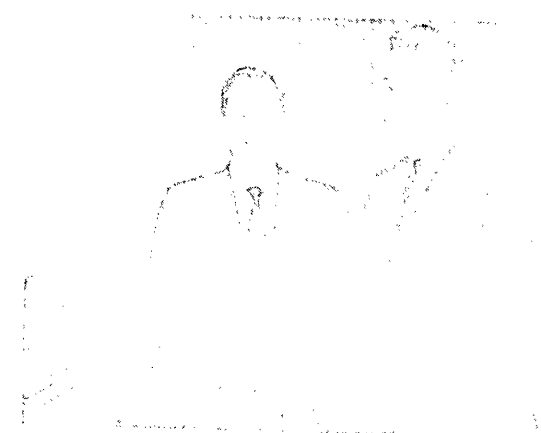


Dr. Howard Miller of the General Board of Pensions, shown with E. B. Matkin, Jr., the Rev. Charles Ramsay and the Rev. Osborne White at mid-year meeting of the Little Rock Conference Board of Pensions.



The Board of Ministry of the Little Rock Conference is shown at work during the mid-year board meetings.



Dr. Charles Casteel, left, chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education, and Dr. Howard Ham, right, executive secretary of the Division of the Local Church, General Board of Education, at North Little Rock.

Dedication scheduled at Gardner Memorial

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will dedicate the Education Building and Chapel at Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, Sunday, March 1. Bishop Galloway will preach at both services of worship — 8:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m., according to the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor.

The construction of the Education Building and Chapel began in 1954 during the pastorate of the Rev. Irl Bridenthal. The program was completed in 1955, under the leadership of the Rev. E. B. Williams, pastor, at a cost of \$170,000. Bonds were sold to finance the project. The building indebtedness was retired in December, 1969.

Most of the members of the Building Committee which gave leadership to the project are still active members of the congregation. They include: William E. George, chairman, William L. Fulton, W. C. Orne, Mrs. Edith Zinn, J. D. Toland, E. W. Henson, C. R. Goss, Mrs. W. B. Hawkins and Maurice Wright. Mr. Villines is in his fifth year as pastor.

All former pastors and members are invited to attend the Dedication Services.

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Bishop Werner reports on Family Life conferences

NEW YORK (UMI)—Four issues — implications of a booming youth population, the urgency of limiting family size, more openness in regard to sex and the need for common ground between parents and youth — dominated six family life conferences in Europe and Asia, according to a just-issued report by Bishop Hazen G. Werner, New York, chairman of the World Methodist Family Life Committee and coordinator for the regional conferences.

Bishop Werner said that 700 delegates from 18 countries attended the meetings last October and November in Zurich, Switzerland; Hyderabad, India; Manila, Philippines; Taipei, Taiwan; Singapore and Hong Kong,

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■ Mills, Moynihan, Finch and Bishop Wertz to speak

Hendrix College announces for Inauguration Series Convocations

An inaugural series of four convocations beginning March 30 to be climaxed by the inauguration of Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr. as president of Hendrix College, Conway, on April 28, has been announced.

Dr. Shilling said, "The purpose for developing and presenting this special series of convocational programs is to focus attention on the rich heritage of achievement at Hendrix and to rededicate ourselves to meeting the formidable challenges of the future. Our theme for these convocations will be 'Continuity and Renewal.'

"During the inaugural ceremonies on April 28, I shall outline a five-year plan for Hendrix which a faculty-stu-

dent-trustee group has been developing during the past six months."

Arkansas's distinguished Congressman, the Hon. Wilbur D. Mills, an alumnus and Trustee of Hendrix College, comes to the campus on March 30 as the convocations' first featured speaker. The first convocation's theme is "The College and Public Service."

On April 7, the Hon. Daniel P. Moynihan, Counsellor to the President, The White House, Washington, D.C., will be the honored guest speaker. Moynihan's lecture will encompass urban affairs, a field in which he is recognized as one of the nation's outstanding authorities.

On April 15, Bishop D. Frederick

Wertz, the Methodist Bishop for West Virginia, will discuss "The College and Its Relation to The Church."

The convocations of March 30, April 7 and 15 will begin at 10:00 a.m. in Staples Auditorium.

On April 19, the Hendrix Choir will present a concert at 3:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. in Staples Auditorium, under the direction of Robert M. McGill. This musical group will be accompanied by instrumentalists from Memphis and Little Rock.

The inaugural address of April 28 will be delivered by the Hon. Robert H. Finch, Secretary of the United States Department of Health, Education and Welfare. Following his inauguration, president Roy B. Shilling, Jr. will speak and present a five-year plan for Hendrix College.

