Thanks be to God who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (I Cor. 15:57). "But thanks be to God, who in Christ always leads us in triumph, and through us spreads the fragrance of the knowledge of him everywhere" (II Cor. 2:14).

Here is no wavering of faith, no up and down spiritual register — depending on the headlines in the morning paper! Victory — triumph — by God through the leading of men by Christ — was a certainty in Paul's belief and action: no beatings, nor shipwrecks, nor imprisonments ever gave rise to doubt that ultimately the goal would be achieved. And, because of this faith, Paul could

and did give thanks even under the jailor's lash. . . . Is not this triumph song the world-conquering melody that must be sounded forth through and above the daily agonizing cries of hate, and strife, and greed, and fear of tomorrow? Can we live and sing in the unfeigned certainty of ultimate triumph for Christ's — and our — cause? If that certainty is ours, let us "praise the Lord with thanksgiving."

*Paul is thankful for his fellow workers* — their deeds, their lives. "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you . . . thankful for your partnership in the gospel" (Phil. 1:3-5). "We are bound to give thanks to God always for you, because your faith is growing abundantly and the love of every one of you for one another is increasing" (II Thess. 1:3).

Do we often give thanks to God for our associates in the Christian quest — the members of our church family — and the fathers who suffered that we might have the faith? We are upheld today by those who worship, and minister, and believe, and praise with us. We have knowledge and strength from a long line of ancestors and strangers whose sufferings of mind, and body, and spirit for their beliefs have shaped and transmitted to us our Christian religion. Are we truly thankful to God and to "all the saints who from their labors rest" for this inheritance? Is our thanks shown by our stewardship of that faith for coming generations?

*Finally, Paul is thankful that he was chosen to serve and to inherit from the saints.* "I thank him who has given me the strength of this, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he judge me faithful by appointing me to his service" (I Tim. 1:12). ". . . giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light" (Col. 1:12).

Did you ever stop to think what your life would be like if God did not send us Jesus? If we had never heard the gospel? If we were not commissioned to tell and live the message from heaven? How deep indeed should be our thanks for this "inexpressible gift" to each one of us!

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# This Is No Time for Moral Retreat

IT IS NOT surprising that many protests have been received over a sensational news release to the effect that the Methodists will be asked to ease up on their traditional war on alcoholic beverages at the forth-coming General Conference. It is this kind of sensationalism that some publicity hungry persons enjoy preparing and the press is anxious to feature. Whether it be true or false, whether it be for the best interest of human beings or not appears to be incidental to the desire for publicity. We know that The Methodist Church is one of only a few that have continued to oppose this individual and social evil and we are proud of it.

A recent article makes much of surveys and claims that as high as 85% of adult Methodists drink. This is too much for some of us to accept. Who made these surveys which are quoted? Where were they made? We would be foolish to contend that there are no Methodists who drink. Like all others they are human and susceptible to the advertising of brewers and liquor manufacturers who tell them they cannot be anybody unless they drink. Some of them have been swept into a social whirl where drinking is common and they have not been able to resist. But to say that 85% of the Methodists are drinking compels us to say that they are not the Methodists we have known.

From the beginning of human history, there has been a record of the evils of strong drink. In the current issue of one of the nation's greatest publications, there is a three-page article dealing with a cure for alcoholism. The author of the article claims that about 50% of the American people drink from time to time. This is less than our Methodist writer claims for his church. Of this number, one in thirteen cannot quit drinking even though his health is threatened and his relationships destroyed. This is alcoholism which now stands fourth among the health problems of the country. In economic terms, in work time loss, in accidents and welfare payments, the cost is more than two billion dollars a year. Is the approval of a social practice which produces this kind of a condition what Methodists are asked to endorse?

The proposal as reported seeks support by claiming irreverently that Jesus drank and St. Paul drank and John Wesley drank. What they drank we do not know, but it has little to do with the contemporary

issue. Can anyone conceive that Jesus who came to give us the good life and championed purity and decency of human relationship would bless the drinking situation in America today? Or that St. Paul who conceived the human body to be the temple of God would have approved of the use of alcoholic beverages that so destructively affect it? Or that John Wesley who when his heart was strangely warmed became so concerned about the welfare of his fellowmen that he opposed what was not for their good such as slavery would not speak against the use of liquor?

Human nature is strangely inconsistent. We are on the one hand the most scientific people we have ever been in our national history and at the same time we are the heaviest drinking people in our history. What does science stand for? It stands for truth, it stands for accuracy, it stands for good health and it stands for efficiency. Drinking so affects the mind that it is incapable of recognizing and handling the truth. Our traffic accidents attributed to drinking drivers are sufficient evidence of what drinking does to the mind at the point of accuracy. The statistics quoted above on alcoholism are convincing as to the effect of liquor on the human body. Science should be our greatest ally for the temperance cause.

The statement of Jesus that "By their fruits ye shall know them" has not changed and it applies to the use of liquor. There is no argument strong enough to make me move in the direction of a liberalization of attitude on the liquor issue when I think of what I know has happened as a result of its use. Here is a friend who has lost his business because he drank too much. Here was a driver who crashed into a safety zone filled with school children waiting for a bus and killed three of them and his only explanation was that he had been drinking. Here was my good Methodist preacher friend of many years killed by a driver who came over a hill on the wrong side of the road and ran into his car and he said that he had spent the day in a tavern. Some of us are proud of the position our church has taken on the liquor issue and cannot comprehend approving a movement to retreat.

By  
Bishop  
Marshall R. Reed





Thanksgiving is more than an annual observance. It is a quality of the soul that enriches the whole of life every day in the year.

## Giving Thanks ALWAYS

THANKSGIVING is neither a seasonal activity on the part of Americans nor is it peculiar to the people of the United States. It may be historically accurate to say that from the days of the Puritans, whose contribution to America is of inestimable value, this country has held services of Thanksgiving in gratitude for the blessings of our bountiful land until it has now become a National holiday to be celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November each year. But the essence of the Christian faith is a thanksgiving to God for His unspeakable gift of Jesus Christ *to* and *for* us. This is not best accomplished by an annual celebration, but by plumbing the depths and meaning of our Christian heritage with a responsive heart. Nor is this peculiar to persons of our country, although I know of no nation where the annual festival takes on a more significant spiritual tone.

Moreover, meaningful thanks-

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giving is an act of praise to God which may be in a real sense divorced from material blessings. Giving thanks *for* something is quite different from giving thanks *in* something. Adversity may often be a Christian's lot, but if he is true to Biblical admonition, he will "in all circumstances" give thanks to God, and this requires a depth dimension to one's religious faith



Dr. Jewell M. Smoot

that is far more significant than all the abundance of things this world can bestow.

This, it seems to me, makes thanksgiving the clue to life's meaning, for it is relevant to suffering, sorrow, frustration, anxiety, and loss. This enables a person to take into his life any experience and handle it with a sense of meaning. He can undergo all these perplexities with a mind freed from cynicism and frustration, for in each experience he will turn to God in gratitude for His sustaining, redeeming love, which in turn will transform him through his problems. It may seem much easier to thank God for our abundance of riches than it is to praise Him through turmoil but self-indulgence is no ground for thanking God. In handling the deepest problems of the soul no amount of external conditioning can account for one's innermost feelings, while the soul "perfected" through thanksgiving inevitably triumphs.

Few, if any, of us are completely free from our worries. We make our mistakes and suffer our failures. But God has infinite compassion with those who honestly stumble and fall, particularly when in such a time we look to Him for forgiveness and guidance. Then to go on from there with a thankful heart to God will restore one to the right road and again open new occasions for praising God for His everlasting mercy.

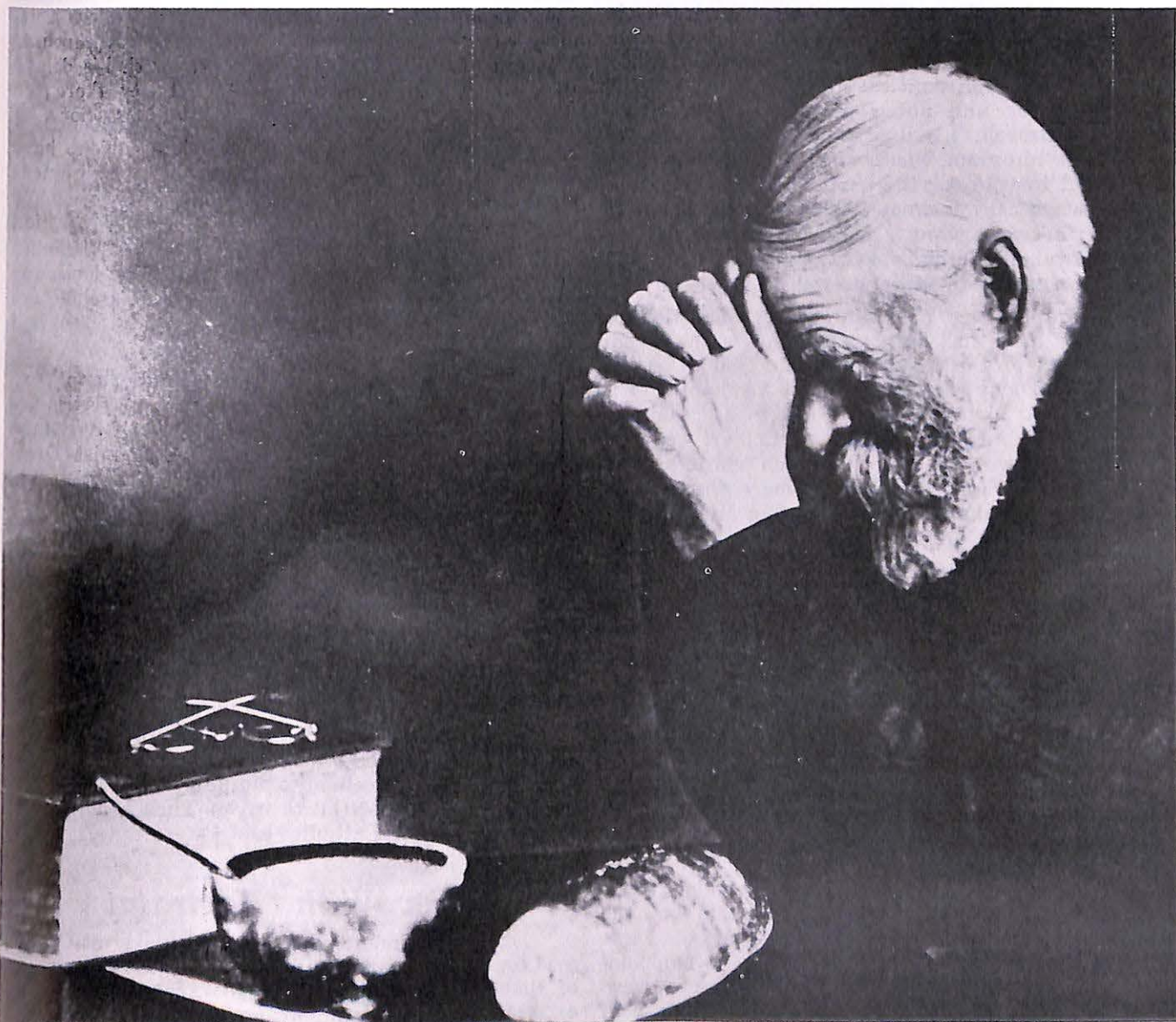
Perhaps there is one national aspect of our Thanksgiving that we Americans should be more aware of at this particular time. I refer to the fact that we live in the most abundant society on earth. We have "received much, and much more will be required of us." Now and again we may overlook the fact that while we have enough and to spare, a large portion of the human race are undernourished, if not actually starving. How then can we be thankful to

God and at the same time be unselfish in our affluence? The question suggests the answer in that when we are truly thankful to God He will find on our part a readiness to use and put at His disposal that which is ours for the meeting of the needs of others.

