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Dr. Helen Kim, former Ewha U. president, dies

NEW YORK, Feb. 10 (UMI)—Dr. Helen Kim, 70, president-emeritus and chairman of the board of trustees of Ewha Woman's University in Seoul, Korea, which with 8,000 students is said to be the largest women's school in the world died February 10 in Seoul, according to a cable received by the United Methodist Board of Missions here. It was reported Dr. Kim had been ill since February 5 with a stroke.

One of the recognized women leaders in Asia and in world Methodism, Dr. Kim had been honored by the Korean government by having been designated since 1965 as a "Roving Ambassador" of the Republic of Korea. She had been to the United Nations in that capacity.

Dr. Kim had been associated with Methodist-founded Ewha Woman's University for almost 60 years, a student, teacher, dean, vice-president, president, president-emeritus and chairman of the board of trustees. At the time of her death, she was not only board chairman but was also chairman of a special Ewha Decade Development Program, which is seeking \$10,000,000 in the U.S. and a similar amount in Korea. From March to mid-December, 1969, she was in the U.S.

getting the development effort underway.

Born February 27, 1899, in Korea, Dr. Kim entered Ewha University High School, and was graduated from it and from Ewha University, the latter in 1918. She came to America in 1924 to study at Ohio Wesleyan University and received the B.A. degree (with Phi Beta Kappa honors) in 1924. She later received her M.A. from Boston University and her Ph.D. from Columbia University.

Dr. Kim's 43-year professional career at Ewha began in 1918 when she became a teacher in the college preparatory department. She was professor and dean 1925-1938, dean and vice-president 1932-1939, president of the college department 1939-45, and president of Ewha Woman's University 1945-61. On her retirement in 1961, Dr. Kim was named president-emeritus. She had been chairman of the board of trustees since 1945.

Merger Committees to meet with L.R. District Conference

The Committees on Merger of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences will hold a joint meeting in conjunction with the Little Rock District Preachers' Meeting at Aldersgate



The executive committee of the North Arkansas Wesleyan Service Guild met in the Hendrix College Library, February 7 and 8, to make plans for the Annual Meeting in Fort Smith, April 11 and 12. Mrs. Trumann Stephens, conference chairman (standing fifth from right), presided.

Camp, Friday, February 20. The joint meeting scheduled for 1:30 p.m., will include the presentation and discussion of proposed merger plans now under study.

Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District superintendent, will convene the District Conference at 3:00 p.m. to consider the matters of elections and of licenses to preach.

A Retreat for spiritual enrichment will follow the 5:30 p.m. dinner which will be served by the Aldersgate staff.

Leaders developing the theme, "The Church of the Future," for this period will include: the Rev. G. Larry Maxwell, associate pastor at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock; the Rev. David Conyers, pastor of Lakewood Church in North Little Rock, and the Rev. J. Robert Scott, pastor of St. Paul Church in Little Rock.

Small group discussions and a period of evaluation will precede the 9:00 p.m. adjournment.

A Letter from Our Bishop

To Arkansas Methodists:

I am in my first week in a retreat for army chaplains of the European area. Almost seventy-five are here and more than half have brought families. We're in two of the government hotels where excellent care is given.

I preach for four nights each week and lecture each morning. Five groups meet for dialogue, discussion and study.

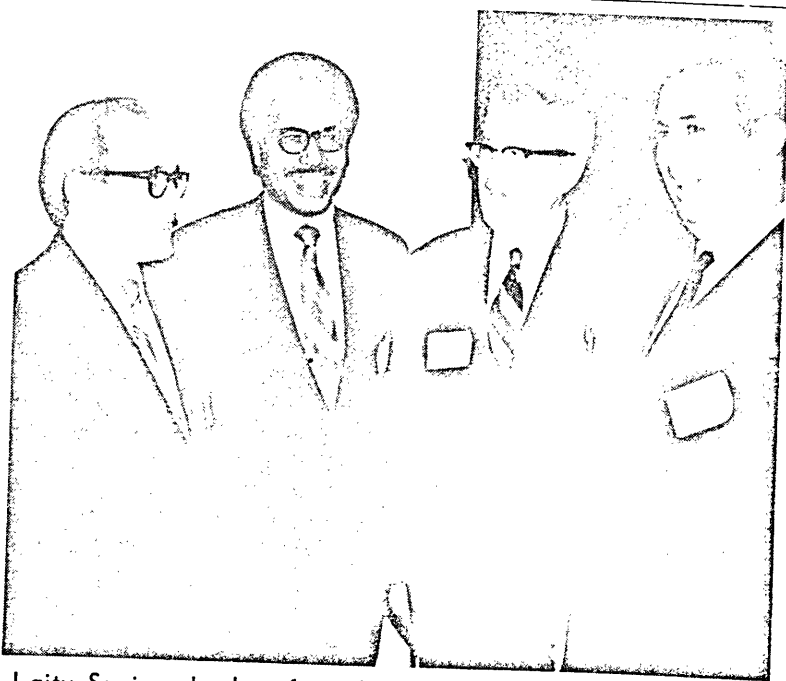
Last Sunday I preached at the main chapel of the Augsburg Post and met with three youth groups in the evening. On the 15th I will preach for Chaplain Howerton at the Frankfurt Base. He will drive me from Berchtesgaden at the close of next week's retreat.

The chaplains and their families are most thoughtful and helpful. They are committed and I am pleased by the work they do and the outstanding programs they have for children, young people and adults.

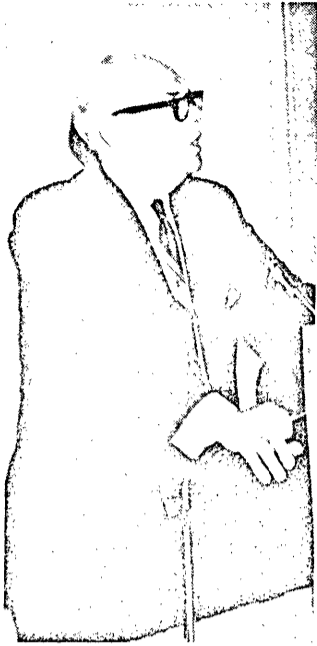
I am looking forward to being home. God bless each one of you.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Ballweg



Laity Seminar leaders from the staff of the General Board of the Laity were (l. to r.): Richard Smith, Charles Kellogg, William B. McPherson and Fletcher Carter. Laymen and clergymen from the three Arkansas Conferences participated in the seminar held in Little Rock Saturday, February 7 at the Lafayette Hotel.



The Rev. Alf A. Eason, Hope District superintendent, gave the keynote message at the Saturday evening dinner at the Lay Seminar in Little Rock.

Christian Educators' conference to feature new format

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A national conference of Christian educators with an unusual style and format is being planned by the United Methodist Christian Educators Fellowship in hopes that it will set new directions for similar meetings in the future.

"You are Responsible: Choose!" is the theme of the second national CEF meeting to be held in San Francisco, Calif., November 4-7, 1970.

The 700-member fellowship, an auxiliary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Local Church Division, is comprised largely of local church workers, both lay and ministerial, and some regional employees

and seminary faculty members.

The Rev. Richard L. Cookson, minister of education at First United Methodist Church in Corning, N.Y., is chairman of the design team for the conference. "We are trying to free people from the image that all they need for a conference is to bring together a group of experts to 'turn them on' and they will have instant answers to the questions and needs of people," he said.

Each participant in the conference will be equipped with a cassette tape recorder as he is exposed to the city and a large resource center complete with collections of films, tapes, video-

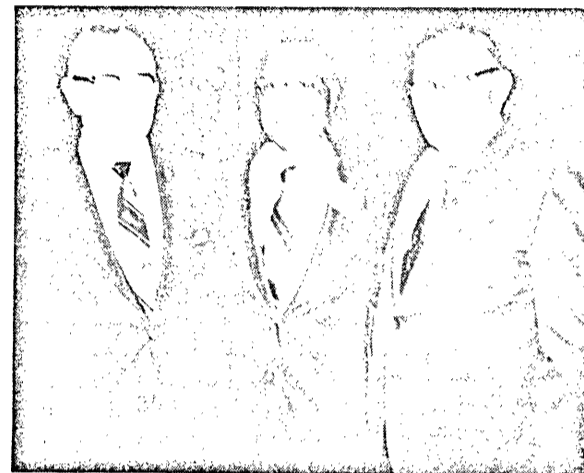
tapes, television, pictures, printed papers, exhibits of art, music and personal experience reports.

Beginning in 1972, full membership in the CEF will be limited to ministers, directors and associates in education who have gained professional certification by the church. The first national meeting of the fellowship was in 1968 at New Orleans, La.

Chairman of the CEF is the Rev. Kendall W. Cowing, minister of education at First United Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Mich. Board of Education staff executive related to the CEF is the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn.



Homer Winstead, lay leader of the Southwest Conference, right, presented a United Methodist insignia to William B. McPherson, while Little Rock Conference lay leader S. H. Allman, left, looks on.



Conference lay leaders from the three conferences participating in the Lay Seminar: Clay Bumpers, North Arkansas; Homer Winstead, Southwest; and S. H. Allman, Little Rock.

N. Arkansas Conference THE HONOR ROLL

Pension Endowment Campaign
February 15, 1970

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Bono	100%
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Harrisburg	100%
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Jonesboro-First	100%
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Stranger's Home	100%
Tuckerman-Hope	100%

Church Women United to observe World Day of Prayer

The World Day of Prayer will be observed in churches in the Little Rock and North Little Rock area on Friday, March 6 under sponsorship of Church Women United of Central Arkansas. This year's observance will focus on the theme "Take Courage."

Observances will be held at the following locations and times:

St. Andrew's United Methodist, 4600 Baseline Road, L.R., 10:00 a.m.; First Christian Church, 2803 East Kiehl, NLR, 10:30 a.m.; Westover Hills Presbyterian, Kavanaugh and Pine Valley, L.R., 10:30 a.m.; Markham United Methodist, 9820 W. Markham, L.R., 10:00 a.m.; Mt. Sinai, 522 Hickory, N.L.R., 7:30 p.m.; First Presbyterian Church, 8th and Scott Streets, L.R., 10:30 a.m.; Winfield United Methodist (dinner meeting), 6:00 p.m.