The inauguration ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the courtyard of

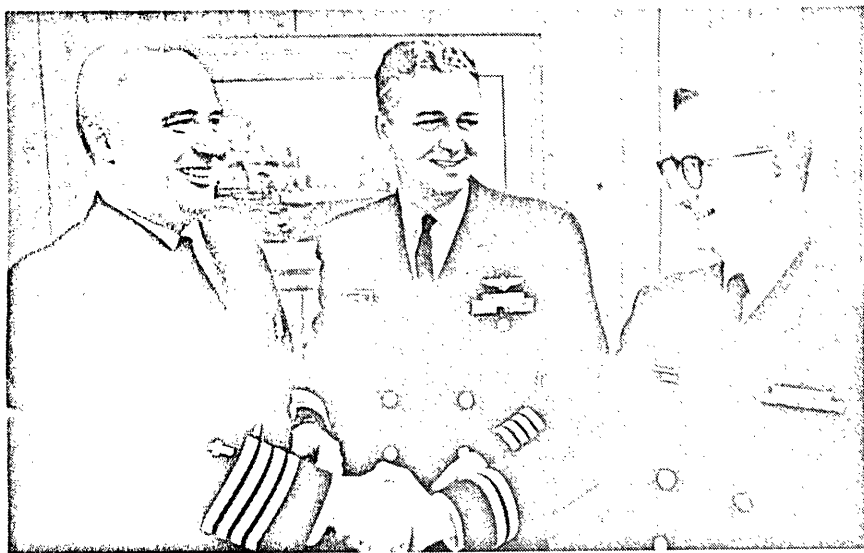
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under auspices of the 31-member committee for the purpose of "taking the world Methodist family life movement closer to the people."

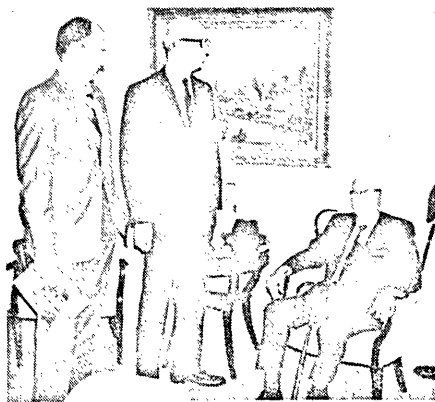
Though Methodist-sponsored, the conferences had ecumenical planning and participation, Bishop Werner reported. Among the churches represented, he said, were Roman Catholic, Episcopal, Seventh Day Adventist, Salvation Army, the United Church of Christ of the Philippines, and the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China.

A part of the group that attended the luncheon of the North Arkansas Conference Board of Education during the mid-year meetings last week.





Chaplain Withers McAlister Moore (left) receives congratulations from Chaplain B. V. Dennis (right) upon his promotion to Captain in the United States Navy as Captain J. E. Godfrey (center), Commanding Officer looks on. Both Captain Moore and Lieutenant Dennis are Arkansas Methodists and serve together at the Naval Air Station Memphis, Millington, Tenn. Chaplain Moore is the first Arkansas Methodist to achieve the rank of Captain in the Navy Chaplain Corps.



ABOVE: the Rev. James R. Sewell and the Rev. Elmo Thomason visit with Dr. William E. Brown during the mid-year meetings. BELOW: the Rev. Bob Edwards and the Rev. William Cheyne visit with Robert Hays Williams at North Little Rock.



PENSION ENDOWMENT CAMPAIGN

Progress Report—Fair Share Goals
February 23, 1970

District	Fair Share Goal	Acceptances Received
Batesville	\$132,000	\$ 47,205.00
Conway	186,000	139,185.00
Fayetteville	180,000	148,995.50
Forrest City	186,000	116,186.50
Fort Smith	192,000	175,664.00
Jonesboro	198,000	141,291.00
Paragould	126,000	67,364.00
Totals	\$1,200,000	\$835,891.00

Be not afraid of life. Believe that life is worth living, and your belief will help create the fact. — William James

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BELOW: the Rev. Marshall Bridwell, Jonesboro District Superintendent, is introduced to Alan Duncan, Little Rock Conference youth president, at interconference meeting on Wesley Foundations. With them are Dr. W. Neill Hart, Little Rock Conference Program Council director, and the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell.

VCS Coaching Conference planned for March 3-4

Miss Mamie L. Adams, recognized leader in Christian Education and a staff member at First United Methodist Church in Crossett, will be the resource person for a Vacation Church School Coaching Conference to be held at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock March 3-4.



Miss Adams was consecrated as a certified Director of Christian Education by Bishop Paul Martin. Among other posts she has served at First Church in Conway. She has done graduate work at Scarritt, Peabody and Vanderbilt in Nashville, Tenn., at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Tex., Garrett in Evanston, Ill. and Emory University in Atlanta, Ga.

According to Mrs. John L. Tucker, Little Rock Conference director of Children's Work, the class for administrators of vacation church schools will be limited to one person from each district who in turn will teach in district workshops which will follow. Directors of Christian Education in local churches are welcome to attend.

The Coaching Conference will include sections for the following: Nursery, led by Mrs. Melvine Grady of Stuttgart; Kindergarten, Mrs. Clinton Wingfield of Arkadelphia; Elementary I-II, Mrs. W. Clark, Little Rock; Elementary III-IV, Mrs. John H. Simpson, Almyra; Elementary V-VI, Mrs. G. G. Johnson, Little Rock.