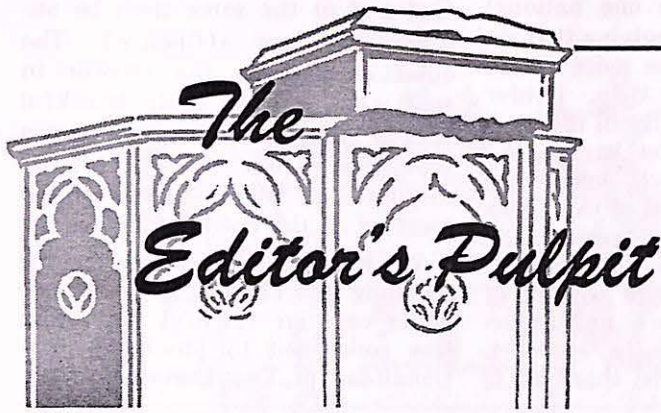
We need to keep before us the meaning of Thanksgiving as we again call our faithful and those less concerned to observe a national day of Thanksgiving.

# Gratitude

The true story behind this well-known picture began in 1918 when an elderly peddler stopped at the photo studio of Eric Enstrom in the tiny mining town of Bovey, Minn. The picture taken that day by Mr. Enstrom has become a Thanksgiving classic. More than 50,000 copies have been sold through Augsburg Publishing House in Minneapolis, Minn., which holds the copyright. The photographer, now 87, describes it as the best of thousands he has taken in a 50-year professional career.—rns photo.



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## When Religion and Politics Should Not Mix

While Methodists believe their church should come to grips with moral and ethical issues that involve government, such as gambling and temperance, they generally shun political involvements of a partisan character and abhor government favoritism for their church. Individual Methodists are, of course, free to pursue whatever political activity they choose and to vote for the party of their choice. It is not always easy to know where the line ought to be drawn between what is political and nonpolitical, but on the whole Methodists try to maintain a proper perspective and, we believe, do well at it.

The importance of maintaining separation of church and state has been pointed up in the recent involvements of the Roman Catholic Church in the overthrown Diem regime of South Vietnam. It is now apparent for the whole world to see that the Catholics, Cardinal Spellman in particular, went too far. We believe the way in which matters have turned out has hurt Catholicism more than it has been helped and may have injured Christianity as a whole.

According to reports Cardinal Spellman prevailed upon President Eisenhower to send generous relief funds and military forces to that country. The Cardinal has been credited as being the one person most responsible for this country's involvement in South Vietnam. The reasons for the Cardinal's efforts were quite obvious. He was trying to convert the Vietnamese to Roman Catholicism and this was an opportunistic way of doing it. About 10 percent of the country's population are Catholic and 40 percent Buddhist. The Catholic Diem regime was a strong ally in the Cardinal's plans. The millions of dollars poured into South Vietnam by this nation is a matter of record. Ostensibly the money was supposed to be used to fight Communism but the record will show that it also went to support the Diem regime which persecuted Buddhists, was undemocratic and ruthless. Some Catholic leaders were astute enough to see the handwriting on the wall and did not, at least openly, go along with the Car-

dinal's strategy. The Pope refused an audience with Diem's brother who is Archbishop Ngo-Dinh-Thuc. However, the Archbishop and the sharp-tongued Mme. Nhu, upon reaching this country, hastened to make their first call a visit to Cardinal Spellman.

President Kennedy was slow to take a stand and apparently waited to see which way the wind was blowing. When it was evident to everybody that the Diem regime was in a hopeless condition, the President lined up with the Pope, snubbed Mme. Nhu and otherwise encouraged the end of the Diem government. If we have any criticism of the President, it is not because of what he finally had to do, but because he was so long in doing it. As chief executive, he should have known what was going on in South Vietnam and done something about it. Was he waiting for the Pope to make a decision and how much, if any, did his Catholicism have to do with his delay? In view of Cardinal Spellman's activity there are those who may be excused for having suspicions.

Another place where religion and politics have mixed unpleasantly is in the sale of U.S. government land worth \$15,783,164 to Catholic institutions for a mere \$319,014. The President made no objection to these sales and, what's more, appointed Catholics to negotiate them. One of the pieces of land was reportedly sold to Cardinal Spellman's archdiocese at a 70 percent discount although a public school had requested a part of it.

The Roman Catholic involvement in South Vietnam, the sale of the above government properties are the sort of actions Protestants feared if a Roman Catholic president were elected. Columnist Drew Pearson, who before the last presidential election said he felt that if elected, Mr. Kennedy would observe the separation of Church and State, now says that the President has "weaseled" when it comes to state support for church colleges and in the sale of the above referred to pieces of land.

We have not hesitated to commend the President for resisting the policies of his church on State-Church issues. We are beginning to wonder if his resistance is wearing down and he is making concessions on the one hand to compensate for the lack of concessions on the other. In any event we cite the above cases as excellent examples of how religion and politics ought NOT to mix. They should serve as lessons to both Catholics and Protestants.

## Christmas With Restraint

Easy installment buying, particularly at Christmas time, is a temptation hard to resist. We approve of Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy's warning against the excessive use of installment buying with the approach of the Christmas season. Excesses are ill-advised

at any time but the temptation seems to be somewhat greater at this season of the year.

Every Christmas there is the usual amount of preaching against its commercialization. "Keep Christ in Christmas" is a worthy slogan and puts the accent where it belongs. But it takes more than preaching and slogans to combat Christmas excesses. It takes a solid understanding of what Christmas is all about. The birth of Christ introduced a new way of life for mankind. It was a life of giving; not getting. It was a way of sacrifice; not a way of easygoing pleasure so often indulged in at Christmas time. It was a life of joy but not one of frivolity.

Thoughtful Christians will observe Christmas with restraint in drinking, eating, spending and in celebrating generally. This will not be easy when friends invite one to a party when one has had enough parties. It is the excesses at Christmas that make one thankful when it's all over and life returns to some degree of normalcy. But this reaction is clear evidence that Christmas got out of hand and that we allowed it to defeat itself. A reasonable

amount of restraint can avoid this debilitating aftermath.

## New York Approves Off-Track Betting

Although New York City in the recent election approved off-track betting, it is a long way from realizing this in practice. Supported by Mayor Robert Wagner and hailed by him as a great victory, the 3 to 1 vote in favor of the proposal leaves much to be realized. The plan has to be approved by the legislature which has up to now rejected every such proposal. It must also be passed by a state-wide referendum. Actually the city vote, in which less than one-third of the voters participated, did nothing more than set up a plan. It did not authorize the actual practice of off-track betting.

While New York City is somewhat removed from Michigan, the effort to extend legalized gambling is prevalent in every state. What one does encourages others. That is why we are concerned about the outcome of the current fight in the state of New York.

As might be expected, the Protestant churches fought the whole idea of off-track betting. The New York Board of Rabbis joined the Protestants. The Catholics were conspicuous by their lack of opposition. The Mayor of course is a Catholic and Catholic theology condones gambling in some forms and that church approves gambling as a method of raising church funds. All this figured in the voting in New York City. The Protestants and Jews are not giving up and have really just begun to fight. They have before them a tremendous educational job. People simply are not aware of what is involved. A study, soon to be released in the form of a book entitled "The Green Felt Jungle," will help in the educational campaign. It analyzes vice and criminal influence in Las Vegas.

The main reason for wanting off-track betting is to balance the city's budget. Opponents point out that in order to raise the anticipated 200 million annually, thousands of new bettors will have to be created. The tax on legal betting will tend to increase illegal betting. Law enforcement agencies have to be strengthened in order to control legal betting and prohibit, as best they can, illegal activities. It is expected that many newly created jobs will be appointive and therefore a means of creating supporters for the administration.

The vote in New York is a step but by no means the final one. Protestant and Jewish forces have their work cut out for them but their job is not an impossible one.

## Religious Remarkables

By Scheel

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**ARGENTINA, LIKE THE U. S., CELEBRATES THANKSGIVING DAY THE LAST THURSDAY OF NOVEMBER. BRAZIL OBSERVES DEC. 11 AND CANADA THE SECOND MONDAY IN OCTOBER.**

**MEMBERS OF JUDSON MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH IN MINNEAPOLIS MARKED THANKSGIVING BY BRINGING TO CHURCH LETTERS TO PERSONS WHO HAD ESPECIALLY INFLUENCED THEIR LIVES. THE LETTERS WERE DEDICATED ON THE COMMUNION TABLE AND MAILED.**

**A DIFFERENT KIND OF THANKSGIVING DAY PARADE WAS MARKED IN BOURBONNAIS, ILL., WHEN 48 COUPLES WHO HAD BEEN MARRIED A TOTAL OF 1,705 YEARS, MARCHED THROUGH THE TINY HAMLET WITH A GOODLY NUMBER OF THEIR 213 CHILDREN, 306 GRANDCHILDREN AND 25 GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN.**

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By  
John E. Marvin



# Thanksgiving And the Simpler Life



By DR. RALPH W. SOCKMAN  
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In an increasingly complicated civilization Thanksgiving healthily turns our minds back to a time when God seemed more accessible and common things more real.

AS WE APPROACH our national season of Thanksgiving our minds go on a pilgrimage. We turn from the noisy surroundings of the present to the rustic scenes of the Pilgrim Fathers. Our spirits are inclined to leave the paved streets for the quiet countryside. Our thoughts go back from the things man has made to the works of God. Our human natures hear the call of nature and our voices raise the song of "harvest home."

Living in a great city, amid towering structures, I would join with you in a journey back to the basic simplicities of life, back to faithful old Mother Earth that feeds her children with the fruits of her soil. Let us look back together at the fertile fields stretching from the hills of Vermont to the plains of Texas, at the animals nourishing their young, at homes echoing with children and barns filled with food, at birds which sow not, nor reap, nor gather into barns and yet somehow are fed by their Heavenly Father. These are the roads our minds travel toward Thanksgiving Day.

