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Raiph Waldo Emerson said, "A-man is what he thinks about all day long." Marcus Aurelius said. "A man's life is what his thoughts make it." The Bible says, "For as he thinketh in his heart, so is he" (Proverbs 23:7)

Now I want to ask—What do you think about? What does your mind generally feast upon? Are you really saved? Do you have the mind of Christ? Do you have peace in life? Just do some serious thinking with me for a while. Physically, you are what you eat-but mentally, you are

what you eat—but mentally, you are what you think.

God loves the whole human family, and has designed life to be lived according to a certain pattern. I am indeed grateful for such an informative book—the bible—to show us how to think. Since thinking is a part of life, then we must learn to think right. Right-thinking is a part of right-living. Right living is found only in the righteousness of God, which can be had only in and through Jesus be had only in and through Jesus Christ. The new birth demands a new way of thinking because "Old things are passed away, and behold, all things become new." The old evil mind is gone, and behold we have been brought into His new banqueting house to feast on His new thoughts. God's thoughts are as far above man's thoughts as the heaven is from the earth. I must have an elevated thought-life in order to really live holy—live sane—live clean.

This is why I refuse to watch unclean TV shows—I reject un-wholesome literature, and I avoid sixful society. I don't want my thoughts contaminated. I trust in the Lord and He directs my path. It is His delight to keep me for Himself. It is my delight to entertain the mind of Christ. So we love each other—thus we walk together—my Lord and I!

Jesus said, "If you love me, keep my commandments." We all have the same chance to prove our love to God. His love is shed abroad in our hearts when we are born again, therefore we are well able to prove that we love Him and that we love those that belong to Him. "Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, and of good report; and if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Read your Bible prayerfully and

Methodists Hold Session, Future Agenda Planned

ATLANTA, Ga.-'Ine recent annual training session for United Methodist Black Community Developers who link local churches with communities needing assistance took a reflective turn as 80 par-ticipants marked 20 years' ministry by honoring program founders and planning for the future.

A project of United Metho A project of United Methodism's national mission arm, the General Board of Global Ministries, the program trains church personnel who work in places marked by both critical needs and potential for enhancing lives of persons plagued by joblessness, undereducation, lack of support networks and despair.

In addition to hunching projects based on specific needs, the program also pushes black United Methodist churches to reclaim the historic role.

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munities.

The community developers' program was established in 1966 to push the United Methodist Church to be a reconciling force in the face of racial tensions of the times. Trained developers have been instrumental in recruiting and helping laypersons organize to address concerns of black U.S. citizens in the areas of social, economic and political justice.

The 20th year was celebrated an an early December banquet and honored guests, including Illinois Area Bishop Woodie W. White, the only surviving

Cape Fear Freewill **Holds Annual Program**

The Cape Fear A Freewill Baptist Annual Conference held its annual Post Session at the Piney Grove Freewill Baptist Church Dec. 13. The church is located near Fayetteville. The Rev. W.T. Ford is pastor of the church. Bishop M.N. McLean presided, He was assisted by Vice Bishop

Devotional exercises were conducted by Elder Brenda E. McNeill. The sermon was delivered by Elder Steve Garney. The Conference Choir and the Young Adult Choir of Samp-son Chapel Church furnished the

The recording secretary, Ms. Eva M. Minter, read minutes of a special meeting held recently at Coats Chapel Church, Bishop McLean brought recommendations which were received by the body.

Credentials were presented to the ministers, presidents and other conference officials. Deacon Emory Knox, chairman of the Board of Directors, briefed the members on the present state of the project headquarters building. The builing is now heing erected in the Riverside com-

Ms. Eunice Adams, financial secretary, made a report on the expenditures and the present financial

Elder Hardy Watkins, chairman of the Liaison Committee for Shaw University, made a plea for the members to attend the coming rally to be held at Dunn Chapel Feb. 3,

He stated that Dr. Talbert Shaw, president of Shaw University, has been invited to speak. He is hoping for large turnout that evening. The Union Aid Club will sponsor a

seminar on prayer in the near future. The Dunn District Union meeting will be hled at Mount Olive Church, Wade, and the Raleigh District Union will be held at the St. Anna Church, Raleigh.

Remarks were made by Assistant Bishop D.W. Elliott. He urged his listeners to move forward in faith. Bishop McLean thanked the con-

ed for continued cooperation. Willow Springs Freewill Baptist Church, Clayton, will host the 1989 post session.

gram. In recognition of this priority,

the program was presented by the

Nicest Nursery School and the

Raleigh Nursery School's Daisy

Selections by Nicest Nursery

students were "Jingle Bell-Rhythm

Band," "My Two Front Teeth" and

'We Wish You a Merry Christmas."

Selections by the Raleigh Nursery

School Daisy Troop No. 3505 were

Lights," "Little Christmas Tree,"

'Away in a Manger," "Christmas

'Silver Bells" and "Mary Had a

Closing remarks and an-

nouncements were made by Ms. D.

Vanessa Roberson. Refreshments

were served by the hostesses. Members present were Ms. Merlyn

Lytle, Hazel Williams, Mabel Jordan,

Josephine Bryant, Mary Mallette,

Myrtle Shepard, Dorothy Brinson,

Lena Barksdale, Carrie Lundy, An-

dra Mallette, Ms. Elizabeth Jordan

Directors and instructors of the

nursery schools are Ms. Mary

Mallette, Ms. Myrtle Shepard, Ms. Debra Alston and Ms. Carolyn

and Brenda Sanders.