This year's offering will go to the Intercontinental Mission Fund—a fund through which Church Women United expresses its concern for others in concrete terms including grants for Christian literature on six continents and grants to Christian colleges in Asia and Africa.

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All copies of the Minister's Tax Guide that were available from your Area Town and Country Commission have been sold.

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Editorial

Lent, 1970

Were you one of those for whom Ash Wednesday brought a colossal headache from a Mardi Gras too boisterously observed? Or were you one who welcomed the beginning of Lent because of the enrichment and deepening you expected to find in your spiritual life in this season?

There are many signs that an increasing number of Protestants are marking Lent on their calendars and sincerely engaging in a quest for something more than they have been finding in their religious experience the remainder of the year.

At no other time of the year do so many forces conspire to incline the followers of Jesus Christ toward meditation and participation in new adventures that they hope might bring them closer to God through Jesus Christ. In a day when many religious writers and thinkers seem determined to carry us down a one-way street to despair and hopelessness, Lent offers a tremendous opportunity for those who believe that God is alive to join their hearts and voices in a loud positive affirmation.

The word Lent comes from an Anglo-Saxon word "Lencten," which meant "spring." The season in the church was determined from counting back a certain number of days from Easter, which as you know has had a variable date through the centuries.

In the Christian sense, Lent is that season of the year which has been set apart for the special consideration of our Lord's passion. The Lenten Season comprises the forty-six days preceding Easter, and is itself introduced by the three Sundays which precede Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent. The climax of Mardi Gras is on Shrove Tuesday which precedes Ash Wednesday.

The duration of the season, which in the early Christian era was a season of fasting and penitence, was at first not definitely

settled. Like many other great realities, Lent has grown — it started small and then increased in stature. At first it was only one day long, then two days, and then three.

By the Christians of the second century, a fast of some duration was considered essential as a preparation for the proper joy of Easter. These early Christians remembered the words of Jesus, when he said, "When the bridegroom shall be taken from them then shall they fast."

Because Jesus lay in the grave three days, many came to feel that three days was the proper length of the Pre-Easter fast. In the third century, the fast was made to cover the six days of Holy Week.

In the fourth century, the fast was extended to forty days (not including the Sundays) — this period of time was probably influenced by the fact that Jesus, Elijah and Moses had all engaged in significant fasts of that duration. The forty day period was definitely established by Gregory the Great in 604, A.D.

Sundays were not included in the penitential season by reason of their festive character. It was simple for the figure of forty to become established in the mind of the church, and for sixteen hundred years that has been the period accepted by the majority of the followers of our Lord. But the length of the period has no foundation in Scripture.

While the length of the period is only traditional and the modes of observing it are variable, the idea which lies at the heart of Lent is permanent and of binding authority. The soul of man needs seasons of quiet for its growth in wisdom and stature. Life demands that there should be times of special endeavor.

The Holy Spirit guides the church generation after generation in this practice. Lent is not the exclusive possession of any one Christian denomination. It belongs to all. One group may observe it in ways which do not commend themselves to other groups, but this does not justify the rejection by any.

Lent has sometimes been kept in superficial and fantastic ways, but this is not an argument against its proper use. The last week of Jesus' life made the deepest impression upon his disciples. This fact reports itself in the Gospels.

The important question still is "What will Lent mean to you?" At the center of the Protestant approach is the conviction that every man is his own priest. This means that no religious discipline will be individually helpful unless it speaks to a need that we feel personally. This says that if you have felt for a long time that you should do more devotional reading, Lent is the time for you to begin. If you feel an honest hunger for more knowledge about the Bible or Christian theology then you should start now on that quest. If your attendance at church and church school have been irregular, do something about it during Lent.

Lent should mean to you the answer to at least one of your felt spiritual needs. It is entirely in your hands to make it so.

A.A.K.

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The Editor's Corner



BRIDGE-BUILDERS

We were all related in one way or another to religious journalism, and yet it was interesting to note how many of those who participated in the recent visit to Israel were bridge-builders. Some went along just for the ride, but by far the largest group was interested in discovering ways and means of building new bridges of understanding crossing the chasms that separate Jews and Christians, and Jews and Arabs.

A bridge-builder of long experience was Msgr. John M. Ostreicher of the Institute of Judaean-Christian Studies at Seton Hall University. He is the editor of a publication called "The Bridge," the purpose of which is to draw Jews and Christians closer together.

Dr. M. Thomas Starks of the staff of the Department of Home Missions for the Southern Baptist Convention has a similar mission in life as he prepares materials on all of the non-evangelical religious groups of the world for study by Southern Baptists — and others who are interested.

Dr. Oscar Cohen, Dr. Joseph Lichten, Rabbi Solomon Bernards and A. Abbot Rosen and others came on the trip from the Anti-Defamation League of B'nai B'rith, Jewish laymen's organization dedicated to building bridges.

Then, we spent all of one morning viewing efforts within East Jerusalem to bridge the wide gaps left after the Israelis occupied that section of the city in 1967. We saw efforts of the City of Jerusalem and the labor unions to teach skills to unskilled Arabs in what really amounts to an ambitious war on the poverty that is such a problem.

Perhaps the most exciting bridge building we saw was that of the Sisters of Zion in the Ecce Homo Convent. These delightful nuns were among the first to establish Hebrew classes for the Arabs of East Jerusalem and Arabic classes for any interested Hebrews. Certainly the bridges of language are among those deserving highest priority in a troubled situation like that found in the "occupied territories" inhabited by more than one million Arabs who are "aliens" in the land.

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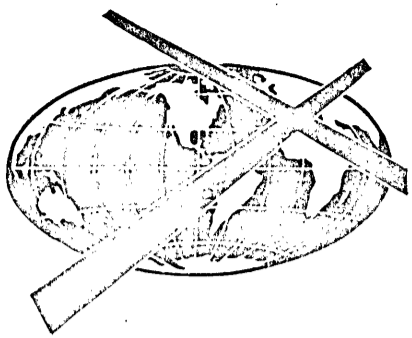
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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

Twelve of the 21 Catholic missionaries expelled from Nigeria for aiding secessionist Biafra arrived recently in Rome with only one request—to go back to Nigeria “as soon as possible.” A spokesman for the group, the Rev. John Daily, C.S. Sp., said, “we have no ill will toward anybody. We have worked only as missionaries. We have never been politically involved in the cruel war in which we have had the privilege of helping those who were suffering and on the point of death.”

More traffic in and out of the full-time ministry is one of the changes in organized religion forecast for the 1970s by the president of Ministers' Life and Casualty Union. In his report to the company's 65th annual meeting, Andrew Hobart predicted this two-way movement. He said that while some clergymen leave for other fields that they will still regard as “ministry” even though not church paid, other men will be going the other way, coming into the ministry later in life than the usual seminary graduate.

A draft plan of union for a projected 25-million-member Protestant Church would require that the church's first presiding officer would be black. United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, head of the executive committee of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) revealed the requirement and said the plan makes clear that women, youth and minorities are to be represented at every level.

Youth, which “may have a simpler view of existence than we should like,” doesn't understand that the “disorder, violence and intimidation” it causes on college campuses could eventually result in poorer, not better education.” This is what Dr. Mannie Lee Wilson, pastor of the Convent Avenue Baptist Church, New York City, told President Nixon and some 320 persons attending a recent White House worship service.

Dr. Richard P. Jungkuntz has called his ouster as executive secretary of the Commission on Theology and Church Relations of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod “a grave mistake which is both tactical and substantive.” Removal of Dr. Jungkuntz from the theological commission post was regarded by some as part of an effort by Dr. Jacob A. O. Preus, president of the denomination, to place his supporters in strategic church posts.

The editor of the Episcopal Church Annual has noted that “reconciliation” is the most urgent need in the church today following a year of controversy—especially over the issue of “black reparations.” The 1970 issue also reports the first decline in Episcopal membership since the denomination began recording such data.

On the eve of Israel's Arbor-Day, the Bishop Pike Garden was dedicated in Jerusalem by Mrs. Diane Pike, widow of the former Episcopal bishop of California, who died last year when he became lost in the Judean wilderness. The garden is in the Katamon quarter of Jerusalem.

Workshops apparently destroyed when the Roman legions sacked Jerusalem in 70 A.D. were recently uncovered by Israeli archaeologists. The ruins were discovered several hundred yards west of the Temple Mound, near the Wailing Wall, the only remaining portion of the Jerusalem Temple.

Dr. Oswald Hoffman, “Lutheran Hour” radio speaker for 15 years, has been elected president of the Lutheran Council in the U.S.A. at the agency's fourth annual meeting in New York. He succeeds Dr. Melvin H. Lundeen of Minneapolis, who headed LCUSA during the first three years of its life. The new president is a clergyman of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod.

To “sell” religion, the “Good News” must have a little bad news mixed in with it, Marshall McLuhan recently told religious broadcasters in Washington. He said, “Good news threatens you with change. It says, ‘Man, if you buy this, you are going to have to be different.’ And some people do not want to be different.”

The violent overthrow of governments to achieve needed political, social and economic change was frowned on at the recent Inter-American Conference of Catholic Bishops. “I believe there still is time for peaceful transformation, for radical change without resorting to violent means,” declared Bishop Eduardo P. Pironio, secretary General of the Latin American Bishops' Council which was also holding its meetings in Miami.

A Southern Baptist leader has urged churches to join forces on practical social service projects — rather than focusing primary attention on building ecumenical structures. Open lines of communication between Christians at the grassroots level are far more significant than establishing large, structured ecumenical agencies, said the Rev. Jimmy Allen, president of the Texas Baptist Convention and pastor of First Baptist Church in San Antonio.

The First Congregational United Church of Christ in Washington, which recently began merger talks with New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, also plans union dialogues with Lincoln Temple United Church. The latter church is a predominantly black congregation whose pastor, the Rev. Channing Phillips, was active in the national Democratic Convention last year.

Permission for laymen to distribute the Catholic sacrament of Holy Eucharist will be granted to any priest or parish in Tennessee that evidences a need for such help, it was announced in Nashville. Bishop Joseph A. Durick of Nashville, said the Vatican granted the Nashville diocese permission “for mature and reputable members of the laity to help priests in the distribution of Holy Communion.”

Black separatism was strongly defended in Minneapolis by a black clergyman who addressed the Minnesota State Pastor's Conference. Such withdrawal by blacks is needed until they can find their identity and purpose, said the Rev. Lucius Walker Jr. of New York.