Nevertheless, we must be realistic. When we try to get back to the simplicities of the soil so many factors intervene. In our modern machine age we do not seem to deal so directly with the God of the harvests as did the Pilgrim

Fathers. Living close to the soil they were conscious of the divine partnership. They reaped what they sowed and they ate what they raised. When God's providence was bountiful, they were prosperous. But with us it is not so simple. So many human elements come between us and the fruits of our labors. We raise our crops, but their value depends on distant markets and trade agreements between nations. Our fathers in a simpler day lived by the labor of their hands and the sweat of their brows, but our living is determined by the labor of hand in far-off factories and the sweat of brows we have not seen. Our agricultural ancestors worked with nature; we work more and more with human nature. And in these human factors there is so much uncertainty that many question whether it is still true that "Whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap."

Our situation calls to mind a puzzling passage of Scripture which almost all of us can quote but few seem to believe: "Cast thy bread upon the waters, for thou shalt find it after many days." Think of what probably lay behind that old saying of Ecclesiastes. Picture the Nile River at flood, inundating the fields of an Egyptian farmer. It is time to sow his seed, but over the land lie the muddy waters of the swollen stream. Shall he wait until the waters recede?

If so, he may delay till the time of sowing is passed. Finally, rather than wait too long, he rows out in his flat-bottomed boat and casts the seed upon the waters. Some of it is carried away by the swirling currents, but the rest is deposited by the falling waters in the fertile silt left by the flood. Despite some loss the ancient farmer thus found it paid to cast his bread upon the waters.

The truth this implies is that the great constancies of creation can and must be trusted. We certainly can see it on the unpleasant side. We toss out false or thoughtless words, and while they may disappear for a time they so often come back to plague us. We do unworthy things and think they are forgotten but the results are brought back by our children, and so our "chickens come home to roost."

"Truth crushed to earth will rise again." A kind deed forgotten by the doer bears fruit, maybe not this season but in God's due time. This world is not a factory where we get our wages each week. God's business is too vast for our human bookkeeping, but we can still trust Browning's faith: "I go to prove my soul! I see my way as birds their trackless way! I shall arrive!" He guides me and the bird. In His good time.

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# Mrs. George Romney Charms 1400 Methodists in Her Husband's Absence

## Bishops Issue Strong Statement On Race Question

MRS. George Romney, wife of Michigan's Governor, pinch-hit for her husband last week Wednesday at Masonic Temple, Detroit, where 1400 Methodists gathered from all parts of the state to honor the bishops of The Methodist Church and their wives. The bishops were holding their regular fall meeting in the Statler Hotel during the week. Mrs. Romney humorously said her husband had been having a "taxing time of it" lately and found it impossible to meet his engagement. "We always have death and taxes with us," she added, "but there is this difference, death doesn't get worse every time the Legislature meets."

With a start like that Mrs. Romney had no difficulty meeting the situation. A mother of four and a grandmother of six, she stressed the importance of a strong home base in solving many of today's problems. We are a morally sick society she said, "Kids want something to hold onto but they don't even know about the Ten Commandments." We are improving our physical health while our moral sickness is getting worse. Mrs. Romney said we must fight Communism with integrity and she urged equal opportunity for all. In closing her spirited address with a Christian appeal she said, "If we seek Him and understand Him, we will obey Him."

It was a gala evening for Michigan Methodists. Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Michigan Area presided and was at his best. It was a thrilling event for him in his last year before retirement and it will doubtless be a long time before the Council of Bishops meets in Michigan again. Dinner was served to a capacity crowd in the Temple's Fountain Room. After introducing those at the speaker's table, Bishop Reed called upon Bishop Roy H. Short, secretary of the Council, to introduce the bishops and their wives seated at tables on the balconies on either side of the room.

It was a rare treat for those present to see Bishop Herbert Welch who bears the distinction of being the oldest bishop American Methodism has ever had. He was 101 years of age Nov. 7 and has been a bishop in the church since 1916. He was introduced and spoke briefly with humor and clarity. It has been a long road he said but he still believes in life over death and is grateful for the companionship of the Holy Spirit.

Bishop Reed noted that each of the bishops had received a basket of apples

and miniature automobiles as mementos of their visit to Michigan.

Following the singing of four selections by the Albion College Choir under the direction of Dr. David Strickler, the Honorable Prentiss M. Brown gave the welcoming address. A former senator and life-long Methodist, he praised the progress that had been made in human relations and indicated how intolerance was disappearing between races and those of different religious beliefs. This was encouraging to the layman, he said. Bishop Gerald H. Kennedy of Los Angeles said in response that Detroit may not have gotten the Olympics but did get the Council of Bishops instead. Bishop Kennedy is a native of Michigan having been born at Benzonia.

Under the leadership of Dr. Glenn M. Frye of East Lansing the Fountain Room vibrated to the singing of "O for a Thousand Tongues" and "How Great Thou Art."

The invocation and benediction were given by Bishops Paul N. Garber, and Matthew W. Clair, Jr., respectively. Bishop Garber is president of the Council and Bishop Clair is Bishop of the St. Louis Area which includes churches in Michigan belonging to the Lexington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction. Earlier in the day the Council had released an unusually strong statement on the race question. Without specifically mentioning the recent arrests of three girls who tried to worship in a white Methodist Jackson, Miss., church, the statement vigorously opposed such actions. It said in part:

"We decry on the basis of legal, as well as Christian grounds, the denial to any person of any color or race the right of membership or the right to worship in any Methodist church. Further, to move to arrest any person attempting to worship is to us an outrage.

"We urge pastors upon whom rests the responsibility of receiving persons into the Church to receive all who are qualified, and who desire to be received without regard to race, color, or national origin, and we individually and collectively pledge them our support as they do so. The Methodist Church is an inclusive church."

Some Methodist clergymen had planned to picket the hotel where the bishops were meeting if they had not made a forthright statement dealing with the race issue, particularly in view of what had happened in Jackson, Miss. This was called off after the release of the statement which the bishops had had a committee working on for some time prior to their Detroit meeting. How

much they were influenced, if any, by the picketing threats was not known.

## New Area Offices Officially Opened

The entire eighth floor of the Francis Palms Building, Detroit, now houses the headquarters of the Michigan Area, Detroit Conference and the Methodist Union of Greater Detroit. Official opening ceremonies were held Nov. 12 in the conference room of the new offices with Bishop Paul N. Garber of the Richmond Area presiding. Bishop Garber and other bishops participating were in Detroit for the fall meeting of the Council of Bishops at the Statler Hotel.

Mr. Samuel J. Lang, well-known Detroit layman and former Detroit Conference Lay Leader, presented the offices to Bishop Marshall R. Reed of the Michigan Area for acceptance. Mr. Lang explained that about six months ago he learned that the office lease in the former headquarters in the Kales Building was due to expire and that more room was needed to house the offices. It was then that Mr. Lang explored the possibility of moving the offices to their new location. Almost entirely through his efforts the new facilities were made possible. He credited Rev. Milton Bank with cooperation in the project as well as others. The offices are beautifully finished with the best materials, finest workmanship and are equipped with the latest year-round air-conditioning system. Walls are soundproof and lighting is modern and functional. The Bishop's office is elegantly furnished, the gift of an anonymous layman.

In accepting the offices Bishop Reed expressed gratitude to all who had cooperated in making them possible and especially to Mr. Lang. In commenting on their elegance, Bishop Reed said it was most gratifying that the offices included more space than at the former location but at less cost to the church.

A ritual for the official opening was led by Bishop Roy H. Short of Nashville, Tenn., secretary of the Council of Bishops. Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke of the New York Area and president designate of the Council gave a short address in which he expressed admiration of the offices and referred to them as religious "institutionalism at its best." He said institutionalism has become a popular whipping boy today but it is the only way in which the church can proceed to do its work. Bishop Raymond J. Wade, retired, and former Bishop of the Michigan Area, gave the benediction.

Those present consisted of Area, Detroit Conference and Methodist Union officials, staff personnel, secretaries and a limited number of guests. On the following day open house was held to which all Methodists and the public were invited.

We hear considerable about college students now active in the Wesley Foundations but what about them after they leave college? Here's one answer that could be duplicated many times.

## Wesley Foundation's "Alumni"

By DAVID CHURCH

*Pastor, Houghton Methodist Church*

WHAT happens to a college student after he leaves his Alma Mater? What lasting effect does his experiences in Wesley Foundation have upon the course of his life? These are questions which campus ministers and Wesley Foundation directors often ask about the students who have taken part in the Methodist Student Movement during their college days.

One such alumnus, Dr. Claud Bosworth, vice-president of Northern Michigan University at Marquette, relates what the Wesley Foundation has meant to him over the years. "I owe a great debt to the Wesley Foundation, not only for its effect upon my own life, but for the profound role it has had in the life of my entire family. It has been instrumental in determining the two greatest decisions of life — choosing a life's mate and choosing a life's vocation."

Father of five children, Dr. Bosworth has watched each of them graduate from college and carry with them the influence of the Wesley Foundation. It was through the Wesley Foundation group at Western Michigan College that Bosworth came into the life of the church. After a series of special services, he was baptized and became a member of The Methodist Church in Kalamazoo. On that occasion someone said, "This is the most important decision of your life." The intervening years have made Bosworth agree, "I think he was probably right."

While he didn't meet his wife directly through the Wesley Foundation, it convinced him that he wanted to marry a Christian girl. With this outlook, he soon met a coed of Kalamazoo College, Miss Ruth Adams, and they were later married in 1928.

Dr. Bosworth found many satisfactions from teaching industrial arts and coaching sports in high schools in Lawton, Grand Haven and Muskegon, but increasingly found himself doing more and more vocational and adult education work. This led to pioneering many community development projects. So successful was he in this relatively unexplored field of mobilizing and developing a community's resources, that he was asked to establish a department for such work at Michigan State University.

This work took him to cities and towns all over Michigan, and brought him wide acclaim for "helping communities to help themselves." In 1956 he came to Northern Michigan University where he now serves as vice-president in charge of Public Services. In this position he seeks to bring the educational resources



Mr. and Mrs. Bosworth

of the university to the special needs of particular groups of people in the communities, business and industry throughout the Upper Peninsula. Bosworth finds himself developing credit courses and non-credit programs for management development, labor education, technical courses, Practical Nurse Training, correspondence courses, conferences, cooperative training programs with business and industry, T-V programs, adult education and community development programs. This program under Bosworth's direction has grown from 1008 participants in 1955 to 50,000 participants in 1962. His work received praise in the August issue of *The Reader's Digest*.

"It was hard to give up the more personal contact with students I enjoyed as a classroom teacher, but it seems I do a little bit for a lot of people now," he notes. "As an administrator my major job is to build relationships and a 'team spirit' among all the staff involved in this program." When asked what he liked best about his present work he promptly replied, "Being a part of a university whose objectives I can believe in."

Dr. Bosworth is chairman of the Christian Social Concerns Commission of The Methodist Church in Marquette which is

doing some notable work with an inclusive housing project designed to eliminate racial discrimination. A high point of his church experience was attending the General Conference as a Lay Member in 1960. "Sensing the universality of the church, discovering the democracy of the church, voting on some great issues, hearing men like Ralph Sockman and experiencing hymn-singing like I've never heard before are things I'll not soon forget," beamed Bosworth. He neglected to remember that he was also a lay delegate to the 1951 assembly of the National Council of Churches.

