

# Presbyterian Youths Attend Church Camps

This has been a busy summer for more than thirty junior and senior high young people from First Presbyterian Church who have attended church camps and conferences the past two months.

Julie Hoover was one of sixty Presbyterian young people from Michigan chosen to represent high school youth at the Westminster Fellowship National Assembly at Grinnell college, Grinnell, Iowa.

THE 1600 DELEGATES included representatives from every part of the United States as well as from Alaska and Puerto Rico. In addition, there were fraternal representatives from Korea, Colombia, India and other countries. Featured programs included a pageant with a 200 voice speech choir, a closed-circuit TV program, a play and a special address on the United Nations by Dr. Frank Graham, former president of the University of North Carolina and now with the United Nations.

Synod camp at Greenville, Mich., played host both to senior high conferences and junior high camps. High school young people participated in swimming, vespers, and other features of the program were Sue Little, Marcia Kempf,

Martin Laurimore, Roxie Rundle.

STILL OTHERS were Ronald and Drew Novak, Elizabeth Clark, Meta Reynolds, Jim Parry, Dave Grinnell college, Grinnell, Iowa.

Junior high young people attending at other periods included Mary Koppitch, Carolyn Kettle, Jean Gilliam, Barbara Oyen, Helen Collins, Patsy Gordon, Lynda Mills, Martha Kimmon, Jean Brooks, Kim Sankey, Fred Anderson, Heidi Koppitch, Gloria McIntyre and Bonnie Berke.

This past week some two hundred Westminster Fellowship officers have returned to their homes in various parts of the state, having attended the Synod Fall planning conference at Alma college.

REPRESENTING First Presbyterian church's Westminster Fellowship were Carol Bain, Julie Hoover and Gale McIntosh. The program included workshops in citizenship, faith, outreach, fellowship and witness.

# BOOKS and REVIEWS

## Sunk Island

Author: Hubert Nicholson  
Publisher: Coward-McCann, Inc.  
Reviewer: Fred Mallender

It is always a pleasure to discover a novel that is simply but beautifully written. Sunk Island is such a novel.

Many authors have chosen English rural life as the setting for a novel, but few have vindicated that choice as Hubert Nicholson has done. With deep understanding and compassion he has fashioned an engrossing study of human nature in all its aspects.

STYLE is the true mainstay of any novel. Mr. Nicholson has a magnificent command of English and uses it to avail. At times his prose is almost poetry, but it always fits the character of the action.

No words are wasted; each word counts. As a result the character of the novel, the settings all have depth. The reader feels he is watching a theatrical performance rather than reading a novel.

THE PLOT is very simple; in fact, it might be called elemental. Two sisters love the same man, each in a different way. This is not a new idea, but here it breathes with new vigor.

This is the first novel by Mr. Nicholson to be published in this country although he has written other novels, poetry and non-fiction which have been published in England. However, if Sunk Island is a representative example of his work, this is not the last one we shall see published here.

A Prophet in His Own Country  
Author: Kenneth Davis  
Publisher: Doubleday & Co.  
Reviewer: Robin Bahr

Democratic politics. His mother's father was a powerful figure in Republican state politics. Thus, Adlai, a curious blend of both strains, inherited a sense of civic responsibility and quite naturally entered the political field.

WEALTH, SOCIAL position, the advantages of travel, the finest education were all Adlai's during the formative years.

There is an interesting comparison between F. S. Fitzgerald's and Stevenson's college years—Stevenson being the epitome of that which Fitzgerald desired—wealthy, casual, popular, smooth, completely accepted on all levels without studied effort or care.

Thus far Stevenson's career had been unremarkable. None of his friends, employers, or co-workers recognized any unusual talent or spark of greatness. But, Stevenson, as David points out, had the attribute of exuding his ability behind the scenes power in

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of each job.

A good biography should express facets of the subject's character, bad as well as good, for how can one gauge a man's strength unless he knows what weaknesses have been met and mastered.

FOR EXAMPLE, the contrast between Stevenson and Eisenhower during the 1952 campaign is unfair. Eisenhower appears as a pleasant, well-meaning man, but a mere puppet of his party. Stevenson, on the other hand, is revealed as a strong, independent, unflinching dedication to his country, leader and thinker.

Indeed, there are moments of such insight and vision that one might say, "a prophet in his own country."

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