Current changes taking place in man's understanding of himself and his relation to reality have created a religious backlash, the Rev. Philip A. Potter said recently in New York. The director of the World Council of Churches' Division of World Mission and Evangelism (DWME), said many people considered the theme “Salvation Today” very old-fashioned when the agency chose it for its current emphasis. However, he said, the religious backlash has appeared both in and out of the church.

A decision on participation in a 1973 nationwide evangelistic drive has been postponed by the major program unit of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) after the crusade was attacked for being “too fundamentalist and conservative” in its direction.

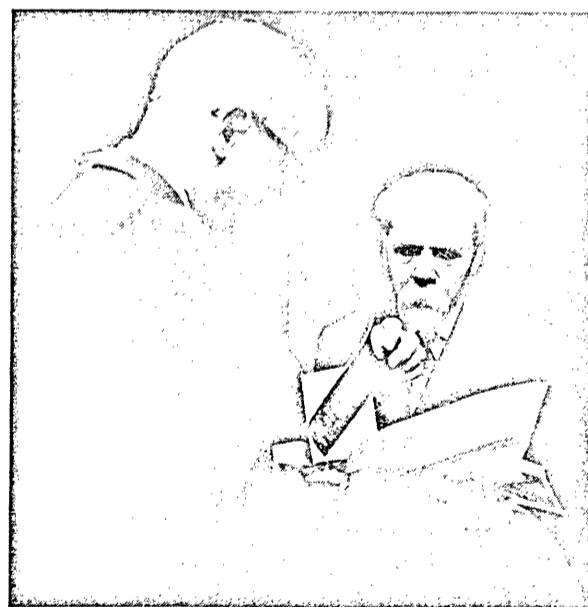
Mrs. Robert W. Webb is the new chairman of Church World Service, the relief agency of the National Council of Churches. She is director of Experimental and Specialized Services of the Executive Council of the Episcopal Church.

In Madras, India, Joseph Cardinal Paracattil has warned Roman Catholics against what is called “an easy imitation of radical types of Protestantism.” The Archbishop of Ernakulam said that while he “is extremely in favor” of Catholic theologians and laymen profiting by “a positive witness of our Protestant brethren,” a craze for novelty and conformism to world's patterns and standards are bound to be disastrous to the church.

Nine more Catholic parishes in Chicago have been added to a “black list” by the Young Priests Caucus as being unsuitable “as assignments for young priests.” Less than two months ago, the priests who form the grievance committee of the caucus, listed 11 parishes where they claimed young clergy would undergo experiences which might discourage them and cause them to consider leaving the priesthood.

Bishop Leslie Newbigin of the Church of South India will be the Bible Study Leader for the 1970 plenary session of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) to be held March 9-13 in St. Louis. Bishop Newbigin, an international ecumenical leader, heads the Madras diocese of the Church of South India.

The loss of laymen, at least from effective participation in existing organizations, is one of the major crises facing the Catholic Church in Latin America. That was the report of Archbishop Avelar Brandai Vilela of Teresina, Brazil, at the opening session of the fifth annual Inter-American Conference of Bishops, held recently in Miami.



RICHMOND — Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board (FMB), and Sergei Timchenko, right, Russian Baptist executive, discuss the growth of evangelical Christianity in Russia during a visit at FMB headquarters in Richmond. Mr. Timchenko, first vice-president of the All-Union Council of Evangelical Christians-Baptists and co-pastor of Moscow Baptist church, said 13,000 baptisms were recorded in Russia by the All-Union Council in the past three years. He and two colleagues are visiting Baptist agencies in the U.S. under the auspices of the Baptist World Alliance.

(RNS photo)

NEWS and NOTES

DR. ROLLIE LUPLOW is in charge of the two nights of visitation which are being held during February at First Church, West Memphis, under the leadership of the Work Area on Evangelism. The Rev. Clint Burleson is the pastor.

THE REV. JIM BEAL, pastor of Central Avenue Church, Batesville, was the speaker for the Jan. 28 meeting of Jackson County Methodist Men at Tuckerman United Methodist Church. He spoke and showed a film on the Myers Ranch project.

A RECENT ISSUE of "The Witness," parish paper of First Church, Conway, pointed out that the Rev. C. Norman Guice, minister emeritus of that church, observed his 90th birthday on Jan. 11. He has been a Methodist preacher for 70 years. His present address is Presbyterian Village, 510 North Brookside Drive, Little Rock, Ark. 72205.

THE SANCTUARY FLOWERS in Asbury Church, Little Rock, on Boy Scout Sunday honored E. A. Bowen, scoutmaster of that church's Troop 24 for more than 47 years of Boy Scout leadership. The flowers, given by Mr. and Mrs. Jack Nutt, also honored the memory of their son, Thomas Edward Nutt, assistant scoutmaster for a number of years; and Paul Y. Griffin, Sr. for his interest in scouting. The pastor is Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck.

THE REV. DANNY THOMAS, student assistant pastor at First Church, Jonesboro, led the "Morning Devotions" on Radio Station KNEA, Jonesboro, for a week recently.

DR. ROY B. SHILLING, JR., president of Hendrix College, was the speaker for the Feb. 16 Ladies Night meeting of the Methodist Men at Wesley Church, Pine Bluff. The pastor is the Rev. William D. Elliott.



John McNair and Val Price of First Church, Jonesboro received the God and Country Award recently. They are shown with their parents: (l. to r.) Mr. and Mrs. L. S. McNair, John, Dr. Herbert Price, Val, Mrs. Price and Lloyd Price.

MISS HELEN WILSON, missionary to Bolivia, was speaker for the adult section of the church-wide study and family night at First Church, Camden, Feb. 8. The pastor is the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson.

THE SHARE SINGERS of First Church, Camden, presented the evening worship service at First Church, Lonoke, Feb. 8. The Rev. John Alston is the Lonoke pastor.

THE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD of First Church, Hot Springs, were led in a panel discussion on "Individual-Prison-Community" at their Feb. 11 meeting. Serving on the panel were Garland County Sheriff Bud Canada; Mrs. Iva Harris, juvenile officer; and Ray Thomas, probation officer. Miss Lela Nichols served as moderator. Dr. George Ivey is the pastor.

LEADERS FOR THE AREA Training School at First Church, Marked Tree, Feb. 15-16, are the Rev. H. L. "Pop" Robison, "How to Read and Study the Bible," and the Rev. Earl Carter, "New Life through Small Groups." The pastor of the host church is the Rev. William Wilder.

DR. JOHN P. MILES, pastor of Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, was guest speaker for a recent meeting of the Civitan Club in Hot Springs at which the club paid tribute to the clergy of the Hot Springs churches.

GENE WALDON served as the general chairman of the Lay Witness Mission at First Church, Ozark, Feb. 13-15. The pastor is the Rev. Virgil C. Bell.

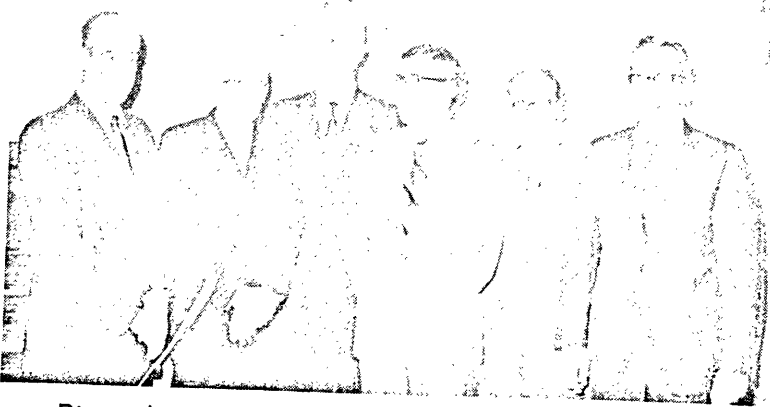
THE REV. AND MRS. JACK WILSON of Sheridan have announced the birth of a son, Jason Kemp, on Jan. 21. Mr. Wilson is the pastor of the Sheridan United Methodist Church.

THE REV. GLADWIN CONNELL, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, El Dorado, was the speaker for the meeting of the Civitan Club in that city recently.

THE REV. GEORGE WORKMAN, who recently returned from a career as a missionary to India, was the speaker for the Feb. 8 session of the mission study at First Church, Arkadelphia. The pastor is Dr. Fred R. Harrison.

YOUNG PEOPLE from Benton, La., and the Arkansas cities of Arkadelphia, Conway, Little Rock, and North Little Rock participated in the Lay Witness mission at Ozark Methodist Church, Feb. 13-15.

MRS. W. L. GEPHART introduced the churchwide mission study on "Reconciliation" at First Church, Malvern, Feb. 8. A skit "A Whole New Life" was presented by Mr. and Mrs. George McClure and Mrs. Cecil Riley. The pastor is the Rev. George W. Martin.



Pictured at recent meeting of the Batesville Area Methodist Men (l. to r.) E. A. Richards, president; the Rev. Richard Connell, Bald Knob; the Rev. Arvill Brannon, First Church, Batesville; Dr. Roy Shilling, president of Hendrix College, speaker; Dr. Robert McGill, director of the Madrigal Singers from Hendrix; and John Ward, president of Methodist Men of First Church, Batesville.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Feb. 22—Sunday	Exodus 20:1-17
Feb. 23	Deut. 6:1-9
Feb. 24	Prov. 16:1-11
Feb. 25	Isaiah 58:1-12
Feb. 26	Amos 5:14-24
Feb. 27	Micah 6:1-8
Feb. 28	Matt. 5:13-20
March 1—Sunday	Esther 4:9-16

CHAPLAIN MOORE TO SPEAK AT WINFIELD, SUNDAY

Chaplain Withers M. Moore, a captain in the U. S. Navy Chaplain Corps, will be the speaker for the concluding session of the series on "Reconciliation in a Broken World" at Winfield United Methodist Church, Sixteenth and Louisiana, Little Rock, Sunday evening, February 22. Miss Ada Mae Smith will lead the program on the subject "The Larger Community—The World." Chaplain Moore is a member of the Little Rock Conference and is presently stationed at Millington, Tennessee. He is the son of Dr. Robert B. Moore, associate minister at Winfield, and Mrs. Moore. Dr. Edward Dunlap is the Winfield pastor. Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon, as chairman of the Work Area of Missions, is in charge of the series.

