

# White, Negro Churches Join Ranks in Lansing, Michigan

LANSING, Mich.—When the Butler Boulevard church, a Negro congregation, faced the need for a new location, the problem was solved by a merger with a white congregation meeting at 321 E. Holmes Road.

The two memberships met for the first time in late November.

The Holmes Road church had sponsored the Butler Boulevard work for some time.

W.D. Wiley, minister for the Butler Boulevard church, will share the pulpit and other minis-

## Bales Announces Debate in Texas

LITTLE ROCK, Ark.—James D. Bales, professor of Bible at Harding College, Searcy, will meet H.B. Dodd in public debate on the Bible and "unbelief" in Orange, Tex., Jan. 20-23.

The two men are scheduled to debate a different proposition each night: (1) Agnosticism, on which Dodd will take the affirmative; (2) Resolved that evolution has been scientifically established; (3) Resolved that Genesis presents the most reasonable account of creation; (4) Resolved that the Bible is the Word of God.

There may be a question and answer period.

terial duties with the Holmes Road church minister, Allen Killom.

Killom said he was greatly encouraged by the favorable comments of members of churches of Christ and by neighbors and friends in the area. "Not one criticism has been voiced," he said.

The *State Journal* of Lansing carried a front-page story on the merger in the Nov. 30 issue. "While militants and advocates of black power and white segregationists have been warring against each other and clamoring for their respective 'rights,' we have been quietly solving this problem between members of the two churches," the paper quoted Killom as saying.

Adding to that statement, he said: "We feel that this is Christianity in action, a far more effective way than conducting 'Race Relations Workshops,' although these also may prove helpful, and we urge the whole brotherhood to consider this solution."

Killom came to the Holmes Road church from Trenton in May, 1967. Wiley moved to Lansing last January. Since that time the Butler Boulevard congregation has quadrupled in size.