The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in El Dorado, will be the inspirational speaker for a dinner meeting; the Children's Home Handbell Choir will provide special music under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Felix Thompson.

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the O. C. Bailey Library, and those specially invited for this event include delegates from a selected list of colleges and universities, who will march in academic procession; special guests from the fields of government, education, industry and business; and the student body.

Dr. Shilling became president of Hendrix on July 1, 1969, upon the retirement of Dr. Marshall T. Steel, coming to Hendrix from Georgetown, Texas, where he was executive vice president of Southwestern University, also a Methodist institution.

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THE REV. HAROULD SCOTT, director of Wesley Foundation at Monticello, was the speaker for the evening worship service at First Church, DeWitt, Feb. 8. The pastor is the Rev. Thurston Masters.

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Susie Roll of Batesville (as Jessica) and Johnny Hooper of Wynne (as Lorenzo) enact a scene from "The Merchant of Venice," scheduled for presentation by the Hendrix College Players Feb. 26-March 1. All performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. except the final 2:00 p.m. matinee performance on Sunday, March 2. Tickets may be obtained by calling the Hendrix College ticket office at FA 9-6811.

LITTLE ROCK FIRST CHURCH PRESENTS LENTEN ORGAN SERIES

A series of weekly Lenten organ recitals is being presented on Fridays from 12:10 to 12:50 at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, under the sponsorship of the music committee of that church.

The schedule for the remainder of the season will include: **February 27**—Alfred D. Gress, student of Robert Ellis at Henderson State College in Arkadelphia; **March 6**—B. Thomas Vise, organist at First Baptist Church in Arkadelphia; **March 13**—David McNeal, student of Robert Ellis; **March 20**—Harry E. Scher, student of Robert Ellis.

Mr. John H. Summers is host organist and choirmaster; Dr. John E. Greutter is chairman of the music committee.

FEBRUARY 26, 1970

Editorial

Hopes for peace in the Middle East

One of the questions most frequently asked since our return from our recent visit to Israel is the one, "Is there any hope for peace in the Middle East?" The answer to that question has to be prefaced with another, "What do you mean by peace in the Middle East?" If by this one means is there any prospect in the immediate future that Israelis and Arabs will quit firing at each other and negotiate a permanent peace treaty, then the answer seems to be an indisputable "No."

If by asking the question one means will it be possible for the present state of tension and hostility to continue without erupting into a Third World War, then the answer can be "Yes." We are reminded, in this connection, of a story Bishop Aubrey G. Walton told recently about a proposed building expansion at First Church, Little Rock, shortly after the end of World War II. One prominent layman opposed the project at that time suggesting that the congregation should "wait until things get back to normal." If by peace in the Middle East one means "getting back to a normalcy" in which Arabs and Israelis will not be antagonistic he is talking about "a never-never land," or getting back to "the good old days" that never existed.

Like many of the difficult problems of our time, the man who offers you the easy answer to the problem is the man to be mistrusted. This writer thinks he was confused enough by the facts he discovered during his recent second trip to Israel that he can say with certainty that he does not see any immediate end to the present state of limited hostilities in the Middle East. There has not been a day since the partition of Palestine in 1948 during which there has been anything approaching "peace" between Israel and her four Arab neighbors. It is probably safe to say that there has not been a day of "peace" since Abraham sent his first-born son Ishmael out into the desert to give Isaac the favored position.

There are those who in recent months have favored an "imposed peace" with the big powers determining the details of the treaty that should end the Six Days War of 1967. To this writer, this seems to possess as many erroneous conclusions as any other simplified formula. In a nutshell such a proposal says that the United States and Russia should require Israel to give back all the territory captured and

occupied in 1967 and that following that the Arabs should be told to behave.

Two journeys to this troubled land since the Six Days War have convinced us that the major thing the Israeli nation is seeking is recognition of the right to exist and not additional territory. This they have not had since the partition in 1948. Whether the nation should have ever been created by the UN is a question which it seems can be eliminated from this discussion. So many forget that the UN had to do something. Great Britain, who had ruled the land under a mandate since 1918, served notice that it could no longer administer the area. There was no alternative of preserving a former "status quo" at that time. It does not serve the cause of additional enlightenment by lingering on that question. One gets no further here than he does when he debates whether Berlin should have been divided, or Korea and Vietnam for that matter.

Partition in Palestine became an accomplished fact in 1948. The main thing the Arab nations determined to do at that time—and they have not varied from that course one iota—was to prove that the state of Israel should never have come into existence. As a matter of fact, they will still tell you through their leaders that they did not come into existence. One cannot deny the presence of Israel as a nation—its accomplishments and its stability. We have a strong conviction from the conversations we have had in Israel that the Arab world would move a great distance in the direction of a negotiated peace if it recognized Israel and agreed to meet somewhere with their representatives to discuss the disposition of the lands occupied since 1967. Again we are convinced that Israel has neither the desire nor the intention of permanently ad-

ministering the 15,000 extra square miles now occupied and administered by the military government.

We know that Israel formerly talked about certain small areas being "non-negotiable." Now they insist that they have no government program which classes any such geography in that category. Maybe they are not telling the whole truth. We are sure they have no need or place in their scheme of things for an extra one million Arabs or 15,000 extra square miles of desert.