The Bosworth home in Marquette is a little like Grand Central Station considering the students, tenant couples and frequent visitors they have living with them. Mrs. Bosworth manages this unusual household in addition to teaching fourth grade in the public schools and working on her Master's degree by taking evening courses at the college.

The Methodist Church and especially the Wesley Foundation have played a remarkable role in the lives of each of the five Bosworth children. "The Wesley Foundation at the University of Michigan alone gave a life's partner to three of our four married children," notes Bosworth. His oldest daughter, Joanne, and her husband, Dr. Gerald Church, served a mission Hospital-clinic in the mountains of Puerto Rico for three years, before beginning practice in a cooperative clinic at Two Harbors, Minnesota. The youngest son, Stephen, is not married and is presently serving with the Peace Corps teaching in a little village of Ghana, Africa. The other son, Jerry, is now the Assistant City-manager of Savannah, Georgia, where he writes, "I am seeing the race problem as I could never have seen it from the north." The other two daughters, Susanne Buxton and Marianne Lucas, are busy mothers and active in the work of the Methodist churches in Royal Oak and Decatur, Illinois.

"My work is a source of deep satisfaction to me," states Bosworth, "and it is rewarding to see our children also choose the service professions." After an understanding glance with his wife, he added, "God has answered our prayers beyond our faith."

## How Detroit Ministers Became Involved in Jackson, Miss., Racial Dispute

MICHIGAN Methodists and others may be wondering how it happened that ten or a dozen Detroit Methodist ministers trekked to Jackson, Mississippi, to witness a protest to the arrest

of three girls who tried to worship in Capitol Street Methodist Church on World-Wide Communion Sunday. Two of the girls were Negroes and all were coeds at Tougaloo Southern Christian College in Jackson. They were arrested for trespassing and disturbing public worship and sentenced to six months in jail. Their case was appealed and they were released on bond put up by two Methodist agencies.



Donald Hall

The story behind the relationship to the Michigan pastors is one of personal friendships dating back to seminary days. When the arrests occurred in Jackson, and other incidents of a similar character, Rev. Edwin King, chaplain at Tougaloo, needed help and this need reached the ears of Rev. Woodie White, pastor of East Grand Blvd. Methodist Church, Detroit. They had been roommates for two years at Boston School of Theology.

The white girl arrested was from the Chicago area and is registered as a student at Oberlin College but is attending Tougaloo this year as part of the ex-

change program between these two Congregational Colleges. When news of the arrests, one-year jail terms and \$1,000 fines filtered out through her parents, Dr. Stan Hallett of the Church Federation of Greater Chicago went to Jackson to investigate. His report indicated that Chaplain King and his student body needed all the help they could get, in-



James Nixon

cluding weekly visits in order to diffuse the attacks on the local student body.

It so happens that Stan Hallett and Rev. Donald Hall of Campbell Avenue Methodist Church in Detroit were fellow students and roommates at Boston. Also one of the Chicago ministers who was arrested was a roommate of Rev. James Porter of Woodmere Methodist Church, Detroit.

It was quite natural that these mutual friends seek each other's counsel and

assistance. This led to another contact between two more ministers who were classmates at Garrett seminary in Evanston, Ill. One was Rev. Charles Peterson of Chicago; the other Rev. James Nixon of Grosse Pointe Methodist Church. Chuck phoned Jim and wanted to know if there was anything Detroit ministers could do to help. (Chuck had succeeded Jim in a student pastorate at Highland Ave. Church which also gave them something in common.)

So the involvement of the Detroit



Woodie White

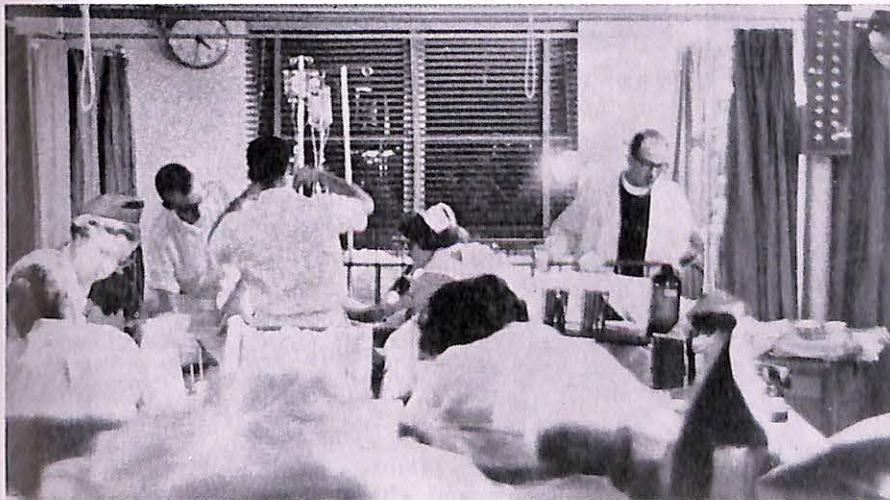


James Porter

ministers in the Jackson case came as a call from former student companions. It was this close friendship of idealistic seminary days that found a ready response in their hearts. All the Detroit pastors except James Porter have either made the trek to Jackson or plan to according to a report received by the *Advocate* and printed in last week's issue. Despite their close friendship there was still some reluctance to become involved and make the trip. But in the final showdown they had to answer the call of their friends with whom they had lived, worked, studied and worshipped. They went with no preconceived plans except to make themselves available to be used as Chaplain King might choose.

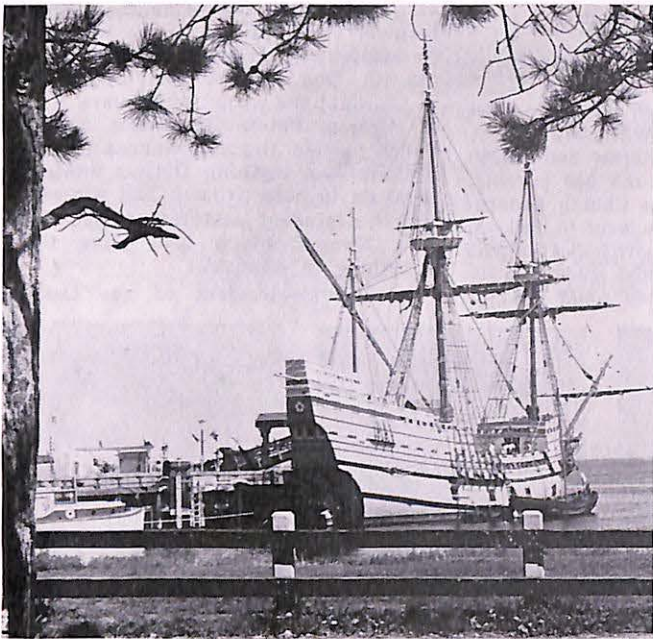
By the time this issue of the *Advocate* reaches our readers the second group will have visited Jackson, Sunday, Nov. 17. Those who made the trip the previous Sunday found conditions about as expected. Rev. Charles Sutton reported that he had never seen "a more severe police state" in his life. Rev. Archie Rich and Rev. Paul Lowley, accompanied by Chaplain King, tried to attend services at Galloway Methodist Church and were turned away but they knelt on the outside to worship while ushers looked on. Rev. Richard Raines, Jr., and Rev. Alfred Bamsey attended services at the Captiol Street Church and remained on their knees in the front pew during the service. When Mr. Sutton, Mr. Rich and Mr. Lowley later tried to enter Capitol Street Church, they were refused entrance. A hostile crowd gathered and the deputy chief of police invited the men to the police station where they talked for about a half hour. They were not arrested.

## Injured Treated in Methodist Hospital Following Arena Explosion



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INDIANAPOLIS, Ind. — Chaplain Paul Stravrakos offers comfort and doctors and nurses at Methodist Hospital in Indianapolis, Ind., hover over victims of an explosion at Indiana State Fairgrounds Coliseum during an ice show. At least 67 died when the blast, believed caused by gas under refreshment stands beneath the seats, ripped through the arena.



Close the mind's eye to fence and modern dock and the scene viewed is that of the Mayflower, anchored off Provincetown, Mass., in November 1620. The Pilgrims hailed from Plymouth, England, on Sept. 6 of that year. The Mayflower II, today anchored in Plymouth Harbor, recalls that early beginning of America.

Below: Dressed in pilgrim clothes, parishioners give thanks to God at a Thanksgiving service in Old South Meeting House, Boston. Built in 1729, the Old Meeting House was the scene of many town meetings, attended by Samuel Adams and other colonial leaders, which ushered in the Revolution.



# A Once-Upon-a-Time Thanksgiving

With the passing of the years the people of the United States have clung tenaciously to their Thanksgiving tradition. Revived here are some of the scenes associated with that event.

*Photos by Religious News Service*



Above: With perseverance born of prayer, the Pilgrims reached new and unknown shores. In their fort—as it has been preserved in replica on Plymouth Plantation, Mass.—was the lower-floor meeting house, where the first settlers gave thanks for their meager existence and strength needed in a time of adversity.

Right: A Pilgrim father carefully carves and children eagerly watch. The scene today, on the national occasion of thankfulness for a multitude of blessings, has changed in little but costume.





Of 100 English settlers en route to founding the first permanent colony in New England, 41 signed the famous "Mayflower Compact" before disembarking in Provincetown Harbor in December, 1620. This scene of the signing is taken from a new film produced at Plymouth, Mass.



A Sturbridge Village, Mass., family, dressed in Pilgrim style, are shown on their way to attend Thanksgiving services at the Sturbridge Federated church. The service was part of Sturbridge's Thanksgiving held in advance of the national observance.

Right below: "Neither he, nor any of his, should injure, or do hurt, to any of our people." The line is from the treaty signed by Governor Bradford and the Massasoit, chief of the Wampanoag Indians, who greeted America's first citizens with food and friendliness. The display of such complete trust and understanding among people of different background and color remains a goal of Americans more than 300 years after the first white man arrived.



# News From the Churches

## Consecrates Educational Unit

Consecration services for the new educational addition to Pigeon First Methodist Church were conducted Sunday, October 6, at 4 p.m. with Bishop Marshall R. Reed officiating. District Superintendent Merton L. Stevens gave the invocation and Rev. John Roach of Brown City, a former pastor, read the scripture. The key to the building was presented to the chairman of the Building Committee, Dr. R. C. Dixon, by Clifford N. Wright, Birmingham, architect.



Pigeon's new educational addition.

He in turn presented the key to Bishop Reed who accepted the building for The Methodist Church and preached the consecration sermon. Special music was in charge of Mrs. R. C. Dixon and Mrs. W. R. McIntyre served as organist.

A supper was served in the new fellowship hall following the service. Mrs. Wayne Strum, president of the WSCS, was in charge.

The new educational structure, built to the north of the church, consists of a basement and main-floor level. The lower level provides for a nursery, choir room, and seven classrooms. On the main floor are a study, lavatory facilities, a kitchen and a large fellowship room.

World-Wide Communion Sunday was observed at the morning worship service with Mr. Stevens speaking.

