



FOR YWCA BUILDING FUND—Above is a picture of some of the members of the Y-Wives Club of the East Raleigh Branch of the Y. W. C. A. Mrs. Bernadean Bailey, left, is presenting a check to Mrs. Marie Gibbs, who is chairman of the Club, to be turned over to the YWCA Building Fund. Mrs. Bailey raised the highest amount of money when the club sponsored its annual "Around The World" contest. Left to right: Mrs. Bailey, Mrs. Gibbs, Mrs. Irene Marrow, Mrs. Dorothy Stewart, Mrs. Merlyn Lytle, Mrs. Mary Pickett and Mrs. Alice Tabron.

FCC Is Urged To Adopt Strong Anti-Bias Rules

WASHINGTON, D. C.—A black minister, who has been nominated to head the predominantly white United Church of Christ has urged the Federal Communications Commission to adopt a strong rule barring discrimination in employment among radio and television stations.

Dr. Arthur D. Gray, pastor of the Congregational Church of Park Manor in Chicago, made his appeal in a letter this week to FCC Chairman Rosel H. Hyde.

Dr. Gray, a former president of Talladega College, is the first Negro to be nominated for the national presidency of the United Church of Christ.

In his letter to Hyde, Dr. Gray said: "It has been more than two years since agencies of the United Church of Christ petitioned the Federal Communications Commission to issue a rule with teeth in it banning discriminatory employment practices by broadcasting stations.

"The expression of policy, opposing such practices, embodied in your Memorandum Opinion, Order and Notice of Proposed Rule Making of July 5, 1963, was a step in the right direction. But, black citizens know that merely to call for employment and involvement of

blacks and other minority group members in an exercise in futility. We know from bitter experience that unless you will embody a strict enforcement procedure in your rule, compliance will at best be minimal.

"I understand from an article in Broadcasting Magazine that the Commission staff is recommending that the FCC adopt a rule substantially the same as the one requested by the United Church of Christ. However, the staff suggestion should be amended to require annual reporting by stations on their employment practices, including a listing of minority group employees and a report of what is being done to hire and promote such employees. Only by such regular reporting can a meaningful record be compiled for judgment of a station's intentions and conduct."

Concluded Dr. Gray, "I trust that you and the other members of the FCC will move quickly to adopt unanimously a rule on employment as suggested by the United Church of Christ agencies. Further delay on your part can serve only to foster the belief that the Government is indifferent to the legitimate needs and rights of blacks and other minorities, and thus to increase the prevailing frustration and despair."

RELIGION and RACE

BY NEGRO PRESS INTERNATIONAL INVOLVEMENT URGED

ATLANTA - An appeal to United Methodists to become involved in meeting the nation's crises beyond that set by the 1968 General conference, was made by Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Syracuse (N. Y.) chairman, Methodist \$20-million Fund For Reconciliation. "We are aware that the national crises has deepened and extended its influence during the past year. The drawing together of the American society has not come to pass, despite determination to give the new administration time to justify itself."

TAKE IT SERIOUSLY
NASHVILLE - The Black Methodists for Church Renewal board issued a call for United Methodists to "study the the Black Manifesto, take it seriously and contribute to Black economic development." The United Methodist Church has been assessed \$300 million of the \$500 million sought in "reparations."

MEDITATION

A SERMONETTE BY COLN DOUGLAS

"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures." --- Psalms 23:2.

Sometimes it seems to some of us that our lives have become barren, that everything lacks purpose and meaning. Whenever we feel this way, we need to open our minds and hearts to new ideas and thoughts about life. We need to be willing to be led out of old, wornout ways of thinking and acting into new, fresh, vital living . . . a new attitude.

We may think that there is nothing of interest ahead for us, but this is not true. "Green pastures" await us. . . the new, the delightful, the unexpected, are on our pathways. But we must first of all have complete and unwavering faith in the One Father, and in His goodness. We must have complete faith in the renewing quality of His love, wisdom, and power. Faith can move mountains, and indeed that is true when our faith is centered in God, the source of all good.