One reliable business man told me that he felt Israel could not go on pouring 25 per cent of her gross national product into defense. They have too high a tax rate now and too many items of unfinished business in the maturation of their young nation. However, having won three wars against their Arab neighbors and maintaining some kind of normalcy in their relations, they are convinced that they cannot lose once without being totally wiped out as a nation. This man we referred to suggested his opinion was that Israel was trying to resume a shooting war now. We doubt it.

As far as the United States and Russia risking total war by some intervention or imposed peace, we think most observers are convinced there is little or no likelihood of this happening.

We told you in the beginning we didn't have any answer. However, we will venture the guess that things are going on just like they are now for a long time.

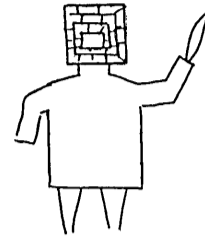
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The Editor's Corner



PLAYING THE GAME OF "THE KING"

Imbedded in the pavement stones of the courtyard of the ancient Antonio Fortress in Jerusalem is the carved playing board of a game played by the Roman soldiers prior to and during the time of the crucifixion of Jesus.



The captivating interest of this game board comes from the fact that the soldiers very likely played the game with Jesus as the "victim" during the brief

hours he was in captivity just before his crucifixion.

The game was called "The King" and the playing surface was the drawing of a king. Where the head and crown would be is an over-sized square with small rectangles laid out in a progressive manner much as a Parchesi board is laid out. In the game, as outlined by our guide and by the historian, Tacitus, the loser always was put to death.

Tacitus tells us that because of the severity of the penalty in the game, the Roman army had prohibited its being played by the soldiers because there was always one less man in the army when the game was completed.

It is surmised that the soldiers, long forbidden to play their favorite game, saw in the prisoner Jesus an opportunity and an excuse for taking up the game again with the victim predetermined.

It can be understood that many of the comments of the Roman soldiers at Calvary were based on their knowledge of the game "The King" rather than on reactions to the accusation that Jesus claimed to be "king of the Jews."

One Great Hour of sharing can give vital support to one great year of serving by laboring mightily for God and his kingdom.

More things are wrought by the World Day of Prayer than this world dreams of.

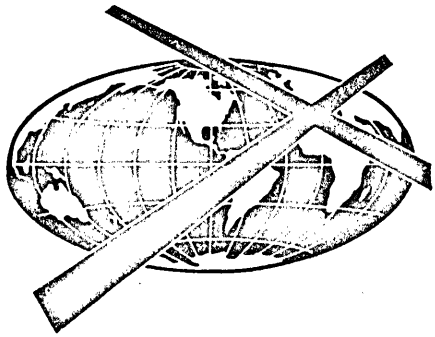
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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

In an opening presentation at the 7th annual Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program (CICOP) conference meeting in Washington, D. C. earlier this month, Luis Alberto Gomez de Souza of Santiago, Chile, a member of the Economic Commission for Latin America spoke of the concept of "conscientization" now gaining strength throughout Latin America as a way of introspective analysis on an objective plane. Mr. de Souza said this concept makes new alternatives possible, as well as the negation of old structures.

While strongly criticizing direct U.S. aid for Latin America, past, present and future, as a deterrent to development there, Sen. Frank Church of Idaho, at the same time called for "home grown" socio-economic systems and political forms, neither capitalistic nor Marxist, in an address before the four-day CICOP conference in Washington, D.C.

The Catholic Church in Cuba is "rediscovering many of its Gospel and spiritual values" despite its vast limitations under a Communist regime, according to Bishop Marcos G. McGrath of Panama, attending the Catholic Inter-American Cooperation Program in Washington as an observer.

The oldest cemetery in New York City, and one of the oldest in the nation, is being transformed into a playground for the Lower East Side community. St. Mark's Church-in-the-Bowery (Episcopal) is believed to be the first inner city church in the nation to redesign the use of cemetery space. Among the famous persons buried at the site is Peter Stuyvesant, first mayor of New York.

Two more Episcopal dioceses, one on the West Coast and one on the Eastern seaboard, have decreased their budgets for 1970. California diocesan controller William F. Geisler feels that contributions are off not only because of liberal stands on social issues but also because of a decline of interest in organized religion. In the East, the Diocese of Southwestern Virginia reduced its 1970 budget by 7 per cent.

United Methodist missionary efforts in Algiers remain suspended while the denomination's work in the rest of Algeria is continuing unhindered, according to Dr. Esther Megill, executive secretary for Africa in the Board of Missions' World Division.

A shutdown of classes at Asbury College, Wilmore, Ky., resulting from a "marathon revival" started by students at a morning chapel service continued into its third day with no end in sight as students and faculty joined by townsmen filled the 1,500-seat Hughes Auditorium. Although the school and seminary are non-sectarian, most of the students are Methodist. The schools receive no financial support from any Church, and operate on contributions from alumni.