DR. LOREN GUFFEY, chairman of the Work Area on Evangelism, is serving as the coordinator for a Christian Growth Conference at First Church, Conway, Feb. 27-March 1. The conference will be directed by Tommy Tanner of Jackson, Tenn. The Rev. Ben F. Jordan is the pastor.

LEADERS FOR the churchwide study of "Reconciliation in a Broken World" at Sylvan Hills Church, North Little Rock, during February include: Junior High—Mrs. Jerry Hall; Senior High—Mrs. Charles Mixon; Adult—Mrs. R. M. Bradley, Mrs. Ed Davis, Mrs. John Workman, and the Rev. John Workman.



Members of the committee of the Directors of Music of the Little Rock Annual Conference met recently at the Children's Home to plan the Children's Choir Festival for May. Eugene Kuyper, professor of voice at Henderson State College, will be director for the June 1-3 camp of the group.

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1970 ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

New Renew Not Due Total

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ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

Amity:Hemund	6	18		24
Arkadelphia-First:				
Harrison	11	76	10	97
St. Andrews-Hollywood:				
Adkinson		2		2
Bismarck Ct.:Dunaway				
Dalark Ct.:Rogers	5	36		41**
Delight Ct. Hunter	5	20	1	26**
Glenwood-Aldergate:Smith	17	26		43**
Grant's Chapel:Watson				
Gurdon:Fair	10	38		48
Hot Springs-First:Ivy	20	32	3	55
Grand:Hale		2		2
Oaklawn:Miles	13	48	3	64
Pullman Hts.:Hoover	7	8		15
Gardner-New Salem:				
Botteron		1		1
Tigert-Morning Star:				
Clark	3	8		11
Fountain Lake:Hoover	3	3	1	7
Okolono Ct.:Hankins	11	28	3	42
Piney Grove:Holland	5	1		6
Sparkman-Macedonia:Elder				
Mt. Pine-Gum Spgs.:Onstead		9	2	11**
Shorewood Hills Ct.:Langley	5	20		25
Malvern-First:Martin	17	87	1	105
Keith-Butterfield:Perry				
St. Paul:Walker	10	19		29
Mt. Ida-Oden:Kerr	4	21	1	26
Murfreesboro-Japan:Brent	1	48	1	50**
Totals	153	551	26	729

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Batesville-Asbury:LeGrand	10	34		44**
Central:Beal	9	64		73
First:Brannon	32	40	2	74
Antioch Ct.:Jones	3	11		14
Bald Knob-Hopewell-Russell:				
Watson	1	16		17
Beebe-Ward-Stoney Pt.:Cook	6	39	1	46
Cabot:Savage	9	40	3	52
Calico Rock:Davis	1	28		29
Calico Rock Ct.:Long				
Cave City:Martin				
Van Buren Parish:				
Clinton:Renfro	1	51	3	55**
Quitman:Strayhorn	4	11		15
Concord Ct.:Woodall				
Dennard-Shirley:Shell	1	6		7
Cotter-Bull Shaols:Edwards	3	16	1	20
Desha Ct.:West	5	17		22
Griffithville Ct.:Permenter	1	51		52**
Heber Springs:Hughes	9	49	5	63
Judsonia:Wingo	1	11		12
Holiday Hills:Cowan	6	13		19****
Kensett-McRae:Daniel	13	33		46**
Moorefield-Southside:Ernest	9	29		38**
Moorefield Ct.:Mason	5	14		19
Melbourne-Bethesda-Mt.				
Pleasant-Oxford:Kelly	4	26		30
Mt. Home Ct.:Womack	10	38	3	51
Mountain View-St. James:				
Hawkins	6	22		28
Newark-Sulphur Rock:Wilson	2	23	1	26
Marshall-Leslie:Moyer	11	27		38**
Pangburn Ct.:Hook	4	9		13
Pleasant Plains-Bradford:				
Hunter	4	30		34*
Salem-Viola:Bounds	4	41	1	46
Searcy-First:Mann	22	53		75
Grace:Barton	11	34		45**
Horseshoe Bend:Ford				
Totals	207	876	20	1103

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden:Richardson	55	42		97***
Bradley:Jester	4	19		23
Buckner:Barker		2		2
Camden-First:Dodson	79	61	3	143
Fairview:Abney	17	232		249****
Timothy-Buena Vista:				
Graham	4	18		22
St. Mark:Clayton	7	22	1	30*

Westside:Andrews

Chidester:Bailey	5	21		26
Columbia:McLean				
El Dorado-Centennial:				
Haire	2	8		10
First:Murray	2	176	2	180
St. Paul:Connell	8	31	1	40
Vantrese:Cross	14	70	3	87**
Harmony Gr.-Lakeside:				
Ekberg	6	17		23.
Dumas-Lisbon:Green	5	25		30**
Holly Spgs:Warren	7	14		21
Huttig-Bolding:Jackson		12	1	13
Junction City-Bethel:Wagner	3	32		35
Lewisville:Walthall	4	44		48**
Rhodes Chapel:Mann		5		5
Magnolia-First:Williams	42	75	5	122
Asbury:Swift	15	47		62
Magnolia Ct.:Burleson	1	13		14
Marysville-Silver Hill:				
Pearce	11	50		61**
Emerson:Velchoff		7		7
Norphlet-Calion-Ebenezer:				
Robken	5	36	1	42**
Parker's Chapel:Swaim				
Pl. Grove:McCauley	4	27		31**
Smackover-Liberty:				
Trieschmann	8	29		37
Stamps:Hale	10	63		73**
Stephens-McNeal:Hunter	13	29		42
Strong:Hays	1	5		6
Taylor-New Era:Diffie	6	23		29
Village Ct.:Roden-Bonsall	7	13	1	21
Waldo-Willisville:Ross	6	26		32
Welcome	1	5	1	7
Totals	352	1299	19	1670

CONWAY DISTRICT

Atkins-Pottsville-Bells:				
McCammon	2	30	1	33
Belleville-Havana:Southwick		1		1
Conway-First:Jordan	10	66	5	81
Wesley-Vilonia:Jump	3	24		25
Greenbrier:Pledger	3	21	2	26
Salem:Brumley	7	11	1	19**
Danville-Waltreak:Atkins		52	2	54**
Dardanelle-First:Casteel		1		1
Jacksonville:Edwards	24	38		62
Mayflower Chg:Brumley		1		1
Morrilton-First:Spence	16	122	5	143**
Morrilton Parish:Thomas		1		1
North Little Rock:Amboy:				
Kennedy	12	60		72**
First:Conyers	66	84	5	155
Gardner:Villines	74	128	2	204**
Rose City-Beacon:Mitchell	4	13		17
Lakewood:Conyers				
Levy:Hammett	29	31		60
Sylvan Hills:Workman	2	17		19
Washington:Poyner				
Indian Hills-Bethel:Teague	12	19		31
Jacksonville:Asbury:Mitchell	2			2
Ola-Plainview-Briggsville-				
Bluffton:Pollard				
Perry County Parish:				
Breezeale		5		5
Plummerville:Scroggin	4	17		21
Russellville-First:Hays	17	45	1	63
Wesley:McKay		11		11
Dover Ct.:Harmon	7	18		25
Totals	294	796	24	1114

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bentonville:Lanier	5	41		46
Berryville-Shiloh:Stokes				
Brightwater-Avoca:Roland	2	19		21
Elkins Comm-Mickells:				
Qualls	2	4		6
Decatur-Centerton:	12	23		35
Elm Spgs. Harmon:Sherman				
Eureka Spgs.:Whitfield	4	18		22
Farmington-Sequoyah:Canada				
Fayetteville-Central:Cooper	23	84	5	112
Trinity:Dark				
Wiggins:Hilliard	7	22		29
Gentry:McClurkin	9	18	1	28
Goshen:Howard				

Gravette-Sulphur Spgs.:

Linam				
Green Forest-Alpena:Logan				
Harrison-First:Connell	11	213		224****
St. Paul's:Clark	9	25		34
Lincoln-Morrow Par:Woods	1	27	4	32
Madison Ct.-Huntsville-				
Presley:Hooker, Knapp	10	48		58**
Newton Co. Ct.:Feagan	3	17		20
Omaha-Bergman:Brown				
Pea Ridge:Barnett				
Prairie Gr-Viney Gr.:Hazelwood				
Rogers-Central:McDonald	19	56	4	79
Siloam Spgs.McCormick	3	55	3	61
Springdale-First:Atchley				
Wesley-Mt. Hebron:Fiser	26	21		47
St. Joe-Everton:Beck				
Sulphur Spgs.Linam				
Winslow:	2	5		7
Yellville Parish:Hays		40		40**
Totals	148	716	17	881

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Aubrey-Lexa:Reed	11	16	1	28
Augusta-Fitzhugh:Wilson	18	25	2	45
Brinkley-Brassfield:Stallcup	9	56	1	66
Clarendon-Shiloh:Robison				
Cherry Valley:Price	3	46	1	50
Colt:Davis	5	11		16
Cotton Plant-Hunter:Yar-				
(Whitehall) brough	1	37	1	39
Crawfordsville:Smith	1	21		22*
Earle:Wilson		31		31
Elaine Ct.:Bruner	7	43	1	51
Forrest City-First:				
McSpadden	28	311		339****
Helena-First:Ames	11	46		57
Holly Grove:Lancaster	3	35	1	39**
Hughes:Sanford		3		3
Marianna-Haynes:Parsons	3	60	1	64
Marion:Douglas	12	103		115****
Marvell-Turner:Eaton	6	7		13
McCrowy-Fakes-Patterson-				
DeView: Brewer	14	81	1	96**
Parkin:Anderson	2	43	1	46**
Vandale:Nance	12	31		43
West Helena:Halton	9	21	1	31
West Memphis-First:				
Burleson	42	114		156**
Rosewood:VanCleve				
Wheatley-Moro:nichols	3	32		35
Widener-Round Pond:Hutto		22		22
Wynne:Golden	18	73	1	92
Totals	218	1295	13	1576

