ALTAR CALL

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PRAYER FOR THANKSGIVING

Before you pass the turkey, Let's pause and have our prayers; Since here in these United States. There are souls who really care.

Besides, it's fit and proper,
A grateful prayer to offer;
So bow your head, and close your eyes
And let our thanks, reach toward the skies;

"Dear God, we thank you for the unrest, despair, and frustration, and hopelessness that we have felt in the dark ghettoes; as we've walked the streets in search of employment for which we've not been trained; as we've gone to schools where they have not really been trained to teach people like us; as we've tried to raise our families in slums unfit for human habitation or in crowded high-rise public housing. We know what it means to have dark skin. "Dear God, we thank you for the Congress of

the United States that spent so many long hours in debate; that spent so many days not showing up to vote us some more human rights; that finally killed the 1966 Civil Rights Bill. Now we know there are many houses and apartments that we are not supposed to live in, so we will be content to stay where we are.

"Dear God, we thank you for those who marched those long, hot, dusty roads down South to get people to register to vote; and, for those who marched the streets of our big cities to try and get us some better houses and apartments to live in. We're sorry so many got beat up, but we had to try to do something to get out of the ghetto.

"Dear God, we thank you for the election, although there were some people elected that might not help us, some of us got elected. We've got a Senator now, and a County Sheriff, and a lot more judges, councilmen, State representatives and senators. We're really learning how to yote too.

to vote, too.

"Dear God, we're sorry we threw so many Molotov cocktails and bricks through store windows; and set fire to so many stores; and threw rocks at policemen and firemen. We just wanted someone to pay attention to us and make it possible for us to have some of the things other people have.

"Dear God, we don't know how much longer we're going to have to wait on You to give us all that we need and want, but we're going to sit right here and WAIT....Amen....Pass the turkey please. Oh yes, make it DARK meat."

MY
SINCEREST
THANKS.

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Zion Tea Queen Contestants



"HARVEST TEA" QUEEN, DE ROI SMITH, poses with other contestants (from left) Veronica Benee Tyler, Gwen Etta Amie, Claudette Smith, Mary Daniels, Dette Staton, Pamela Jones, and Wera Moore following Zion Methodist Church's beautifully appointed Tea held at Doolittle Center, Sunday afternoon to benefit the Church Building Fund.

Pouring tea for the successful affair were some of the social sets most elegant ladies... No little contribution was that made by the young ones who vied in spirited competition for the "Queen" title, nor by the talented participants of an inspirational program, capably M.C.'d by Deborah Moore.



A MOVING MOMENT at the Harvest Tea was presentation of Zion Methodist Children's Group "Interpretation of The Lord's Prayer.

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THANKSGIVING

and

Heartfelt Thanks

Senator

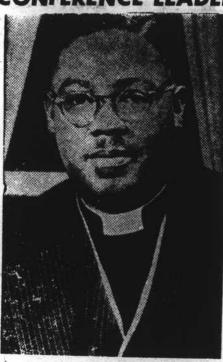
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Dr. Jesse Glover, Presiding Elder of the Oakland-Sacramento District of the California Conference, will hold the first quarterly Conference of the A.M.E. Church in Southern Nevada at the First African Methodist Episcopal Church located at 101 Monroe Ave., Sunday, November 27.

Dr. Glover is the President of the A.M.E. Presiding Elders Connectional Council, Connectional Director of Music, and a writer of note.

The First Service of the Conference will be held at 11:00 a.m., and a Special Ladies Day Program will be presented at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Horace Gholston, pastor of the host church urges all members and friends to attend these services.