Roman Catholic schools in southern Florida have been told not to accept students whose parents do not want them to attend integrated public schools. Msgr. William F. McKeever, superintendent of schools for the Archdiocese of Miami, has issued an order that prohibits parochial school principals from accepting transfers "at least through September."

The Atlanta Presbytery of the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern) has named a Negro pastor as the group's first consultant in church and race. The Rev. Calvin E. Houston, pastor of Atlanta's Rice Memorial Presbyterian church, is also believed to be the first black churchman to serve as a member of a regular staff in a white presbytery. He will continue his ministerial duties at Rice Memorial.

The Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville has received "larger than normal" negative reaction to a sex education study unit for teenagers. Philip B. Harris, secretary of the board's church training department, said 30 churches have already returned the quarterlies which contain the study curricula on sex education.

The Board of College Education and Church Vocations of the Lutheran Church of America has approved grants totalling \$120,000 for 13 college projects. A project "to consider the broad question of the necessary relationships between men, the exploiter and technologist, and the earth as a naturally evolved life support system" at Wittenberg University, Springfield, Ohio, received a special allocation.

The basic mission budget of the American Baptist Convention received \$226,463 less in 1969 than in 1968. The report was consistent with trends found among other Protestant denominations, that is, declining income for national level agencies. However, an America for Christ offering grossed \$29,776 more than was received the previous year.

Father Stephen Handen, Colorado Springs, told high school students during a "Emphasis 1970" symposium that he prefers the term "urban explosion" to "population explosion," since the real problem is not too many people but too many people in one place.

The recently enacted Tax Reform Law provides "many tax incentives to charitable giving and charitable institutions can prosper under them," according to a leading monthly tax guide. "With very few exceptions the House-Senate Conference Committee adopted the Senate bill's more liberal provisions on charitable deductions," the recent edition of Tax Giving noted. However, a church engaged in an unrelated business is required to file an unrelated business tax return, since such income of churches is no longer tax-exempt. Currently owned businesses will be taxed after five years.

The mailing of Bibles to local Selective Service boards to burden draft board files will be encouraged during a March drive against the draft. Sponsors of the "Winter-Spring offensive" for peace will be the New Mobilization Committee to End the War in Vietnam, a coalition of about 100 civil, religious and youth peace groups—known as the "New Mobe's." This group received considerable criticism last November for seemingly providing an "umbrella" for five or six organizations which became involved in rock throwing melees in Washington.

Vatican Radio has reported a "dramatic decline" in the number of seminarians training for the priesthood in Western countries. At the same time it announced that there are now 507 million Catholics in the world, an increase of 13 million in a year.

Southern Baptists and Roman Catholics, at a two-day dialogue in St. Benedict, La., agreed that the next step in their relations is "to further personal initiative at the congregational and parish levels where ecumenical progress must begin." This estimate was contained in a statement issued by Father Bernard Law, chairman of the dialogue, and Brooks Hays, director of the Ecumenical Institute of Wake Forest University, Winston-Salem, N.C. The 38 men and women who participated in the program at the Christian Life Center of St. Joseph Abbey, were evenly divided—19 Baptists, 19 Catholics.

A "temporary priesthood" for the Roman Catholic Church is a theological possibility, some 250 delegates to the Southwest Liturgical Conference Study Week in El Paso, Tex. were told. "There is little about the priesthood, episcopacy or diaconate that is of a fixed nature and purpose," declared Msgr. Charles Keating of Camden, N.J.

Churches of the Caribbean are moving toward the establishment of a regional ecumenical conference that will probably be approved in 1971 or 1972. Provisionally called the "Caribbean Christian Conference," it will be significant as the first regional conference to include Roman Catholics.

An official of Americans United for Separation of Church and State charged in Washington, D. C. that political pressures to contravene church-state separation has reached alarming heights in the U.S. "When public funds are used to implement sectarian divisions in the school rooms we can expect sectarian divisiveness in our society," said Glenn L. Archer, executive director of the agency. "The world has seen far too much of government subsidized religion," he said. "That was why our Founding Fathers separated church and state in the first place . . . we have in riot-torn Ireland a perfect demonstration of what happens when politicians succumb to pressures of this kind."

Concerned with the latest outbreak of arson and vandalism at synagogues the American Jewish Congress has requested that the New York City Police Department release a report on attacks against houses of worship over the past two years.



NEW YORK — Richard C. Kautz, 53-year-old Muscatine, Iowa, feed, grain and chemical executive, has been elected chairman of the National Board of Young Men's Christian Associations of the United States. Mr. Kautz succeeds W. M. McFeely, who completed four one-year terms as board chairman. The National Board, a lay group, is the highest governing body of the American YMCA. (RNS Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. W. C. ONSTEAD, retired minister who is serving the Mountain Pine Church, wishes to thank his many friends for cards and letters received during his illness, and for their prayers for his recovery. Ed Hopper, layman of Grand Avenue U.M. Church, Hot Springs, is bringing the messages at Mountain Pine in the absence of the pastor.

DR. GEORGE F. IVEY, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Hot Springs, was the inspirational speaker for a series of revival services at Keith Memorial Church in Malvern, February 8-12, with the exception of Monday when the Rev. John Walker of St. Paul Church in Malvern brought the message. The Rev. Loyd Perry is pastor of Keith Church.