The Lord is our Shepherd, and most surely we can trust Him to guide us, to protect us, and to bless our lives with rich, new, wonderful opportunities for fulfillment. Regardless of how great the demands that are made upon us, we never have to meet the experiences of life alone. There is One who is ever with us, One who understands our hearts, One who quiet our fears, One who is our companion every step of the way.

As you go ahead with the tasks that are a part of your daily life, take the attitude of resting in God's love. It will comfort you to see how effortlessly then everything is accomplished and with what order your mind functions. You will feel the loving promptings of God's Spirit. You will be shown the way out of grief, disappointment, desperation, and confusion. Peace will come as you allow your heart to be led by the promptings of God's Spirit within and about you.

"Thou makest him to have dominion." --- Psalms 8:6.
the nations (Zech. 8:13,23). Meantime, the instructed Bible believer takes advantage of "the dispensation of grace," telling others how they may be "justified freely, by God's grace, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus" (Rom. 3:24).

TWO MINUTES WITH THE BIBLE

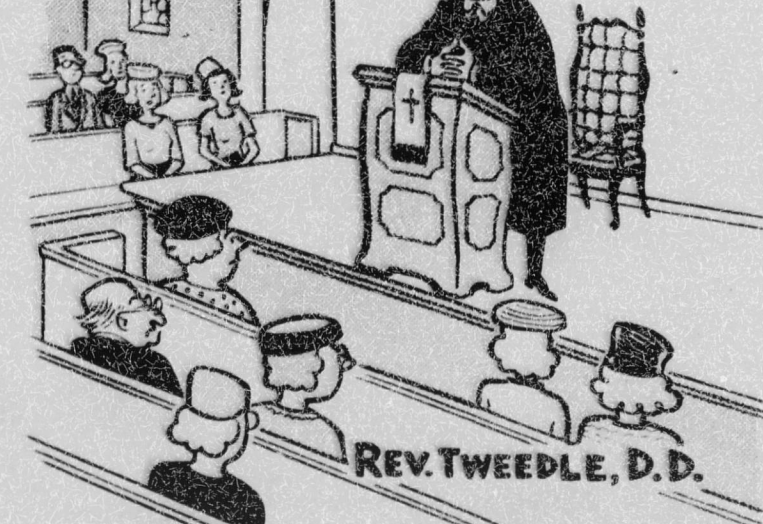
BY CORNELIUS R. STAM, PRES. BEREAN BIBLE SOCIETY CHICAGO, ILLINOIS 60635

WHAT GOD IS DOING
The distress and confusion which prevails in the world about us does not upset the instructed believer in the Word of God.

He understands the divine plan and knows what God is doing. He does not expect peace on earth while the Prince of Peace remains an exile from His own world. He has no illusions about this age, or about what statesmen and politicians can accomplish in this age, for God calls it "this present evil age" (Gal. 1:4).

The instructed believer knows too why God does not intervene in the affairs of men and why our Lord remains a voluntary exile from the world. "This present evil age," he knows, is also "the age of grace." It began when God saved Saul of Tarsus, the "chief of sinners" and the leader of the world's rebellion against Christ (1 Tim. 1:13-16) and sent him forth with the "gospel (good news) of the grace of God"

Church Chuckles by CARTWRIGHT



"The devil tempted Eve with an apple, and judging by the empty pews, he tempted Adam with a golf ball!"