Troop No. 3505.

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ference for the past support and ask-

Raleigh NCNW Offers Founder's Day Event

The Raleigh Section of the National are use priorities of the national pro-Council of Negro Women observed Founder's Day at the Hargett Street YWCA Sunday, Dec. 11, at 3 p.m. Ms. Vanessa Roberson presided. Devotion was conducted by Ms. Elizabeth

ordan. A Christmas poem was read by Ms. Brenda Sanders. History of the national and local councils were given by Ms. Shepard, president. The Na-tional Council of Negro Women was organized Dec. 4, 1955 by Ms. Mary McLeod Bethune. The Raleigh Section was organized Oct. 7, 1960. A Candlelight Ceremony was performed by the members.

Day care and child development

Wiley Branton, Rights Lawyer, Dead At Age 65

WASHINGTON, D.C. (AP)-Civil rights attorney Wiley Austin Branton, counselor to nine black students who were instrumental in the desegregation of Central High School in Little Rock, Ark., in 1957, has died of a heart attack. He was 65.

Branton died last Thursday at his home in Washington, said his son, Wiley Branton, Jr.

A native of Pine Bluff, Ark., Branton was among the first black graduates of the University of Arkansas School of Law. He was chief local counsel for the nine blacks who entered Central High School, the first time federal troops were used to en-

Branton became the first director of the Atlanta-based Voter Education Project in 1962 at the request of the Rev. Martin Luther King, Jr. The project signed up blacks to vote across the South.

In 1965, he became a special assistant to Attorney General Nicholas B. de Katzenbach, a post he retained under Katzenbach's successor, Ramsey Clark. He became executive director of the United Planning Organization, Washington's anoverty agency, two years later.

Branton was named the eighth School in 1977. He returned to private practice in 1983, becoming a partner in the Washington office of Sidley and Austin, a Chicago-based firm.

Branton at one time was convicted Branton at one time was convicted of a misdemeanor for teaching the mechanics of voting to blacks. In the 1960s, he represented freedom riders in Mississippi and blacks involved in voter registration drives. At the time of his death, Branton was a member of the board of the NAACP Legal Defense Fund.

Funeral services were held Mon-day at the National Cathedral in Washington, with a graveside service and burial in Pine Bluff on Wednes-

Court Orders Teens To



acts to spread the gospel message is a group called Take 6. by black quartets and a pinch of street-corner doc-woop in a Their music is a blend of the inspirational and the spiritual, cappella arrangements.

Teaching About Religion Playing Important Position In Education

CHAPEL HILL-Parents may remember school Christmas plays, singing and classroom stories as part of holiday celebrations of their youth, but such classroom celebrations are conspicuously absent today, say University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill researchers.

In an increasingly diverse society, challenges to the Constitutional doctrine of separat on of church and state have come to include the way holidays with religious connotations. including Christmas, are discussed in the classroom.

The effect on children and society has been mixed, researchers are finding. The changing attitudes toward religion in the classroom reflect changing societal demographics, says Dr. Peter Bearman, assistant professor of sociology at UNC. As late at the 1950s, communities were uniform with people of similar religious values and orientation attending the same churches and schools, he says.

Community diversity led to recognition of individual religions, fewer community celebrations and more secular interpretations, especially in the classroom.

Dr. Warren G. Nord, director of the humanities program at UNC, says that children can lose when schools avoid discussing religion.

"I'm concerned about the trend of excluding religion from other subjects," Nord says. "Religion is an integral part of our culture and history, and a study of it would help students understand the world. But it's such a controversial subject that the schools stay away from it."

To avoid violation of federal laws about teaching religion in the classroom, teachers do not include religious aspects of subjects like art, music, history, biology and economics, Nord says.

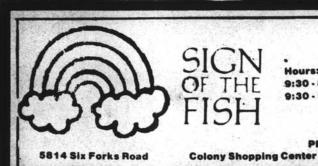
An understanding of world events taught in history and social studies classes will be difficult for students without background information. he

"Why do we think communism is bad? In part, because they deny religious and personal freedoms? Why is abortion such a controversial topic? That's hard to answer without understanding religious beliefs about the soul and relationships between men and women. Why were entire

wars fought? Over religious issues. "If the point of the schools is to provide a well-rounded, liberal education, they should present all sides of an issue. Now you could go from kindergarten to an MBA without ever having to understand anything about

Dr. Richard King, associate professor of education, agrees that schools should not ignore religion's role in the holidays.

"The schools shouldn't have to assume an obligation to teach about religion, even to the extent of incorporating it into Christmas, but teachers shouldn't shy away from it,"



Hours:

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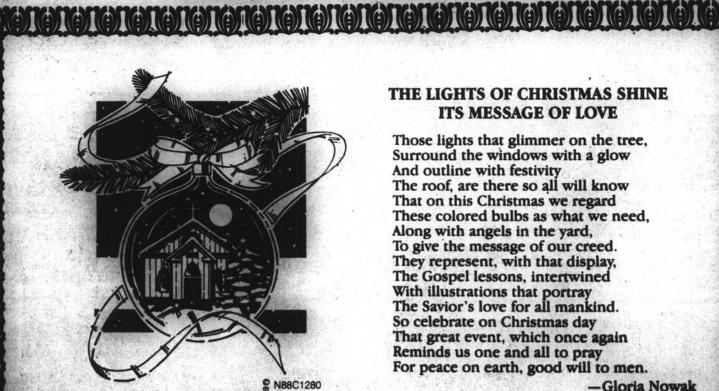
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