THE REV. JIM BEAL engaged in dialogue February 15 with Father Hermann Strassle, pastor of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, and the Rev. Frank Brooks, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, all of Batesville. The discussion of differences and likenesses of their churches was part of the Central Avenue Church's study on Reconciliation.

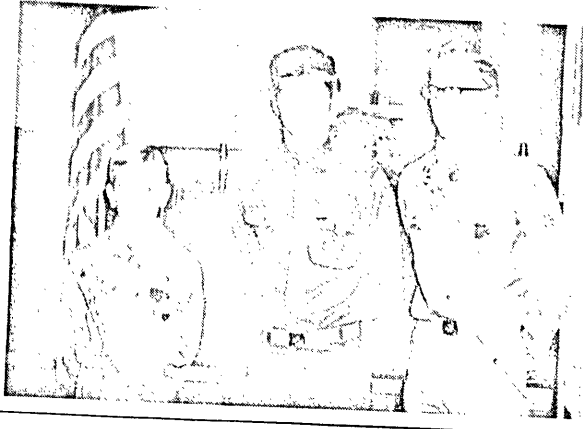
A BI-RACIAL PANEL was part of the Reconciliation study in First Church, Camden, Sunday evening, February 15. Fletcher Seymour, chairman of the Work Area on Missions, was the moderator. Other members of the panel were Mrs. Cora McHenry, Sam Burns, Mrs. Carlton Bryant and James Guthrie. The Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is the pastor.

DR. MAX DENMAN was general chairman of the Lay Witness Mission held in First United Methodist Church of Stuttgart, February 13-15. Mrs. Fred Clinard of Nashville, Tennessee, was the coordinator. Thirty-five visiting witnesses were from Tennessee, Alabama, Missouri and Arkansas. The Rev. Robert O. Beck is the pastor.

THE REV. WILLIAM CHEYNE, regional director of the Advance Department of the General Board of Missions with headquarters in San Antonio, Texas, was guest speaker in the Bentonville Church, February 15. He is a member of the North Arkansas Conference and was pastor at Booneville before going to Texas. The Rev. Maurice Lanier is the Bentonville minister.

MISS MILDRED OSMENT of Jonesboro taught the spiritual life study in First United Methodist Church of West Helena February 15-17. Sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service, morning and evening classes were held. The Rev. William C. Haltom is pastor.

Three members of the Dell United Methodist Church, near Blytheville, received their Boy Scout God and Country Awards at a recent morning worship service. They are, from left: Alan Hunnicutt, Bob Tusing, and Richard Duncan. The Rev. Joe F. Wilkerson is their pastor.



MRS. B. F. GAY, a charter member of Christ United Methodist Church, Blytheville, was honored by the Women's Society of Christian Service with a surprise birthday party in the home of Miss Angie Hood. The Rev. Joe F. Wilkerson is their pastor.

JAMES CARTER OF BENTON, Louisiana, will be the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission to be held this weekend, February 27-March 1, by the Sylvesterino, Pleasant Hill and Few Memorial Churches in Hope District. General chairman for the three churches is Mrs. E. C. Crawford, Jr. Pastor of the churches is the Rev. W. W. Barron.

GUEST SPEAKER at the Family Life Banquet held in First Church, Batesville, February 19, was Dr. George F. Ivey, senior minister at First U.M. Church, Hot Springs. Dr. Ivey's subject was "When there is cold war in the home." Arkansas College Lassies provided the singing entertainment. Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr., is chairman of the Family Life Committee in Batesville's First Church; the Rev. Arvill Brannon is pastor.

THE REV. WILLIAM CHEYNE, San Antonio, Tex., regional director of the Advance Department of the Board of Missions, was guest preacher for the morning worship service at First Church, Bentonville, Feb. 15. The pastor is the Rev. W. Maurice Lanier.

JAY LAWHON, layman from McCrory, spoke at the morning worship service at Asbury Church, Magnolia, Feb. 8, in connection with a Lay Witness Mission being planned for that church. The pastor is the Rev. Clyde N. Swift.

IN CHIDESTER, the January School of Mission was held on Sunday evening at the Rushing Memorial United Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Joseph Purifoy Jr., chairman of the Work Area of Mission. The Adult study "Dare to Reconcile" was given by W. R. Gillispie Sr., Mrs. Purifoy, Mrs. Ira Rowe and Mrs. Ben Williams. Miss Lula J. Yarbrough gave the study, "High Wall, Low Wall, No Wall," to the youth. Mrs. E. C. Atkins and Mrs. Robert Berryhill worked with the children. Their study was "Susan Comes Through the Fire." Between sessions, refreshments were served to the groups by Mrs. Carl Dickinson and Mrs. George Bailey. The Rev. George Bailey is pastor.

DR. ALVIN C. MURRAY, pastor of First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, will be the guest speaker for the Lenten Spiritual Enrichment Series scheduled to begin at the Portland United Methodist Church at 7:30 p.m., March 1. The series will continue through Wednesday, March 4, with services at 10:00 a.m., and 7:30 p.m., daily. The Rev. Herman G. Bonds is pastor of the Portland Church.