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

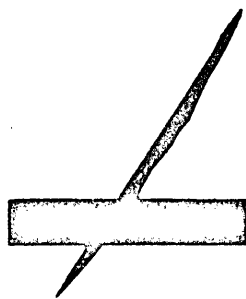
Alix:Nichols				
Altus:Wright	2	19	1	22
Alma-Bethel:Rogers	10	22		32
Booneville-First:Carter	14	42	2	58
Charleston-Branch:Cordell	6	35		41
Clarksville-First:Wilcox	24	54	3	81
Ft. Smith-First:Bayliss		1270		1270****
Goddard:Richards	64	174		238**
Wyatt:Weir	9	42	1	52*
Hendrix H lls:Hollis				
Massard:Skelton				
Midland Hts:Crozier	4	62		66
Wesley:Green	4	20		24
St. Paul:McKelvey	10	73		83
Cavanaugh-Bonanze:Powell				
Greenwood-Milltown:Evans				
Hartford:Brooks				
Hartman Ct.:Matthews				
New Hope-Kibler:Good	2	14		16
Lamar:Nicholson				
Lavaca:Chaffin	4	12		16
Magazine:Cook	5	43		48
Mansfield:Holland	6	15	1	22
Mt. View:Byrd	1	15	2	18*
Mulberry-Dyer:Millard	5	19		24
Ozark-Cecil:Bell	11	37	4	52
Paris-Coles Chapel:High-				
tower	8	42		50
Prairie View Ct.-Scranton:				
Sutherland	6	16	1	23

New Renew Not Due Total					New Renew Not Due Total					New Renew Not Due Total				
Van Buren-First:Chapman	4	35	1	40	Bryant:VanHook					Maynard:Kemp		4		4
City Hts.-Newberry:					Carlisle:Martin	4	39		43	Newport-First:Stewart				
Renfro	1	15		16	Des Arc-New Bethel:Ruth	3	41		44	Umsted:Strayhorn	4	24	4	32
St. John's:Cleary	10	18		28	Hamilton:Walthal	2	10		12	Paragould-First:Watson	10	74		84
Waldron-First:Clemmons	68	47		115****	Little Rock-Western Hills:					Griffin-St. Mark:Gatlin	13	25	2	40
Scott County Par.:Kleeb	10	21		31	Robertson	8	20		28	Paragould Parish #3:				
Totals	288	2162	16	2466	Geyer Springs:Diffie	15	31		46	Lingo	2	7		9
HOPE DISTRICT					St. James:Phillips	15	39		54****	Paragould Parish #1:Bain	6	24		30
Ashdown:Racop					Asbury	1			1	Paragould Parish #2:Watts	5			5
Bingen: Bean	6	21		27	Capitol View:Hamm		26		26	Old Walnut Ridge:Hance	6			6**
Blevins Ct.:Rushing	5	22		27	First:Bearden		1147		1147****	Pocahontas-Biggers:Chandler	9	40	2	51
Brownstown-Centerpoint					St. Paul:Scott	4	60	1	65	Piggott:Harris				
DeQueen:Wilson	10	44		54	Henderson:Bone					Ravenden Spgs.:Weatherford	2			2
Dierks-Green's Chapel:					Highland:Stephens	22	60		82	Rector-First:Couchman	4	44	1	49
Mashburn	25	39		64**	Hunter:Bridenthal	3	46	2	51**	Pl. Grove:McLester	1	6	1	8**
Olive Branch Ct.:Yates	2	18		20	Galloway Mem:McCulloch		4		4	Sedgwick:Stahl	5	15		20
Emmett:Miller	21	33		54	Oak Forest:Ashcraft	2	51		53	St. Francis:Smith	4	27	1	32
Foreman-Wade's Ch:Goode	2	26		28	Pulaski Hts:Argue	33	92	3	128	Swifton-Alicia:Luter	10	32		42**
Fouke-Boyd-Doddridge:Gantz	1	11		12	St. Luke:Steele	8	44		52	Tuckerman:Randle	2	27		29
Garland:Cruce		4		4	Trinity:Taylor	33	19	2	54	Walnut Ridge-First:Meadors	14	51	3	68
Hatfield Ct:Prothro	2	46		48	St. Andrew:Nolley	6	13		19	Cherokee Village:Dodgen		7		7
Hope:Vinson	12	123		135	Winfield:Dunlap	24	120	5	149					
Horatio:Lightfoot	7	21		28	Markham:Arnold	8	18		26					
Lockesburg Ct.:Callicott	6	37		43**	Hazen-DeValls Bluff:Holland	19	40	1	60					
Mena:White	2	44		46	Hickory Plains Ct.:Efird									
Mt. View Ct.:Sirmon	1	11		12	Lonoke:Alston	3	67	1	71**					
Mineral Spgs.:Lea	3	39		42	Mablevale:Hines	6	17		23					
Nashville Ct.:DeBlack	2	84	1	87*	Mt. Pleasant:Bolin									
Prescott:Fincher	8	63	4	75**	Mt. View-Martindale:Sewell	4	21		25**					
Prescott Ctl:Westmoreland					Primrose:Kilgore	7	22		29					
Rondo Ct.:Caldwell					Salem-Congo:Williams	19	45	2	66**					
Springhill Ct.:Robbins	6	44	1	51**	Sardis-Bethel:Beard	3	14	1	18					
Texarkana-College Hill:					Traskwood-Ebenezer:Mc-									
Cruce	3	40		43	Knight	2	19	1	22					
First:Hallis	42	148	2	192**	Woodlawn:Eagle		17		17					
Fairview:Hudnall	7	54	2	63										
Few Mem:Barron		11	1	12										
Washington Ct.:Jones														
Totals	173	893	11	1077										
JONESBORO DISTRICT														
Bay-Lunsford:Waters	2	27	1	30	Arkansas City:Garner									
Black Oak-Caraway:Storey	9	23		32	Crossett:Norton	8	59		67					
Blytheville-First:Keeley	37	449	13	499****	Dermott:Regnier	1	25	2	28					
Lake St.:Johnson	2	30	1	33	Dumas:Simpson	9	177		186****					
Dell - Christ:Wilkerson		5		5	Eudora:Smith		1		1					
Bono-Lake View:Spurlock	2	29		31	Fordyce:Matthews	6	76		82					
Harrisburg-Pl. Valley:Orr	2	71	1	74**	Gould: Jones		6		6					
Hickory Ridge-Tilton:Dorman	8	19	1	28	Hamburg:Anderson	3	23	1	27					
Joiner-Turrell-Gilmore:					Hampton-Harrel:Ford	4	38		42					
Burrow	2	34		36	Hermitage:Outlaw	3	24		27					
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	15	544		559****	Ashley-DrewCt. Ward									
Huntington:Byers	16	57		73	Trinity Ct.:Lowry	1	13		14					
Fisher:Holifield	6	25		31	Lake Village-Montrose:									
Nettleton-Brookland:					Tanner	5	103		108****					
Lawrence	4	27		31	McGehee-First:Garner	20	206		226****					
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel:					Wesley:Scott	2	11		13*					
Byram					Monticello-First:Davis	8	51		59					
Lake City-Lake View	1	17		18	Kingsland Ct.:Turner	6	45		51**					
Leachville:Weatherford	5	19		24	Portland:Bonds	5	14		19**					
Lepanto-Garden Pt.-Dyess:					Wilmoth:Bonds	3	12		15**					
Paysinger	1	45		46	Star City Ct.:Jones	2	30		32					
Luxora-Keiser:Lawson	13	11	1	25	Tiller Ct.:Poss	10	63	2	75**					
Manila Comm:Bruner	10	31		41	Walters Chapel	1	5		6					
Marked Tree:Wilder	7	53	1	61	Warren-First:Ramsay	7	83	3	93					
Monette:Johnson	2	17	2	21	Watson:Arnold	11	13		24					
Osceola :Sorrells	8	58	1	67	Wilmar Ct.:George	4	12		16					
Trumann:Thompson	2	22		24	Parkdale-Miller Chapel:									
Tyronza-Centerview:Dorman	8	34	6	48*	Williams	1	23		24**					
Wilson:Linam	8	12		20										
Weiner-Fisher:Lee		43		43**										
Promised Land														
Pleasant Valley:Anderson														
Yarbro:Hall														
Totals	169	1676	28	1873										
LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT														
Austin:Poss	7	32	2	41	PARAGOULD DISTRICT									
Benton-First:Meyer	1	105		106	Beech Grove-Gainsville:									
Parkview:Johnson					Holland	4	29		33					
New Hope-Mt. Carmel:					Black Rock:Sellars		5		5					
Diffie	6	15		21	Boydsville Ct.:Penney	2	25	1	28					
					Corning:Keith		33		33					
					Gainsville-Hurricane-									
					Harvey's Ch:Thompson	2	5		7					
					Hardy:Crossno	2	16		18					
					Hoxie:Gilliam	7	22		29					
					Imboden-Smithville:Bruner	3	31		34**					
					Eli Lindsey:Watson		3		3					
					Mammoth Spgs:Jackson	2	5		7					
					Marmaduke Ct.:Reed	2	35		37					

* Reached quota ** Exceeded quota
*** doubled quota

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MARCH 1: The New People of God

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Joshua 24; Matthew 18:1-20; John 17

MEMORY SELECTION: Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them. (Matthew 18:20)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To explore the extent to which the idea of the church was in the mind of Jesus; to gain some understanding of the idea that the church is "the new Israel."

Christian leaders agree that one of the great needs of our day for Christians is a new understanding of the meaning and purpose of the church. We are considering in this lesson three passages which can give us some direction.

There is a difference of opinion among scholars concerning Jesus' own concept of the church. Many maintain that the idea was entirely foreign to him. However, Dr. Ernest F. Scott says in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "He made demands of a social nature which could be carried out only in a community. He gathered around him a group of disciples, the twelve who were constantly with him and a much larger number who accepted him as Master. It was out of this fellowship which he himself called into being that the church arose by a natural process of growth."

How much simpler it would have been for some of us if Jesus had answered all the questions about the church in advance. Or would it have been? What the church is has been developed through twenty centuries of fellowship. The whole process of Christian growth involves taking the words of the Bible and seeing what their meaning must be in the light of changed conditions. No better example is found than in this lesson on "the new people of God."

In the first passage we have the story of Joshua's challenge to Israel to decide whether it chose to be the people of God or the people of Baal. At this early date we realize there was more to this matter of being "chosen" than just being born into the right group. Joshua insisted that the Jewish people renew the covenant made between God and Abraham and the other patriarchs and renewed at Sinai.