## Detroit Nardin Park

### Has School of Missions

Nardin Park Methodist Church, Detroit, has just concluded its annual School of World Christianity, which was held on four consecutive Wednesday nights in October. Each evening began with a fellowship dinner, followed by a service of song, meditation and an informative lecture given by a guest speaker.

Dr. G. Ernest Thomas, pastor of First Methodist Church, Birmingham, opened the school. Those present felt a great challenge as he spoke on "The Church in a Changing Europe." The following week Dr. Hubert Robinson, pastor of the Ebenezer African Methodist Church of Detroit, gave an enlightening talk on "The Church in the Changing City." His message was warmly received. Dr. Jewell Smoot, pastor of Court St. Methodist Church, Flint, spoke at the third session. He presented a picture of our mission work

in South America and illustrated his talk with pictures of his recent trip to that continent. Dr. Thomas Pryor of First Methodist Church, Kalamazoo, closed the School with his inspiring message on "Russia, as I See It."

The Chapel was filled each evening to capacity and great interest and enthusiasm was shown by all who attended. Mrs. Wilbur W. Walker, as chairman of the Commission on Missions, was in charge of the school.

## Halls Corners WSCS

### Hosts "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial"

The Halls Corners WSCS, on the Blanchard Charge, was host to the Pine River and Blanchard WSCS groups on October 30 for the "Week of Prayer and Self-Denial." The pastor, Rev. Marvin Iseminger, was chairman of the meeting, all three churches having parts in the program. The offering went to the charge's missions askings.

## Dr. Sockman Preaches

### At Mt. Pleasant First

Occupying the pulpit of First Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, on Sunday, Nov. 3, was Dr. Ralph W. Sockman of New York City. The title of his sermon was "The End of the Beginning." In the evening Dr. Sockman spoke on the campus of Central Michigan University.

First Methodist Church is the University Methodist Church of Central Michigan University and brings to its pulpit each year more of the great preachers and educators to help stimulate the minds and spirits of the people of the community.

On Sunday, Nov. 24, Dr. Henry Hitt Crane will occupy the pulpit and will speak on campus in the evening.

## Richmond Begins Church

### School Expansion Program

First Methodist Church, Richmond, has begun a remodeling program and a campaign to finance it. The project, which may cost up to \$10,000, includes replacement of the heating unit with a compact model that is expected to add two more rooms in the basement and offer zoned heating to specific areas of the building. A more efficient room arrangement is planned with the use of folding partitions to provide additional classrooms. One class has been using the church kitchen. It is also planned to replace worn out tables and chairs in the educational areas.

Pearl Hensch, church school superintendent, has a staff of 25 teachers and about 18 classes of children ranging in age from preschoolers to high school. Rev. Edgar M. Brown is the pastor. The Rally Day program in September, with

one of the largest attendance records in history, caused the church leaders, including the Official Board, Board of Trustees, and the Finance Committee to begin the expansion program.

## Forester Dedicates

### Organ and Tower Chimes

Sunday, November 3, marked a significant day in the life of the Forester Church which is located a few miles north of Port Sanilac.

A new organ and tower chimes were dedicated to the glory of God. At the same time a parking lot became available for the use of the church.

Rev. Merton Stevens, district superintendent spoke on, "The Church That Christ Loves." In addition to special music by the Forester choir, music was provided by the choirs from Port Sanilac and McGregor. A guest quartet from Deckerville Methodist Church shared in the program. Members of the quartet were George Lechrone, Morrice Turnbull, Ken Broughton and Bill Freise. Mrs. George Lechrone was the accompanist. Jackie Winkley gave a reading, "The Pathway of the Living."

Rev. Ralph T. Barteld is the pastor of the Forester Charge.

## Cadillac Honors Organist

Mrs. Ellen Slaughter was honored October 27 for twenty-five years of service as organist on the staff of Cadillac First Methodist Church. She had



Mrs. Slaughter

first been assistant organist playing for evening and special worship services. Through the years she also participated in other activities such as altar care, decorating, assistant teaching in the church school, WSCS, giving organ lessons, choir directing, leading a youth choir, singing, taking photographic records of church events and writing a church history.

During the 11:00 worship service a leather-bound certificate of appreciation was presented to Mrs. Slaughter by Mrs. Neva Lind. Mr. Louis Ward read a resolution adopted by the church's Official Board. Altar flowers had been placed by the Worship Commission honoring her service.

Following the morning worship a reception was held with Mrs. Bruce Bacon, Mrs. Arthur Fredell, Jr., Mrs. Alice Moore and Miss Maralyn Thompson presiding at the refreshment table. Mrs. Evadean Mattison presented a gift from the congregation. Over twenty members of Mrs. Slaughter's family sur-

prised her by attending the recognition events as a group. Guests were present from Grand Rapids, Zeeland, Flint and Manton.

On October 13 the congregation had similarly honored Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Williams for fifteen years of service as custodians at Cadillac First. Rev. David Crawford gave a gift to the couple on behalf of the congregation, and Board of Trustees' Vice-chairman Jack Fountain presented them flowers.

At a reception for the Williams' after the worship service members of the Board of Trustees and their wives were hosts. Mr. and Mrs. Williams responded with recollections of their associations in the church.

### Girard Church Has Successful Harvest

Some time ago the Girard Community Methodist Church, which had always shared its pastor with other rural parishes, ambitiously set out to promote a depth program for Christ in its own community. Deep inroads on its membership from several causes, threatened this venture. How could 142 members raise a budget of \$7,972.00?

The pastor, John H. King, proposed that their sacrificial giving be augmented by a "Lord's Acre" project. The Chairman of the Commission on Stewardship and Finance, William Olney, Sr., made quite a search before he found two fields totaling 25 acres not in the Federal Land Bank. These were rented on the usual terms, the renter to furnish seed, fertilizer and labor and receive two-thirds of the crop. Besides, two farmers each gave an acre from their own fields and another farmer gave four acres of his soybean acreage, the church paying for seed and fertilizer.

On the 18th of May, 16 men, with 11 tractors and necessary tools plowed, fitted and planted the acreage. The women of the church served a bountiful dinner in a nearby member's home.

During the summer the people watched with growing interest their fields and crops of corn and soybeans as they were cultivated and many prayers for rain were offered during the long, dry summer.

And then the harvest! The soybeans suffered most from the drought but the church doubled its money and all were most thankful to Alan King who had donated his land and much of the work. William Olney, Sr.'s, Committee, Larry Copeland and William Olney, Jr., mobilized 20 farmers for the great day, Saturday, October 19. The church treasurer, Cecil Parodine, manager of the Union City elevator, agreed to keep it open to receive the corn through the afternoon.

Almost every family of the Girard Community Church shared in the work,



Truckloads of corn from Girard's "Lord's Acre" Project at the elevator.

the fellowship and the victory. They swarmed over the fields with their wagons, elevators and trucks. The corn-pickers, two-row, tractor-mounted giants ate into the standing corn and spewed the golden harvest into waiting wagons.

Returns from the acre donated by the Worley Hockmans came in the form of a check for \$75.

After the harvest banquet served by the ladies at the church one final field was gleaned and by two o'clock the last of the corn was on the way to market and a jovial group of farmers set out for home rejoicing in a job well done.

The committee calculated that the actual time spent on the project was

less than 18 hours. But in spite of an extremely dry season, the church realized \$1,054 from the venture, that is in cash. In fellowship and spiritual unity the returns were even greater. Not just the family but the church that "works, plays and prays together, stays together."

### Wacousta Consecrates \$88,000 Educational Unit

More than 250 persons gathered at the Wacousta Community Methodist Church for cornerstone laying and consecration services, Sunday, October 27. Rev. Howard Lyman, Albion-Lansing District Superintendent, and Rev. William Torrey, pastor, presided at the cere-



Principal participants in the cornerstone laying ceremony at the Wacousta Methodist Church included, left to right: Rev. Wm. J. Torrey; Gerald Starling, president, Board of Trustees; Bob Rowland, using trowel, chairman, Building Committee; Elmer Manson, architect; and Rev. Howard Lyman, district superintendent.

monies which mark the completion of the \$88,000 unit of Christian Education for the Wacousta Church. Present at the ceremonies were Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Manson of Manson, Jackson and Kane Architects, Lansing; Leon Clark, Clark Construction, Lansing; and Gordon Farnsworth, Building Superintendent, who supervised construction.

A small copper box, placed in the cornerstone, contains a list of the officials of the church and church school, pictures and orders of service from the groundbreaking, pledging campaigns, a history of the church and the community drawn up by Mrs. Charles Openlander and a high school student Ken Walsh, who is now a teacher in Lansing.

The consecration service in the new facility opened the unit for use officially and was followed by a turkey dinner. After some introductions of guests who had come from as far as Gary, Indiana, the Committee on Memorials reported on the leaded-glass windows in memory of Myron Garlock, formerly of Lansing; the furnishing of the new lounge in memory of Roger Pratt, former pioneer of Wacousta; an altar for the sanctuary in memory of Charles Avery, former steward of the church; and altar furnishings in memory of Robert J. Skulstad, formerly of Grand Ledge. Pledge and Building Committee reports were followed by an appreciation award presentation of a folder and Bible to Robert Rowland for his outstanding service as Building Committee chairman by Paul Garlock, Official Board Chairman, and Mr. Torrey. The speaker, Bernard Cotten, Bell Telephone Co. of Grand Rapids, spoke on "Coming to See How Our Brethren Do."

The modern miami-stone construction covers 7500 square feet of floor space and provides the church with facilities of classrooms, administration rooms, an oak-lined vestibule with leaded-glass windows, kitchen and dining space for 250 and a lounge.

### Flint Minister Honored For Ten-Year Pastorate

Members of the Bethlehem Methodist Church of Flint, honored their pastor, Rev. T. I. Hastings, at an appreciation night reception for his ten years as pastor of the church. His wife, Shirley, and their two children, Gail and Timmy, were also included in the surprise program.

Several persons represented various phases of Mr. Hastings' ministry at Bethlehem. Don Bentley, chairman of the Building Committee, related some of the history of building the new church structure, and Freddie Edwards, a missionary candidate, spoke on behalf of the young people who have gone out into full-time Christian work from Bethlehem. Mrs. James Werhli and



The Hastings family who were honored at a reception at Flint Bethlehem, left to right: Gail, Rev. T. I. Hastings, Mrs. Hastings and Timmy.

Mrs. Earl Reimer, represented the approximately 45 marriages performed in the church by Mr. Hastings, and several young people related their experiences with the children of the family.

Mr. Hastings has spent 17 years in the ministry having held pastorates in Kentucky and Michigan. He is a graduate of Asbury Theological Seminary.

### Fremont Dedicates Church Building

First Methodist Church, Fremont, held a dedication service on Sunday afternoon, October 27, at 3:00 o'clock, with Rev. Emeral Price, superintendent of Central Michigan District, as speaker. His theme was "Looking Back or Ahead!" The building and its contents are now valued at more than \$200,000. The consecration service was held seven years ago on October 28.

Plans are already under way to add about a dozen rooms to the educational wing and to build a parsonage across the street from the church. Architects have been hired for both and building will actually begin in late winter or early spring.