MRS. PAUL Q. RORIE

The funeral service was held in Arkadelphia, Ark. on Feb. 16 for Mrs. William Ezma Trigg Rorie, 82, widow of the late Rev. Paul Q. Rorie, a former member of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

She was a member of a pioneer Clark County family and was a graduate of Ouachita University. She was the choir director in a number of the churches served by her husband.

Survivors include a son, Paul Q. Rorie, Jr., a daughter, Miss Lady Ruth Rorie of Arkadelphia, and a brother, H. A. Trigg of Mexico.

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JONESBORO JUNIOR HIGHS HELD ANNUAL VALENTINE BANQUET

The annual Valentine Banquet of the Junior High Youth Fellowship of First United Methodist of Jonesboro was held Saturday, February 14, from 7-11 p.m., attended by 144 members and guests.

"Love Is Love Is Love" was the theme of program and decorations. The Rev. Worth W. Gibson, pastor, gave the invocation. The 1970 Royalty was the elected best MYFers of each grade level revealed through a poem written and read by Mrs. Bill Parker. Winners were: 9th grade, Elaine Burns and Hal Smith; 8th grade, Sara Burns and Jim Devazier; 7th grade, Peggy Scott and Tommy Neblett.

"Who's Who" winners of friendliest, best personality, wittiest, and most dependable in all three grades were also revealed through the poem. Ninth grade winners in these categories were Jan Parker and Kent Arnold; Janie Atwood and Wes Gilbert; Debbie Irvin and Johnny Walker; Maria Heringer and Bill Bowers. 8th grade winners: Mark Gibson and Gwen Hudson; Lisa Raby and Mark Gibson; Lisa Raby and Keith Viverette; Sara Burns and Val Price. 7th grade: John Marcom and Sandra McRaven; Susan Metzler and Carl Heringer; Lisa Spurlock and Steve Hamby; Katie Brown and John McNair.

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.

March 1—Sunday	Esther 4:9-16
March 2	Matt. 16:13-26
March 3	Luke 14:25-35
March 4	Mark 10:17-31
March 5	Acts 20:17-35
March 6	Romans 12:1-8
March 7	II Tim. 2:1-15
March 8—Sunday	Job 23:1-10

THE REV. AND MRS. M. C. BEVENS, 1505 North 39th Street, Fort Smith, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary on Sunday, February 22, with Open House held at Beckman Center, Fort Smith.

THE CONWAY DISTRICT Wesleyan Service Guilds Spring Meeting will be held in Russellville at First United Methodist Church on Sunday, March 8. Mrs. J. P. Burgess, district chairman, will preside and announces registration from 1:30 to 2 p.m.

DR. GRANT S. SHOCKLEY, staff member of the Interboard Committee on Christian Education of the United Methodist Church, was the keynote speaker for the ecumenical mission study at First Church, Crossett, Feb. 1. Churches participating included Holy Cross Catholic, First Presbyterian, and Crossett A.M.E. Church. The Rev. Ferris Norton is the Crossett Methodist pastor.

ROGER D. SHEPHERD, Poinsett County Librarian, was guest speaker at a recent meeting of the Methodist Men of First Church, Harrisburg. The Rev. Bob Orr is the pastor.

P. K. KORNER

NATHAN HARVEY HOOKER has been transferred from Charlotte, North Carolina to Houston, Texas, effective March 1, as the American Red Cross Public Relations director. A graduate of Hendrix College, he is the son of the Rev. Vann Hooker of Huntsville and the late Mrs. Hooker.

WSGs TO BEGIN BIBLE STUDY

The Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Little Rock District will be beginning a series of three Bible studies on Sunday afternoon, March 1, at 2:30 in First Church, Little Rock. Other sessions will be held at the same time and place on Sundays, March 8 and 15.

Mrs. W. B. Landrum will be the speaker and leader. In keeping with the Easter Season, the material will be the Prophecies of Isaiah, The Gospel of Luke and the Letters of Paul to the Corinthians.

Mrs. Walter Pate, Chairman of the Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Little Rock District, has sent letters to the Guilds of the District inviting their participation and any other interested person will be welcomed.

REPORT No. 4

1970 ARKANSAS METHODIST CIRCULATION CAMPAIGN

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Amity:Hemund	6	18		24
Arkadelphia-First:Harrison	11	79	10	100
St. Andrews-Hollywood:Adkinson		2		2
Bismarck:Dunaway				
Dalark:Rogers	5	36		41**
Delight:Hunter	5	20	1	26**
Glenwood-Aldergate:Smith	17	26		43**
Grant's Chapel:Watson				
Gurdon:Fair	10	39		49
Hot Springs-First:Ivy	20	32	3	55
Grand:Hale		2		2
Oaklawn:Miles	15	49	3	67
Pullman Hts:Hoover	7	8		15
Gardner-New Salem:Botteron		1		1
Tigert-Morning Star:Clark	3	8		11
Fountain Lake:Hoover	3	4	1	8
Okolona Ct:Hankins	11	29	3	43
Piney Gr.:Holland	5	1		6
Sparkman-Macedonia:Elder				
Mt. Pine-Gum Spgs.:Onstead		9	2	11**
Shorewood Hills Ct:Langley	5	20		25
Malvern-Keith-Butterfield:Perry				
St. Paul:Walker	10	19		29
First:Martin	17	87	1	105
Mt. Ida-Oden Ct.:Kerr	4	21	1	26
Murfreesboro-Japan:Breton	1	48	1	50**
Totals	155	558	27	740