The passage in Matthew describes both the conditions the new people of God would need to meet and what rewards being the new people of God would bring.

In John 17 the writer was saying that the circle would be even wider than the inner circle that had walked with Jesus in Galilee. Here we read that the people of God are to include all persons of every age who respond to Christ's call to humble themselves as little children, including persons who respond in this spirit in our own day.

CHOOSING TO OBEY THE LORD

The passage from Joshua 24 tells of a convocation of all the tribes called by Joshua at Shechem. After reminding the people of what God had done for them, Joshua held out to them what might well be considered the first decision in the area of profession of faith. He said, "Choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the river, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell;" (Josh. 24:15) Then the leader went on to declare for himself: "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Dr. Joseph R. Sizoo says (*Interpreter's Bible*): "Life is always confronting us with alternatives and choices—God or mammon; the immediate present or the distant future; expediency or principle; the temporal or the eternal. All too often we try to live by half choices."

In the story the people declared themselves. They affirmed they would not worship other gods

because the Lord had proved himself to be God by his mighty acts on their behalf. As they did on many other occasions, the people of Israel entered into a new covenant with their God. Certainly no modern church can forget that individuals have had to come to God again and again for a renewing of the promises required on their part before the promises of God can be seen to apply to them.

THE SOLIDARITY OF BELIEVERS

The identification of Christianity with the old Israel is seen in the similarity of Matthew 18:20 to a passage in the Mishnah, the Jewish oral law that says, "If two sit together and there are words of the Torah between them, the Sheinak (i.e. the presence of God) rests between them." Our memory selection from Matthew says: "Where two or three are gathered in my name, there am I in the midst of them." Matthew clearly expresses the idea that the Christian community sees itself as the continuation of the people of God.

Someone has said that the significance of the passage from Matthew is not that "where two or three are gathered together" they become like four or more, but that they become like one. Dr. Curtis Chambers says (*Adult Leader*): "Matthew in this passage shows a strong desire for the unity of the church—the solidarity of believers when they agree in prayerful spirit. This should not be understood as a claim that Christ approves the decisions and endorses the authority of the institutional church. But the passage stresses the significance of communal prayer and the presence of the Lord with those gathered in his name."

Dr. Howard E. Tower says in *International Lesson Annual*: "The passage in Matthew describes both the conditions the new people of God would need to meet and what consequences being the new people of God would bring. A person becomes a member of God's people by humbling himself as a little child. The people of God thus manifest a concern for the least important while enjoying the presence of Christ in their midst."

THE WIDENING CIRCLE OF THE PEOPLE

Often various groups who claim to be the children of God on a narrowly exclusive basis have revealed by that very exclusiveness that they did not understand the nature of the new people of God. The writer of John, in chapter 17, makes clear that this new people will not be confined to the inner circle of the followers of Jesus of Nazareth. "I do not pray for these only, but also for those who are to believe in me through their word." He is saying that the people of God are to include all persons of every age to respond to Christ's call to humble themselves as little children, including persons who respond in this spirit in our own day.

In this "high priestly prayer" Jesus call for the unity of all future believers, which we have come to call the church universal. Here Jesus prayed for a vital unity within the church as real as his own unity with the Father, and for the growth of belief in the world. There will perhaps always be wide differences of opinion in what Jesus meant by "unity." Some would contend that it means a unity of organization, while others insist just as conscientiously that it means only that all church bodies should recognize the integrity of all other sincere believers. Dr. William Barclay (*The Gospel of John*) reminds us that the unity for which Jesus prayed "was not a unity of administration or organization. It was a unity of personal relationship."

"LIKE A LITTLE CHILD"

An interesting expression is used by the writer in our lesson as he refers to God's people as "these little ones." Jesus said "except ye become as a little

child, ye shall in no wise enter the Kingdom of Heaven." (Matt. 18:3)

Several names are given to the followers of Jesus in the New Testament. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says (*International Lesson Annual*): "Jesus may have been referring to the entire body of Christians, or he may have meant only immature Christians who are just getting started in this way of life."

Apparently the meaning refers to the feeling of utter dependence which the church member should have regarding the Father. We are all dependent beings when we are at our best, and when we are at our worst we cannot witness without a sense of our relationship to God. Even those among us who seem to be most self-reliant have experiences in which we are helpless.

This lesson in humility in Matthew 18 was a response to the disciples' inquiry, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" Placing a child in their midst, Jesus said that unless a person became as a little child he would not enter the kingdom. Jesus stressed the serious charge of those responsible for the teaching of children and for influencing the lives of others.

THE MEANING OF THE CHURCH

Organization in the early church did not develop through careful planning or long-range strategy. It grew as the needs arose and the circumstances changed. The members attempted to give themselves completely to the guidance of the Spirit of God and to follow the Spirit's leadership whenever a decision had to be made. The Greek word "ekklesia," which came to be translated "the church" meant originally "assembly or gathering." Literally, it meant a group of persons "called out" from normal activities to attend such a meeting. As Dr. Chambers puts it (*Adult Leader*): "Thus it applies in New Testament times to a community of believers gathered from the residents of a particular area. Later it was applied to those gathered to God through faith in Christ, a worldwide covenant community."

In the later writing of the New Testament the word "ekklesia" came to mean the chosen people of God who are gathered from the nations by Christ the Messiah, to become a part of the new age which he would introduce. In this sense, the church reaches into all times and all places to bring together its members in triumphal worship of the Lord. However, in this connection, we should take careful note of the development of the meaning of a single word through usage during a period of Bible writing with which we are familiar.

CHARACTERISTICS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

There are many groups that claim to be God's people, so we should look carefully for what our lesson has to tell us about the characteristics of such people, so that we can have guidelines for measuring ourselves and others whether they be of this group or not.

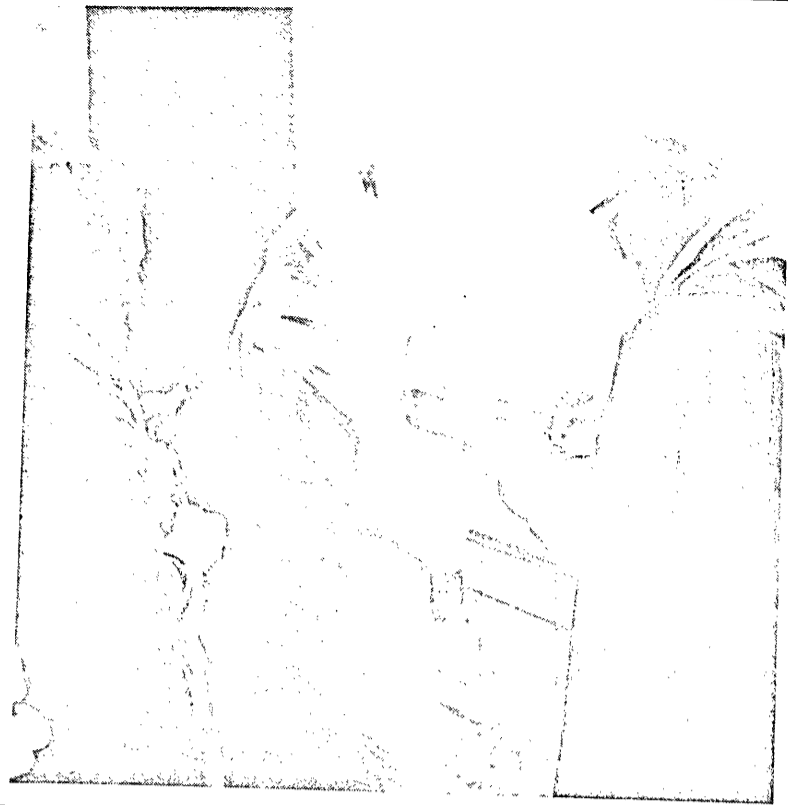
First, we are reminded by the passage from Joshua that God requires commitment—the making of a decision. One does not just drift into the category of the people of God. We must make up our minds as to which of two sides we are on and then make a commitment to it.

Then, as suggested by the discussion of the expression "these little ones," we must remember that Jesus stressed humility among his people. This characteristic eliminates some we know who claim so proudly that they are God's only people.

Thirdly, the lesson emphasizes a forgiving spirit in the church. We are reminded by several passages in the New Testament that we will be forgiven by God on exactly the same basis as we forgive those who have offended us.

Fellowship is one definite characteristic of the people of God. This was made necessary in the early years for the very existence of these people. In more affluent times it is easy to forget that this is still a requisite.

Then, we have that great emphasis of John 17 on unity. Today there are many disruptive forces which threaten the unity of the church. However, we are also witnessing some of the most effective unity movements in the history of the church. The main emphasis of the New Testament here is that Christians, wherever they are, are followers of a single Christ and seekers after a common "kingdom."



Father John Roger, our guide, reads from the Sermon on the Mount as our group looks out on the Sea of Galilee from the Mount of Beatitudes where Jesus spoke the words.

Israel Revisited

III. TIBERIAS AND NAZARETH

We began our third full day in Israel by doubling back from Tiberias to Capernaum and the spots dear to Christian memories there.

We had enjoyed dinner the previous evening at Kibbutz Lave, one of 14 "kibbutzim" in Israel organized along orthodox Jewish lines. The remainder of the more than 250 collective farms are pretty secular without synagogues or religious observances.

The kibbutz movement was explained to us there by some very capable persons. This collective farm movement is almost impossible for an American to understand. We have be-

come so accustomed to money and what it represents that we cannot understand anyone's resolving to get along the rest of his lifetime without it. However, more than 250 groups of friends in Israel have found this manner of life satisfying.

At Capernaum we visited the restored synagogue which most archaeologists date in the 2nd and 3rd century A.D. The guides will tell you that it was not the synagogue where Jesus worshipped, but that it, in its restored form, is very like that synagogue.

A new archaeological find at Capernaum purports to be St. Peter's

house. Definitely dated in the time of Jesus, the outline of the house is seen very clearly. Since it stands between the restored synagogue and the tiny chapel on the seashore, there is no reason to doubt the claim that this is where Peter lived and where Jesus often visited during his days of ministry in that region.

In order to keep to our schedule we had to move quickly in the direction of Nazareth where we had a luncheon engagement with the mayor.