Taking part in the burning of the mortgage at Fremont First, left to right, are: Gaylord Howell, pastor; Carl Smith, chairman, Board of Trustees; and Rev. Emeral Price, district superintendent.

**BORN:** To Rev. and Mrs. John D. Lover of the Livingston Circuit, RFD 1, Gregory, a daughter, Colleen May, on November 7, their first child.

**REV. ROBERT BRUBAKER** of Dansville is the author of an article entitled "The Meaning of the March" which appears in the November issue of the *Pulpit Digest*.

**REV. LORNE CARTER** of Monroe, retired member of the Detroit Conference, plans to leave November 26 for St. Petersburg, Florida, where he will be located at 620 15th Avenue South. Mr. Carter will be accompanied by his mother.

**CHAPLAIN JOHN H. SHILLING**, formerly a member of the Detroit Conference, who underwent surgery in Honolulu, Hawaii, in October, is making a good recovery and anticipates returning to his work about November 25. His address is 14 First St., Honolulu, Hawaii.

**REV. LLYOD F. MERRELL** of Chelsea, retired member of the Detroit Conference, won the top award in over 1000 entries submitted in a Japan Airlines Haiku Poetry contest conducted over WDTM, Detroit, FM, during the past summer, plus several daily awards. Mr. Merrell enjoyed an authentic "jin-rik-i-shaw" ride of several blocks through the heart of Detroit, Wednesday noon, October 23, to lunch at the Top of the Flame restaurant. Dick De Beck, announcer for WDTM, did an excellent job as coolie.

**DR. HOWARD EMRICK** of the Adrian College faculty and writer of "The Bible for Today" for the *MCA* attended the National Conference on Christian Education of The Methodist Church held at the Conrad Hilton Hotel in Chicago, Illinois, the first week of November. Dr. Emrick was in the special section for professors of religion.

**REV. AND MRS. WM. P. AINSWORTH** of the Detroit Conference who are spending the winter in Tucson, Arizona, may be addressed at RFD 6, Box 565. In a previous item the RFD number "6" was inadvertently omitted.

**DR. PERCY LOMAS** of Fort Myers, Florida, left home in early June for Michigan where he spent a few days at the home of Rev. Cecil Lutey in Ishpeming before they started on a trip through the West, visiting the Bad Lands, Yellowstone Park, Salt Lake City, Disneyland in California and on to Albuquerque, N.M., and Colorado Springs. Upon their return to Michigan, Mr. Lutey returned to his home and Dr. Lomas joined his son, Rev. Bernard Lomas, who was speaking at the Epworth Heights Summer Methodist Center at Ludington, and accompanied his son back home to Cleveland where he spent a month before returning to Florida in October.

## Obituaries

MR. FRED P. TODD, SR., of Detroit died November 4. Funeral arrangements were in charge of the Wm. R. Hamilton Funeral Home with services in Metropolitan Methodist Church November 7.

CARL NOLAND, 32, son of Dr. and Mrs. A. Ray Noland of the Capac parsonage, died at his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana, October 25, following an illness of over a year. Survivors include, in addition to his parents, his wife, three children, two brothers and a sister. Funeral services and burial were held in Fort Wayne.

DALE SPRANKLE, 65, retired athletic director of Albion College and a former coach at Adrian College, died November 11 in Sheldon Memorial Hospital, Albion, after an illness dating back to his retirement in 1959. Born at Beach City, Ohio, August 4, 1898, he graduated from Central high in Canton in 1916 and Mt. Union College at Alliance, Ohio, in 1923. He taught social science and served as athletic coach at Burgettstown, Pa., while still attending college; and was a teacher and coach at Tarentum high school in Pennsylvania before going to Adrian College in 1923. In 1936 he went to Albion where he was football and track coach until becoming athletic director in 1941. He is survived by his wife Lois; a nephew, George

Roys, who lived with the Sprankles many years; a brother, Leroy Sprankle of Naranja, Fla.; and a sister, Mrs. Harvey Baxter of Canton. Funeral services were held in the Wesley Chapel of First Methodist Church, Albion, November 13, with burial in Riverside Cemetery.

MRS. EDITH VANDOREN, widow of Rev. Davis A. VanDoren, died unexpectedly September 19 at the M. J. Clark Memorial Home in Grand Rapids where she had been a resident for only two and a half months. She was 78 years of age. She was born July 5, 1885, in Lansing to Joseph Spencer Ashley and Wilhelmina Shultz Ashley. She married Davis A. VanDoren in Adrian on April 14, 1903. To them were born four children: Ashley J., of Quincy; Mrs. Howard Rice, of White Pigeon; Mrs. John Denbroek, of Coldwater; and Faith, who died in infancy.

Davis and Edith VanDoren served Methodist Protestant pastorates in Otter Lake, Fostoria, Three Rivers, Britton, Franklin, Greenwood, Livingston, Caro, Smith's Creek, Cass River, and Kinde. At the time of unification in 1939, they were serving Barryville and soon moved to Wacousta where failing health made it necessary for Mr. VanDoren to retire from the active ministry in 1942 and they moved to Coldwater to be nearer their children. Davis VanDoren died there on April 26, 1947. Mrs. VanDoren continued to make her home in Coldwater until she became a resident of Clark Memorial Home last July.

Mrs. VanDoren was very active in the life of First Methodist Church of Coldwater. She contributed much in many ways to the Woman's Society and the Circles and to the commissions. For several years, she taught the Robert Wright church school class for older women.

Besides her husband and infant daughter, two brothers preceded her in death. In addition to her son, Ashley, and two daughters, Mary and Joy, she is survived by two sisters; Mrs. Ray Fox, of Coldwater, and Miss Phebe Ashley, of Detroit; ten grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held September 21 in First Methodist Church of Coldwater with her pastor, Rev. Albert Butterfield, in charge. Burial was in Lakeview Cemetery at Quincy.

## Pastoral Transfer From Lexington Conference Announced

Bishop Marshall R. Reed announces the transfer of James Daniel Cochran of the Lexington Conference of the Central Jurisdiction to the Michigan Conference has been granted by Bishop Mathew Clair. Mr. Cochran is being



Rev. and Mrs. James Daniel Cochran and daughters, Theresa Marie and Donna Lynn.

appointed to serve as co-pastor of the St. Paul's Methodist Church in Grand Rapids. The present plan is for some of the present congregation to move to their new church site at Breton Road near 32nd Street, and for the present pastor, Rev. Alden B. Burns, to move with them. Mr. Cochran will remain with the rest of the congregation at the present site and, under the sponsorship of the Michigan Conference Board of Missions, will serve the neighborhood at the present site. Mr. Cochran is well qualified to serve in this capacity as he has had experience as an intern while in seminary in just such a racially integrated church.

Mr. Cochran is a graduate of the Muskegon Heights High School, attended the University of Michigan, and after military service received his degree from Wilberforce University. He was a member of the first graduating class at the new Methodist Theological School in Ohio. Since graduating he has been pastor of the Scott Methodist Church, Maysville, Kentucky. He has been serving as a member of the Public Appeals Committee of the Human Relations Council.

Mr. Cochran's wife, Theresa, is a graduate of the Belleville (Michigan) High School and the Ann Arbor Practical Nursing Education Center. They have two daughters, Theresa Marie, four, and Donna Lynn, one year old. They are living at 1214 Lafayette S.E.

To be able to say "No" will be of more use to you than to be able to read Latin.—Spurgeon.

## Unique Birth Announcement



This sign, hung above the parsonage door, adjacent to First Methodist Church, Niles, announced to the community the birth of a son, John Kenneth, on October 24, to Rev. and Mrs. Kenneth Kline. The Klins also have a two-year-old daughter, Kathleen.

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## Detroit Conference

# Woman's Society of Christian Service

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MRS. William Cansfield, president of the Detroit Conference Woman's Society of Christian Service, presided at the Fall Assembly at Central Methodist Church, Pontiac, on October 29. Twelve hundred women met in this lovely new church for a program, the highlight being the honoring of the honorary president, Mrs. Marshall R. Reed.

Mrs. Reed was escorted to the chancel by Mrs. Alfred Lowther, a former president of the Conference Woman's Society. Mrs. Cansfield presented her to the assemblage and announced that in recognition of her years of service and in tribute to the inspiration she has been to officers and members, the Detroit Conference was giving \$500 in her honor to help furnish the Methodist Lounge in the new Church Center Building at United Nations Plaza in New York City. Her name will appear there among others honored through similar contributions to the furnishings of this ecumenical church building.

Mrs. Reed responded with words of appreciation, not only for this gesture, but for the warm friendliness, which has characterized the relationships of the years previous. It was with affection and pride that the audience stood in tribute to her.

Bishop Marshall R. Reed spoke at the afternoon session, with an explanation of the kind of Christian people that are needed to meet the multiple, complex problems of "Our New Age." He assured those present that they must use their minds to seek out facts and to reason

from them to correct conclusions. He reminded them to do all in the spirit of meekness — the true Christian attitude of patience, tolerance, and brotherliness which holds fast to conviction without aggression.

Special music was provided by a group of singers from Waterford Township High School with Robert Crumpton as director. The numbers selected and the quality of the performance made this a notable contribution to the spirit of the day.

The morning speaker was Mrs. Stanley Buck, Benton Harbor, Jurisdiction Secretary of Youth Work for the Woman's Society. She did not minimize the problems of youth today, but called upon all to provide guidance and counseling that might lead them through to Christian maturity. Dr. Milton Bank, pastor of Central Church, welcomed the group and brought the devotional message of the morning, on the theme, "Called to Serve."

## Adrian College Dedicates New Shipman Library

On a bright but cold Saturday, November 2, Adrian College formally dedicated its new Shipman Library. The dedication was short but impressive as visitors from throughout the state attended the ceremony.

Beginning sharply at 10:00 a.m. nearly 75 persons witnessed the proceedings. Robert Brown, director of



Mrs. Shipman speaks at the dedication ceremonies of the new Adrian College library which carries her name.

Special Services at the College, introduced Dr. Howard Emrick who pronounced the invocation. Mrs. Bernard Patmos of Adrian, representing the Adrian Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, presented the College two large flags for use in the Library. One was an American flag and the other was the flag of the great seal of Michigan.

Dr. John H. Dawson, College President, gave a few words of welcome and introduced Dorothy Middlebrook Shipman, for whom the Library was named. Mrs. Shipman openly expressed her inward feelings about the dedication of any building but particularly new libraries. "Stately new buildings, such as this library, are like mothers awaiting the return of their children to the education fold," said Mrs. Shipman.

Following Mrs. Shipman's talk, she took the shears which has cut the ribbon to 13 other new buildings on campus and officially opened the library by cutting the ribbon. Following the benediction by Dr. Emrick, guests were asked to tour the new facility and to join in the fellowship by taking part in a coffee hour.

Outstate guests visiting the campus for the dedication included: Mrs. James Fyzie and Mrs. Joe Herbert of Manistique; John R. May of Hope College; Mr. and Mrs. George Hanson of Olivet College; Janette Johnson and Betty McKinley of the State Library at Lansing; Mrs. Irene Hagner of the department of Library Science at the University of Michigan; Miss Esther Betz of the Law Library at the University of Michigan; Katharine Campbell, a retired librarian from the U. of M. law library; Ella Hymans of the U. of M. library; W. C. Chen of Kalamazoo College; and Sisters Mary Joachim and Mariam Patricia from Siena Heights College.