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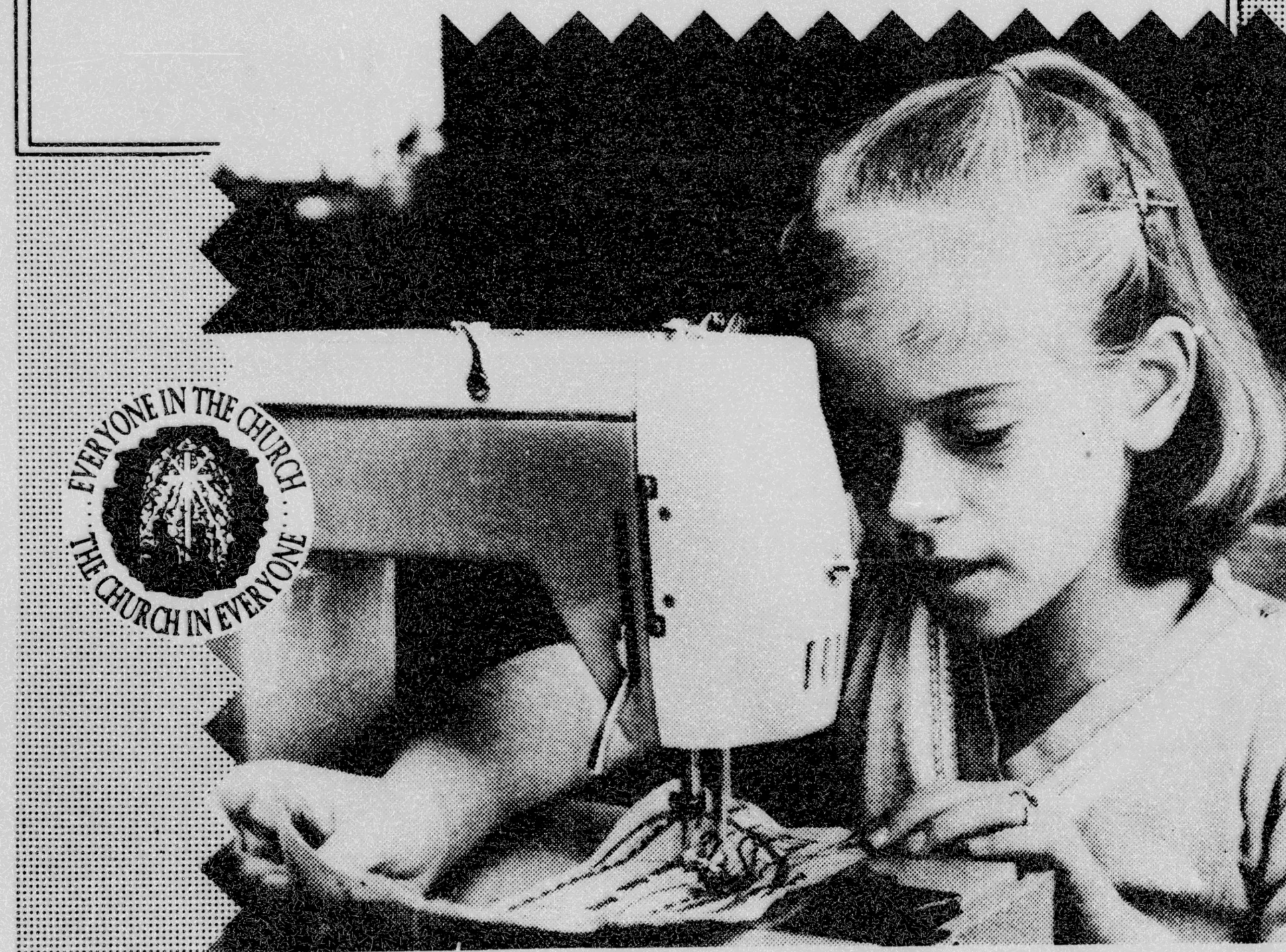
Working, learning to sew . . . Now, something simple is being prepared and soon her own dresses, and in the future, clothing for her own family. Training is important in the lives of our children.

Spiritual training is a must in the lives of our young ones.

"Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it."

The Church is God's appointed agency in this world for spreading the knowledge of His love for man and of His demand for man to respond to that love by loving his neighbor. Without this grounding in the love of God, no government or society or way of life will long persevere and the freedoms which we hold so dear will inevitably perish. Therefore, even from a selfish point of view, one should support the Church for the sake of the welfare of himself and his family. Beyond that, however, every person should uphold and participate in the Church because it tells the truth about man's life, death and destiny; the truth which alone will set him free to live as a child of God.

C. Coleman Adv. Serv.



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