In Nazareth, moving first in the direction of the lovely new Church of the Annunciation, we passed the Frank Sinatra Youth Center, a very modern and adequate community center for the young people of the city. Nazareth was a tiny village in Jesus' day, but now it is a city of more than 30,000, and a short distance away is New Nazareth, a modern industrial city of about the same size built since the creation of Israel. Here many Arabs who live in Old Nazareth go each day to work in the factories.

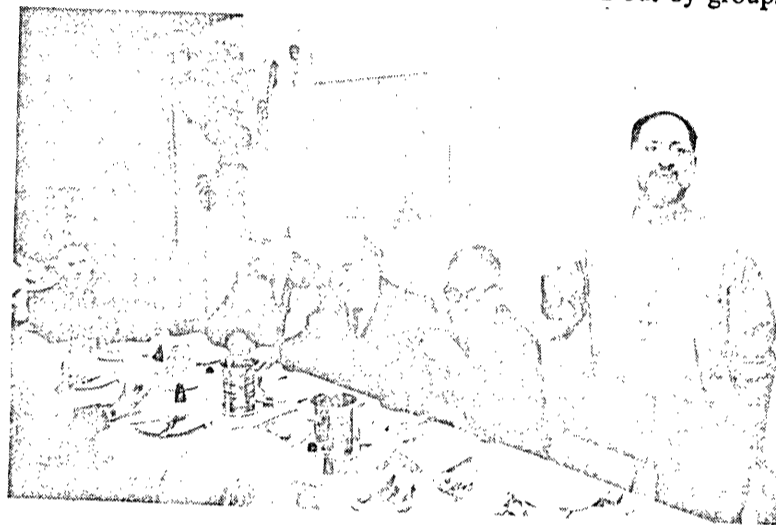
One of our liveliest—and most objective—discussions took place at noon in the hotel in Nazareth where we met

with the mayors of Nazareth and Upper Nazareth and with Archbishop Joseph Raya, Eastern Rite Catholic prelate who makes his home in Haifa. We were told that 50% of the Arab population of Nazareth are Christian, and 50% are Moslem. The mayors of the two Nazareths sparred around major questions our group wanted to ask, speaking to us mostly of their budgets and other problems of the municipalities.

Archbishop Raya, however, gave us our only breath of fresh air concerning the problems experienced by Arabs living in a land where the Jews are the majority people. He spoke with real warmth and feeling.

We were told that there are 28 Christian churches in Nazareth and 28 synagogues in Upper Nazareth.

We were told that there are seven Arabs in the Knesset (Parliament) and that in the region which was the state of Israel before 1967 there are full citizenship rights, although Archbishop Raya kept disputing this. One thing we did need to understand was that we were in a section where many acts of terrorism are carried out by groups



Archbishop Joseph Raya of the Eastern Orthodox Church aired some of the grievances of the Arab citizens of Israel at a luncheon in Nazareth. To his right are the mayors of the Jewish city of Upper Nazareth and the Arab city of Nazareth.

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
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they are there to enforce it, and if there are people who think they should act differently, those people must seek to change the law, not attack the police for doing their duty.

The real question before us at the moment is whether there is a case for total license in these matters, or whether there should be legal restrictions upon pornography, and the total abolition of censorship is one of the planks in the progressive platform.

The sooner this debate is tested by possible legislation the better. I have a feeling that the noise for such alleged "freedoms" is being made by a minority who do not represent the mass of opinion in this country.

The vast majority of citizens have neither time, money nor the taste for this so-called "progressive" interest in the scumier side of life. They are too

busy living normal lives, and getting on with their family and business concerns. Perhaps more than anyone, this particular type of "silent majority" needs the vocal and organisational support of a church which can sympathetically listen to their needs in cultural terms, and work and argue for the kind of freedom which is healthy and good.

W.M.C. LOSS

The death of Bishop Odd Hagen at the age of 64 is a sad loss to the World Methodist Council. He was elected its President as successor to Bishop Fred Pierce Corson in 1966 when the Council met in London.

He was a man of wide sympathy—a great European yet a world-aware churchman whose vision was not confined to the inwardness which can so easily come with high office in the church.

VOICE OF AMERICA!

My phone rang—and for a moment I thought that the disappointment we had when we learned here at home that your Editor could not "stop off" in Britain was going to be assuaged. But it was only Al Knox calling briefly from London airport to say he couldn't stop!

His readers will, I know, benefit from his trip, but rather selfishly we had hoped to have him here for a couple of days at least. Anyway, it was good to hear that voice!

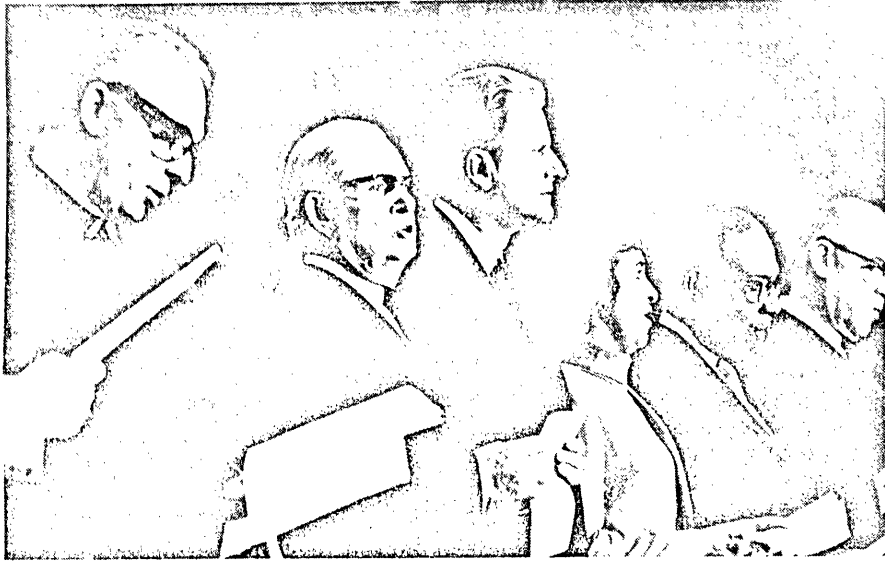
from Lebanon and Syria.

It was impressed on us at Nazareth and we learned more of its validity later that there are two Israels today and two bodies of Arabs about which we will speak. First, there are 300,000 who became full citizens of Israel at the time of partition in 1948. Secondly, there are an additional one million or more who live now under the conditions of a police state in the area occupied since the Six Days War of 1967. It is that latter group about which it is so difficult to get the full facts.

Following our very informative luncheon in Nazareth we turned our tour in the direction of Jerusalem which would be the basis of operation for our group the rest of our time.

We stayed at the St. George Hotel and discovered that Mrs. James A. Pike was in the dining room and would be at our hotel for two days of our stay. She was there with a group honoring her late husband with dedications of a garden in Jerusalem and a reforestation project in Beersheba. She seems like a lovely, sensitive person.

(More next week)



OKLAHOMA CITY — Evangelist Billy Graham, center, stands during congregational singing with denominational leaders at the launching of the Oklahoma City Agency for Cooperative Christian Ministry. From left are a Catholic priest; Herschel H. Hobbs, former president of the Southern Baptist Convention and president of the agency's executive board; Mr. Graham; a vocal soloist; a Negro Baptist pastor and a Methodist minister. (RNS Photo)

United Methodist delegates to COCU Consultation announced

NEW YORK (UMI)—United Methodist delegates to the annual plenary session of the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union (COCU) were announced here February 6.

The plenary of COCU will meet March 9-13 in St. Louis, Mo. Major item on the agenda will be consideration of a draft plan of union for the nine churches.

The proposed plan has been worked out during the past 20 months and will come to St. Louis with the recommendation that it be forwarded to the nine

churches for study and response. Any final action would not come until later in the decade.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass., heads the United Methodist delegation. He also is completing a two-year term as chairman of the Consultation itself.

Others on the delegation are Bishop William R. Cannon, Raleigh, N. C.; Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Columbus, Ohio; Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, Indianapolis, Ind.; Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Minneapolis, Minn.; Dr. John T.

Three study commissions confer

ATLANTA (UMI) — Representatives of three United Methodist study commissions conferred together here Jan. 30 and discovered that, despite their different assignments, they have several similar strands running through their work.

Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the Social Principles Study Commission, presided over the joint meeting of that group with the Theological Study Commis-

sion on Doctrine and Doctrinal Standards, headed by Professor Albert C. Outler of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas. Sharing in the session were several members of the Structure Study Commission, of which the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick of Evanston, Ill., is chairman.

Common to all three commissions are these factors:

They all feel they were handed an almost impossible task by the 1968 General Conference in Dallas.

But each has tackled its assignment very seriously and invested many meetings and untold man-hours in the enterprise.

Each commission plans to present a progress report to the 1970 General Conference in St. Louis April 20-24, but none will propose actual legislation for adoption at that time.

Already each commission has tried to secure input from varied sources and hopes that a widely-based process of discussion and sharing will continue to bring helpful feed-back not only from General Conference delegates but from concerned persons throughout the church.

Based on further research and feed-back, each commission will be working toward a final report to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta.

The joint session was preceded by two-day meetings of the Social Principles Study Commission and the Theological Study Commission on Doctrine and Doctrinal Standards. Meeting with the latter group was Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of Charlotte, N. C., a liaison person from the church's Council of Bishops.

Welcomed as a new member of the Theological Study Commission was Professor Charles Creager of Kansas Wesleyan University, Salina, Kansas.

EXPULSED MISSIONARIES HOME FOR REASSIGNMENT

NEW YORK (UMI)—United Methodist missionaries expelled from Algiers December 30-31 have returned to their homes in the United States, France and Switzerland on furlough or to await reassignment, an official of the United Methodist Board of Missions said here.

In the city of Algiers, United Methodist work remains suspended, but is continuing at other centers throughout Algeria with missionaries still at their posts, according to Dr. Esther Megill, New York, executive secretary for Africa in the Board's World Division. The Board and the church in Algeria are awaiting further word from government officials as to the future of the United Methodist program in Algiers, she said.

The missionaries were arrested by Algiers police on charges of engaging in political and anti-national activities, particularly in connection with a youth meeting in Algiers. They were held and then placed aboard planes for Geneva, Switzerland. Of the charges, a Board official said at the time: "We have sought diligently to avoid anything that could be construed as anti-national. On the contrary, we have sought as foreign personnel to work with the United Methodist community in Algeria, and to identify with the Algerian people in their quest for self-determination and progress."