Following the dedication of Adrian College's new library, a reception in honor of Mrs. Dorothy Middlebrook Shipman was held. Mrs. Dawson, wife of the college's president is shown pouring at the serving table. Left to right are: Professor Mike Cassino, Professor Emeritus Homer K. Powell, Dr. Charles Glassick and President John Dawson.



**ANN ARBOR DISTRICT**

**Edwin W. Stricker**  
*Superintendent*

After a coffee hour in the fellowship hall of the Morenci Methodist Church, the Ann Arbor District ministers were led in prayer by the host pastor, Thomas Beaven. President Donald Kraushaar called the business meeting to order and thanked the pastors for their renewed support of Advance Specials. The men were asked to read the article entitled, "The Advance Opportunity!" in the November issue of *The Methodist Story*.

President Kraushaar also encouraged the pastors to submit to the district library any audio-visual materials which could be of help to churches on the district. Later a list of the materials available will be shared with each pastor.

Mrs. Nello Kenady announced the coming Are You Ready Workshops, asked the ministers to be sure that the vacation church school reports have been submitted, and stressed the need for new teachers in the 1964 leadership schools.

The 1500 Club needs wholehearted support, said Mr. Beaven, and ministers should do all they can to interest laymen in this enterprise.

Dr. Edwin Stricker encouraged every church to be sure that its apportionments will be paid in time, told of the progress made by the Five Mile and Haggerty Church, and announced the district minister's retreat to be held February 4-5. The retreat will be led by Samuel Emrick, who is active in the Yokefellow movement and concerned with new life in the Church.

Clive Dickins introduced James MacDonald and Mr. Nello Kenady who presented a dialogue between an inquisitive Sunday school superintendent and an alert pastor which gave information on the new curriculum materials for children to be used in our churches beginning September 6, 1964.

It was announced that the next district meeting would be held at the Adrian Methodist Church on December 2 at 10 a.m.—Robert Brubaker, secretary.



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# Methodist Men



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.

## Beef Dinner Provides African Student Scholarship

The Methodist Men of First Methodist Church, Mt. Pleasant, held their 3rd Annual Beef Dinner to raise funds to sponsor an African student at Central Michigan University.

The men sell tickets to the dinner on a donation basis. This year they fed over 1000 people and received over \$2,000 in donations.

Mr. Clem BeMent, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and a Lay Speaker, was in charge of this year's dinner. The proceeds finance the education of Ralph Mutunhu of Southern Rhodesia, a young African student of our Methodist Mission schools, at Central Michigan University in Mt. Pleasant. Ralph is a sophomore and plans to teach economics when he returns to Africa.

Over 100 participated in making this program a success.

## Talent Project Clears Church Indebtedness

It all started about two years ago when the Methodist Men's Club of the Lawrence Methodist Church decided to do something about the large debt on the new addition to the church. The Men's Club thought of a way to raise money. They took the story of the Talents from Matt. 25:14-30 and gave out twenty \$5.00 bills to the men to use as their talent. About six months later the

men turned in over \$500 from the project.

This summer the Men's Club gave out \$500 to anyone who would like to participate in a church-wide Talent Project. There were some ordinary and some very unusual projects to make money, from selling soap and baked goods to raising bees and selling the honey and running an eating booth at the county fair.

On Sunday, Nov. 3, the Day of Reckoning, a Family Night supper was held with everyone turning in his money. The project netted over \$1,500 which was turned over to the trustees to finish paying off the church indebtedness with some money left over.

On Sunday, Nov. 24, the church will burn the mortgage and dedicate the new addition.

## Air Force Captain Is Member of Eaton Rapids First

Captain John R. Ghere, an officer in the Army Air Force, is now stationed in Korea where he will be until April, 1964. He is a member of the 7th Aviation Battalion, connected with the 7th Infantry Division. John is a pilot, presently flying OH-23D helicopters, named the "Ravens." The pilots of this Battalion provide reconnaissance and transportation from ship to land, and also patrol the de-militarized zone between North and South Korea.



Captain Ghere

John, formerly an instructor pilot at USAAVNS, has also been placed in the Instructor Pilots' Hall of Fame for

having 2000 accident-free flight hours to his credit.

John and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ghere, are all members of First Methodist Church at Eaton Rapids. He is presently on a 30-day leave in the Philippines, combining business and pleasure.

## Methodist Presides at Rebekah Assembly Of Michigan

Mrs. Luella Otter, a member of the Nelson Church on the Hemlock Charge, had the honor of presiding over the Rebekah Assembly of Michigan as they held their annual session at the civic auditorium in Grand Rapids in October. Mrs. Otter had designated her year as the Fraternal Friendship Year, with the motto "Let Us Go Forward in Friendship as We Labor in Love." There were over 1500 members from all parts of the state present for the Fraternal Friendship Session.



Mrs. Otter

Mrs. Otter has been an active member of the Nelson Methodist Church and the Woman's Society, serving as treasurer until elected president of the Rebekah Assembly. Mr. Otter is a trustee of the church and treasurer of the Building Committee. They have four children: Lt. Donald Otter, serving with the Army in Alabama; Mrs. Joyce Wilsey, a graduate nurse; David and Cheryl at home. They also have three grandchildren all baptized in the Nelson Church.

Mrs. Otter will serve as chairman of the Joint Youth Committee of the Grand Lodge and Rebekah Assembly in the coming year.

## NEWARK EPISCOPAL CHURCHES WILL BE MERGED AS INTEGRATED UNIT

PASSAIC, N.J. (RNS) — St. Andrew's Episcopal Mission here, a predominantly Negro congregation, will be integrated with St. John's church on Dec. 1, it was announced by Bishop Leland Stark of Newark.

The mission is being joined with the mainly white St. John's congregation at the recommendation of the diocesan missionary department. The request was granted by Bishop Stark in letters to officials of both congregations.

Following his action, the Rev. Richard N. Bolles, rector of St. John's, hailed the integration as a "militant program of outreach in the entire city."

He will remain rector of 100-year-old St. John's, while the Rev. Eugene Avery, vicar of St. Andrew's, will share leadership of evangelism and missionary work.



Methodist Men of the Lawrence church hand a check, covering the proceeds from their Talent Project, to the Trustees, left to right: Rev. Eduard Eidins, pastor; Edward Carpp, Publicity Committee; Harry Wright, chairman, Trustees; Thor Hagberg, Project chairman; Edwin McComb, Publicity Committee; Lester Hagberg, treasurer; Lew Bowen, Project Committee; and Ray Allen, president Methodist Men.

## Two Receive God and Country Awards



Two boys received God and Country Awards at the First Methodist Church of Three Oaks. William Heward, left, and Wayne Berry received the honor in the worship service recently. With the boys is the pastor, Rev. Everett M. Love.

## OSCODA COLLECTS \$140 FOR UNICEF

The ghosts, gremlins, and goblins of the Oscoda Methodist Church braved the cool, damp elements of Halloween night to go trick or treating. But this was also a night for caring and sharing. About 70 children and youth went collecting for UNICEF and the results were most gratifying. They went well over their goal and reached the grand total of \$140.

## MUSKEGON LAKESIDE YOUTH BEGIN FALL ACTIVITIES

The Senior High MYF of the Lakeside Church, Muskegon, sponsored a color tour for Senior Citizens of the church on October 12. The tour was enjoyed by several of the members after which they returned to the church for refreshments served by the youth.

On October 24, this group served its second annual Nationality Supper to the public. Foods of various nations were served by the young people, dressed in colorful costumes. The Fellowship Hall of the church was decorated with flags

## God and Country Award



Rev. Carl E. Oswald, center, watches as Mrs. Rick Hess pins the God and Country Award on her son, Eric Hess, during a recent morning worship service in St. Paul's Methodist Church, Cheboygan. Eric is the first Cheboygan boy to receive this award. He also has a pin for two years perfect attendance in St. Paul's Sunday school.

# The Youthful Accent



By Hoover Rupert

## HELPLESS BOOKS

**D**ID it ever occur to you how helpless a book is as it stands in its catalogued place on the library shelf? Its colorful jacket has been removed, so it does not contribute much colorfulness to the surroundings. It is crammed in there amid hundreds, perhaps thousands of books. Or perchance it stands almost alone in some remote corner of the library. At any rate, wherever it stands, as long as it is on the shelf, it is helpless. It does little or no good — the little good being perhaps a sense of assurance to the librarian who knows the book, that it is there if anyone wants it.

Yes, it is helpless unless and until someone takes it down from the shelf and opens its cover and begins to read. Then, all of a sudden it has life and becomes an active participant as one mind speaks to another, as the author gets through to the reader, as it becomes the catalytic agent for the exchange of ideas about the truth. But, you see, the key here is the person who gives the book a chance to get off the shelf of helplessness and into the stream of ideas where its purpose can be fully used.

Here in my study I sit surrounded by hundreds of books. Most of them I have read at one time or another. Many of them I have ear-marked for reading in the months just ahead. But some of them have been on the shelf for years and I have yet fully to read them. I have dipped into some of them now and then. But for the most part I have rendered them helpless by shelving them in the four walls of this room. Some of them are crying out to me to take them down and read. Some know that they can stand for years and one day I will acknowledge that I need to expose my mind to the ideas therein from the shelf and give them the chance to be helpful to me. But I am the one who will decide whether or not they are to continue their helpless, unused condition!

Seems to me the spiritual dynamic of

of many nations and the tables also were decorated in keeping with the theme. Cheryl Totten and Linda Miford were chairmen for menu and general arrangements; Peggy Tobey was in charge of costumes; Ruth Borgman, chairman of decorations; and Tom Johnson, publicity.

Miss Mary Rhoades, psychiatric diagnostician for the Muskegon Heights school system, is adult counselor for the group.

the Christian life is a lot like those shelved books. It is here, closely available for my use, ready to change my life, prepared to bring vitality into my living — but as long as I fail to tap its resource of power, I cannot have it in my life, and the potential dynamic continues its frustrated life on the shelf of the helpless.

I hope I am not being irreverent when I suggest that many of us leave God on the shelf like that unopened book. He awaits our invitation to "come alive" in our minds and hearts. He has come to us in Jesus Christ. He has revealed Himself in so many ways. But until we are willing and ready to open the door of our hearts to His Spirit, we can never know the secret of His power in human life. He is not helpless like the book, except that He does not force His way into our lives. We must invite Him in. We must accept Him in our hearts as Lord and King. We must be willing to let Him be our guide in life, and His will be the dominant will in our living.

Well, the next time you go to the library, look around and find a book that has not been off the shelf for months or years, and let that be the symbol of a life that has not been willing to receive God and thus cannot know what life really is!

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By Howard Emrick

Sunday, December 1

### The Liberality That Enriches

II Corinthians 9:6-15

ONE scholar divides Second Corinthians into three parts: (1) Paul's Relations with the Corinthian Church (chs. 1 to 7); (2) The Collection (chs. 8, 9); and (3) Paul's Defense of his Apostleship (chs. 10 to 13). It is with the second of these divisions that we deal in this morning's lesson; and the aim is "to provide adults with an interpretation of Christian stewardship."

Paul desired to help the Corinthian Christians to express their gratitude and loyalty to their needy fellow Christians in the mother church at Jerusalem. To help inspire them he reminded them of the generosity of the Macedonian churches and also of the supreme example of Jesus Christ Himself. He beseeched them to welcome Titus and two other delegates whom he was sending to Corinth to superintend the collection (see ch. 8); and he expressed the hope that the Corinthians, of whom he had boasted in Macedonia, would not fail him in this important matter. Their cheerful and generous response would rejoice the heart of God and cause men to give glory to His name (see ch. 9).

Unasked, the Macedonian Christians, poverty stricken as they were, had begged to have a share in the privilege of relieving their poor brethren at Jerusalem, and had given beyond all expectation, dedicating first themselves and then their scanty savings to the Lord, and through Him to His apostles. Deeply moved by this liberality Paul had asked Titus, who had started the arrangements for this offering at Corinth, to visit the church and see to it that the plan reach a successful conclusion.

Paul wanted the Corinthians to know that he had little doubt that they would contribute on a scale worthy of their spiritual wealth, for they were a church rich in every endowment. He was counting, too, on their declared love for him. He would rather they would be motivated by love — and appreciation of what the Macedonians had done — than to put any pressure on them in any way. Certainly, he reasoned, their love was no less sincere than that of the Macedonians. Nor did he want to use rivalry as a motive. Rather, the supreme motive must be gratitude to the Lord Jesus Christ for what He had done for them out of His transcendent grace.

Christians are to give because Christ gave! Over and over again this note is sounded by the New Testament writers. "Freely ye have received, freely give," said Jesus. "To whomsoever much is given, of him shall much be required." "Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her." "The life I now live in the flesh," wrote Paul in Galatians, "I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." It is out of a deep sense of gratitude and appreciation that Christians give; and the giving must begin, as it did with the Macedonians, with the complete and unselfish giving of ourselves.

In vv. 6 to 15, further reasons for giving are seen. "The point is this," wrote Paul, "he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must do as he has made up his mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." The word "cheerful" is from the Greek *hilaros* which literally means "hilarious" — "the Lord loveth an hilarious giver!" (This is the only place this Greek word appears in the New Testament). This means that there is to be a gaiety about our giving, a kind of wholesome, perhaps inward boisterousness. It is one of the ways of "having a good time" in the Lord!

Why not have as a principle of our life this kind of an attitude and spirit? Whether we are thinking in terms of giving money, or life, or talents, or energy, or time — let it be done liberally and cheerfully! As Frances Ridley Havergal has put it in her hymn-poem, "Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise; . . . Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold." With all their faults, the Corinthians had their virtues, too. Paul knew they had great spiritual potential. In ch. 8 he said of them, "Now as you excel in everything — in faith, in utterance, in knowledge, in all earnestness, and in your love for us — see that you excel in this gracious work also." "Prove," he continued in v. 8, "that your love . . . is genuine."

A study of chapters 8 and 9 reveals what other reasons for liberal giving on the part of the Corinthians? What principles should Christians adopt for their "giving" program? How do they decide? What are the main motives for giving? What excuses do persons make for not giving more generously? Is planning important?

## Filmscores

Prepared by the Protestant Motion Picture Council (Cooperating with Broadcasting and Film Commission and United Church Women). AUDIENCE SUITABILITY RATINGS represent suggested audience classification rather than recommendation. Key: A—Adults, over 18 years; F—Family, all ages; MY—Mature Young People; Y—Young People, over 12 years; C—Children (unaccompanied by adults). A star (\*) indicates an outstanding film of its type.

**MURDER AT THE GALLOP** (George H. Brown Production. MGM Release). Miss Marple, the well-known amateur village sleuth of Agatha Christie's mystery stories endeavors, in her inimitable way, to find out who is guilty of the death of a wealthy old bachelor who was literally "scared to death" by a cat. Before she gets through for the police to take over the case — and the credit for solving the mystery — she meets many difficult and puzzling situations. Margaret Rutherford is a lively Miss Marple, in a background of country activities, including the "hunting gentry" and is well supported by innocent and guilty alike.  
A, MY, Y

**THE WHEELER-DEALERS** (A Filmways Production. MGM Presentation). The old saying "It takes money to make money" is abundantly demonstrated in this fast moving comedy in which a man spends millions he does not possess but manages to stay on the side of the law. This makes him a wheeler-dealer. When his sixth Texas oil well is dry like its predecessors, he descends upon Wall Street to seek funds, meets some of his moneyed cronies who will provide them and there is a dizzy race for more schemes, more business, with the help of a beautiful business girl who must uphold her own status. She becomes a partner in some of the fantastic enterprises leading to success along all lines, even that of the heart. The world of the "wheeler-dealer" seems well populated, giving the idea that it is a wild place and the matter of business ethics barely passes close scrutiny.  
A

**THE CONDEMNED OF ALTONA** (Carlo Ponti Prod. 20th Century-Fox Release). This tragedy dramatizes the effects of World War II and the kind of participation a German family of shipyard magnates had in it. Maximilian Schell, who portrays the elder brother, demoted by the consciousness of his own crimes and his association with his country's guilt and defeat, gives a most remarkable performance. He is strongly supported by Fredric March, with set face, modelled like granite, as the arrogant patriarch. The younger brother, who has left the family, finds himself suddenly pulled back into it with his wife who, for a while, enters into the desperate happenings and becomes the catalyst precipitating the denouement. Sophia Loren plays this role with strength. Cutting is so evident that the general effect has the tendency to

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be choppy, even though there is much grim realism and agony. This psychological drama is based on Jean Paul Sartre's "Les Sequestres d'Altona." In its own setting it is in essence the Greek tragedy; each man is a prisoner of his own conscience and the flaws of his character. The multiple interwoven tensions among this too-closely-knit group forces each one to his own moment of truth. Since they are essentially morbid, they are doomed. Thus the kernel of existentialism — futility — is fully vindicated. A

**LORD OF THE FLIES** (An Allen Hodgdon Production. Released by Walter Reade-Sterling through Continental Distribution Co. Division). This British drama follows closely William Golding's novel which, to quote the author, "is an attempt to trace the defects of society back to the defects of human nature." During a war, boy evacuees from Britain have been ditched in the sea from a wrecked plane and are the only survivors on a tropical, uninhabited island. One group selects a leader and organizes for living and possible rescue. Others are under the domination of an evil older boy who exacts blind obedience. From a comparatively settled attempt at order and survival, hedonism shows its ugly head, sadism prevails, deliberate murder is perpetrated, horror and terror reign, increasing in speed and in scope and bringing the drama to a hectic pace. Symbolism has covered all its possibilities, the allegory of the future fate of base humanity has run its full course. The vileness of man personified by the defeated candidate and his horde overcomes and almost vanquishes the "good," personified by the chief alone as he is hunted down. Redemption must come from the outside. This is a powerful, though-provoking tale, all the more so because of the remarkable acting of a large cast of young actors. A, MY



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## Speaking of Books

By Allan G. Gray

### THE LAST SUPPER

By Howard W. Ellis

NASHVILLE, Tennessee, has become a modern mecca for Methodists. There are the great buildings which house our varied interests and departments. One place which transforms this hegira from an instructional into a spiritual experience is the Upper Room Chapel in the Board of Evangelism building. In that chapel is a carving of the Last Supper by Leonardo daVinci. It was done by Ernest Pellegrini and is lifesize. Howard Ellis, longtime member of the general board, is an artist in his own right and therefore his interpretations and comments on this glorious work of art are most interesting and helpful. Especially he has brought out the significance of the hands which I had never noticed before. There are closeups of the various disciples and an account of their life and work. Also, there is a discussion and pictures of the symbols appropriate to each one. For the person who has visited the chapel this is a must and for those contemplating going, it will be a very helpful guide.

### PEOPLE OF PRAYER

By John B. Dawson

YES, there is another John Dawson besides the one we know. He is a preacher too but way over in New Zealand. His little book is a gem of interest and illumination. He discusses several modern people, some of whom we know very well, like Catherine Marshall and Harry Emerson Fosdick and others whom we are delighted to meet like his own mother and Canon Elliot. As he describes the radiance of their prayer life you feel a kinship with these people who have been but names to you in the religious affairs of the world or if complete strangers, there is a warmth of ready acquaintance. From his sympathetic treatment, you know the author himself is a person of prayer.

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## Quiet Time Thoughts



By Leroy M. Whitney

THREE revivals are recorded in the New Testament. One is in Mark 1:3-6, the story of John the Baptist bridging the period between Old and New Testament times. The second is in Mark 1:14-15 in which Jesus, after John's death, came preaching into Galilee. The third is in Acts 2:1 and is about the revival that began with the events of Pentecost and Peter's sermon on that day.

There are some things in common in each of these. First, the message of repentance. John came saying that the people should repent. It says, "He preached the Baptism of repentance unto remission of sins" (Mark 1:4). Jesus, likewise, came preaching and saying "repent and believe the gospel" (Mark 1:15). When Peter preached Christ on the day of Pentecost, the people, pricked in the heart, said "What must we do?" Peter said, "Repent ye, and be baptized . . . in the name of the Lord Jesus" (Acts 2:38). The message of any reviving of God's work in our midst must always begin with the call to repentance. It is the first step into the Kingdom.

Secondly, the power of every reviving is the Holy Spirit. The Spirit had empowered John the Baptist. The Spirit had descended upon Jesus. The Spirit had come in unusual power at Pentecost. The power for instituting and carrying on successful revival must always come, not from our plans and programs, but from God. A truly Scriptural revival finds its power in the presence of the Holy Spirit.

Thirdly, the foundation of revival is prayer. John came out of the wilderness where without doubt he had spent much time in preparation through meditation and prayer. Jesus began his ministry after 40 days in the wilderness wrestling with the purposes of his mission through prayer and fellowship with God. Peter began his preaching fresh from ten days of prayer in the Upper Room.

Repentance is turning towards God and being sorry for having walked away from Him.

Through the always present Spirit we know God to be with us, encouraging, teaching, guiding. We are made aware of inner powers for spiritual growth, endurance and perseverance which have come to us from God.

Prayer is the Jacob's ladder upon which we climb towards God as He beckons to us from the top.



THE "ACOLYTE" — CHILDREN'S CHAPEL IN CHILDREN'S VILLAGE

CHILDREN'S VILLAGE places a special emphasis on the religious needs of the boys and girls in its care. Children participate in the Sunday Morning Worship Service, Methodist Youth Fellowships, church school, choir, and many committees that serve the church. There is a special need on the part of our children for learning to trust in God and to learn to live as Christians. The staff of Children's Village tries to meet this special need of our boys and girls through the religious education program and through personal example.

The Special Gifts and bequests of Methodists help in the work of Children's Village, the children's home of the Methodist Children's Home Society.

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