Updated UM tourist map available

Dayton, Ohio (UMI) — If you are planning a vacation trip and want to see what United Methodist institutions are along your route, The United Methodist tourist map will help you. It lists nearly 1,100 such places of interest in the United States.

This new 29" x 42" map updates an earlier one issued by The Methodist Church in 1967, prior to its union with

The Evangelical United Brethren Church to form The United Methodist Church.

The new map is published by the Division of Interpretation of the Program Council. It was edited by the Rev. Harold H. Hazenfield of Dayton, editor of program materials for the Council.

In addition to its obvious use for those planning trips, the map, according to Dr. Hazenfield, can be used on bulletin boards in local churches, as a visual aid with confirmation and membership classes, and in group exploring the church's mission in the world.

Appropriate symbols on the map locate the church's schools and colleges, theological seminaries and health and welfare institutions. Also listed are United Methodist historic shrines, Wesley Foundations, United Campus Ministries, mission projects, Cokesbury book stores and regional service centers.

Cities which house general and area offices of the denomination are also marked.

The map, folded in a size that fits easily into an automobile glove compartment, costs \$1.00. A map which is laminated and suitable for mounting may be purchased for \$2.50. Orders should be sent to Division of Interpretation, 1200 Davis Street, Evanston, Ill. 60201.

NEARLY 3 MILLION PERSONS AIDED BY UM HEALTH WELFARE AGENCIES

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodist health and welfare agencies aided 2,877,000 persons during 1969 and gave more than \$28,400,000 in free services, according to information released here February 6.

The statistics are part of a new directory of the denomination's facilities published by the Health and Welfare Certification Council, an affiliate of the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

Listed in the directory are 83 hospitals, 169 homes and services, 66 services to children and youth, and 18 residences for working women. The agencies expended a total of \$502,819,882 in operating funds during 1969, and utilized the full-time services of 54,887 professionals.

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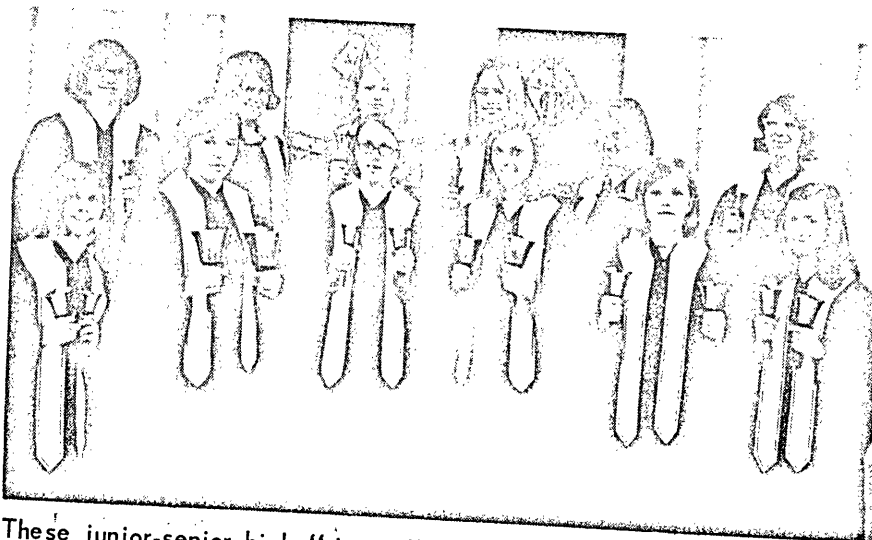
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This group of Girl Scouts from Lakewood UM Church in North Little Rock recently brought their puppet show to the boys and girls at the Methodist Children's Home. Their leaders are Mrs. Donald Hoogland, Mrs. John Nutt, and Mrs. Bill Hibbard.



These junior-senior high "ringers" make up the newest Handbell Choir from the Methodist Children's Home. They have recently performed at a Pulaski Heights Junior High assembly, and a special program for the Arkansas Nursing Home.

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LIVING CHURCH editor raps fallacy of 'collective guilt'

MILWAUKEE (RNS) — The Rev. Carroll E. Simcox, editor of The Living Church magazine, unofficial Episcopal Church weekly, said here that he was opposed to the Black Manifesto because it promoted racial separatism and was based upon what he called the fallacy of collective guilt.

"It is logically absurd to hold a whole race of people responsible for the actions of a few people years ago," Mr. Simcox told members of Sigma

Delta Chi, a professional journalism fraternity.

Episcopal Bishop Donald H. V. Hallock of Milwaukee recently canceled his subscription to The Living Church, charging that it was "hung up" on the issue of funds for black development.

Editorials in the magazine have been critical of action taken by the Special Convention of the Episcopal Church last Fall in South Bend, where \$200,000 was pledged to the National

Committee of Black Churchmen, knowing that the money would eventually go with the Black Economic Development Conference, which adopted the Black Manifesto.

In his talk, Mr. Simcox repeated his charge that Episcopal Church leaders took the action "at the point of a pistol."

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News in brief

The Rev. Robert M. Pitzer, executive director of the Southeastern Methodist Agency for the Retarded, has been named to the Committee on Religious Nurture of the National Association for Retarded Children.

A black United Methodist pastor in Des Moines, Iowa, the Rev. James Shopshire, said that response has been "nil" to his urging churches in the state to provide \$10,000,000 for black economic development during the next four years.

A Nashville, Tenn., pastor, the Rev. John A. Bozeman, and the 18-year-old son of a state representative, Barry Fulton, were missing and presumed drowned January 15 after a fishing accident. Mr. Bozeman's car and an empty boat were found after the two were reported missing.

Prayers for Reconciliation, an 87-page, pocket-size volume, has been released by The Upper Room. Editor of the book is the Rev. Fred Cloud. Authors of the prayers include 35 laymen and ministers.

Plans for the merger of predominantly-black and white annual conferences in Louisiana have been released. The proposals will be presented to the 1970 sessions of the two conferences with 1971 proposed as the date of merger.

Dr. Arland F. Christ-Janer, president of United Methodist-related Boston University since 1967, has resigned to become president of the College Entrance Examination Board.

Bishop James Armstrong of the Dakotas Area has been invited to participate in a Conference on War and National Responsibility called by congressional leaders for February 20-21 in Washington, D. C.

Dr. Daniel Burke, president-emeritus of the American Bible Society, died in Summit, N. J., January 26 after a long illness. He was 96.

The 174-year-old New England Conference and the 130-year-old New England Southern Conference have voted to merge into the Southern New England Conference, subject to approval by the Northeastern Jurisdictional Conference of the United Methodist Church. The united conference would include 356 local churches with 115,000 members.

UM educators elect officers

HOUSTON, Tex. (UMII)—Dr. Arlo L. Schilling, president of North Central College, Naperville, Ill., has been elected president of the National Association of Schools and Colleges of the United Methodist Church.

The election came during a breakfast meeting of the NASCUMC in Houston, Texas, January 13, held in conjunction with a meeting of the Association of American Colleges. Elected vice-president was Dr. John T. King, president of Huston-Tillotson College, Austin, Tex.; and secretary, Dr. Rich-

ard N. Bender, Nashville, Tenn., director of the department of educational institutions for the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education.

Speaking at the breakfast meeting in the Shamrock Hilton Hotel in Houston was Dr. Roger J. Fritz, president of Willamette University, Salem, Ore. "A Stance of the Church for Higher Education in the 1970's" was the subject of his address.

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Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

In an essay "Love - With Dignity," Edwin McNeill Poteat said, "Dignity is added to our idea of God when we say God is love . . . Out of the depths of eternity moves a cosmic tide to flood all the shallow levels of our spirits!"

WHAT IS GOD?

Everyone has at one time or another asked the question, "What is God?"
As children, we voiced the question openly.
As adults, we ask it silently and pretend to others that we know the answer.

God is new life bursting forth in spring.
God is a hot wind in summer -
followed by a cooling rain.
He is a myriad of colors in fall.
In winter, God is cold, wet snow -
and a warm, cheerful fire.

God is a mother and father saying "No" when they're supposed to say "Yes."
God is a child - laughing one minute and crying the next.

"What is God?" is answered differently by everyone.
But one thing He is to all - Love.

-by Mary Ann Clark

GOD IS LOVE

God makes the flowers bloom
He makes the leaves turn brown
He makes the trees grow tall
He makes the limbs fall down.

God makes the sun shine brightly
He makes the sky so blue
He is always very near us
In everything we do.

God wants us to understand
Whether it be far or near
In day time or at night time
His love is every where.

-by Georgia B. Bordelon



Donald A. Lau, a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference and professor in the Division of Education at Southern State College in Magnolia, attended the 18th annual Presidential Prayer Breakfast in Washington, D. C., Feb. 5. Following the breakfast Lau attended an all-day seminar for 50 American educators—leaders in the field of elementary education—conducted by Rev. Albert H. Quie of Minnesota, member of the House committee on education and labor.

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EPISCOPAL CHURCH BOARD WOULD REDUCE NUMBER OF SEMINARIES FROM 11 TO 5

NEW YORK (RNS) — Restructure of the 11 seminaries of the Episcopal Church into five theological centers is being recommended to the denomination.

The proposal of the Board for Theological Education was revealed here in a sermon by the Rev. Almus M. Throp, its executive director. Financing is a key reason for the anticipated change.

Speaking at St. James church, he said that even five centers may eventually prove to be excessive. Mr. Throp indicated that the 11 accredited institutions in the continental U.S. have been informed of the board's recommendation and have been asked to begin talks aimed at better utilization of resources for theological education.

Mr. Throp reported that the existing schools have about 1,000 students, a figure fairly constant in recent years. Sizes range from 32 students at Bexley Hall, Rochester, N.Y., to about 200 at General Theological, New York City, and Episcopal Theological, Alexandria, Va.

The former dean of Bexley Hall said that the enrollment decrease was not so much a problem as "too few seminarians in too many schools."

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God helps the sick in two ways, through the science of medicine and surgery and through the science of faith and prayer.—Norman Vincent Peale

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Let the moment come when nothing is left but life, and you will find that you do not hesitate over the fate of material possessions.—Eddie Rickenbacker