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Batesville-Asbury:LeGrand	10	34		44**
Central:Beal	9	65		74
First:Brannon	32	40	2	74
Antioch Ct.:Jones	4	15		19
Bald Knob:Watson	6	19		25
Beebe:Cook	6	39	1	46
Bradford Ct.:Hunter	4	30		34*
Cabot:Savage	11	41	3	55
Calico Rock:Davis	1	28		29
Calico Rock Ct.:Long				
Cave City Ct.:Martin	3	26		29
Van Buren County Parish				
Clinton:Rentfroe	1	51	3	55
Quitman:Strayhorn	4	11		15
Concord:Woodall				
Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	3	16		19
Dennard-Shirley:Shell	1	6		7
Desha:West	5	17		22
Griffithville:Permenter	1	51		52**
Heber Springs:Hughes	10	49	5	64
Holiday Hills:Cowan	11	13		24****
Judsonia:Wingo	1	11		12
Kensett-McRae:Daniel	13	33		46**
Moorefield-Southside:Ernest	9	29		38**
Moorefield Ct.:Mason	5	14		19
Melbourne Ct.:Kelly	4	26		30
Mt. Home:Womack	10	38	3	51
Mt. View:Hawkins	6	22		28
Newark:Wilson	2	23	1	26
Marshall-Leslie:Moyer	11	27		38**
Pangburn Ct.:Hook	4	9		13
Salem-Viola:Bounds	4	42	1	47
Searcy-First:Mann	22	53		75
Grace:Barton	11	34		45**
Horseshoe Bend:Ford		11		11
Totals	222	864	19	1105

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden-Thornton:Richardson	55	42		97****
Bradley:Jester	4	19		23
Buckner:Barker		4		4
Camden-First:Didson	78	62	3	143
Fairview:Abney	17	232		249****
Timothy-Buena Vista:Graham	4	18		22
St. Mark:Clayton	8	22	1	31**
Westside:Andrews				
Chidester:Bailey	5	21		26
Columbia:McLean				
El Dorado-Centennial-W. Ch:Haire	2	8		10

Eldorado (cont.)

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
First:Murray	3	181	2	186
St. Paul:Connell	8	31	1	40
Vantrese:Cross	14	70	3	87**
Lakeside:Ekberg	6	17		23
Dumas-Lisbon:Green	5	25		30**
Holly Springs Ct.:Warren	7	14		21
Huttig-Bolding:Jackson		12	1	13
Junction City-Bethel:Wagner	3	34		37
Lewisville:Walthall	5	44		49**
Rhodes Ch:Mann	1	4		5
Magnolia-First:Williams	42	77	5	124
Asbury:Swift	15	47		62
Greer's Chapel:Bonsall	2	4	1	7
Magnolia Ct:Burleson	1	13		14
Marysville-Silver Hill:Pearce	11	50		61**
Emerson Ct:Velchoff		7		7
Norphlet-Calion-Ebenezer:Robken	5	36	1	42**
Parker's Chapel:Swaim	1	16		17
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	25		31
Village Ct.:Roden	5	9		14
Waldo-Willisville:Ross	6	26		32
Welcome:	1	5	1	7
Totals	356	1318	19	1693

CONWAY DISTRICT

Atkins-Pottsville:McCammon	2	31	1	34
Belleville Ct.:Southwick		1		1
Conway-First:Jordan	10	69	5	84
Wesley:jump	3	24		27
Greenbrier:Pledger	5	21	2	28
Salem:Brumley	7	11	1	19**
Danville:Atkins		52	2	54**
Dardanelle-First:Casteel	15	51	2	68
Jacksonville:Edwards	24	38		62
The New Church:Mitchell	2			2
Mayflower:Brumley		1		1
Morrilton-First:Spence	16	122	5	143**
Morrilton Parish:Thomas	1	26		27**
North Little Rock				
Amboy:Kennedy	12	61		73**
First:Conyers	75	92	4	171
Gardner:Villines	76	135	2	213**
Rose City-Beacon:Mitchell	4	13		17
Lakewood:Conyers	16	74		90
Levy:Hammett	30	31		61
Sylvan Hills:Workman	2	17		19
Washington Ave.:Poyner	9	45	1	55**
Indian Hills:Teague	12	19		31
Ola-Plainview: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	349	1030	26	1405

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Bentonville:Lanier	6	46		52
Berryville-Shiloh:Stokes	3	19		22
Brightwater:Roland	2	19		21
Elkins Comm:Qualls	2	4		6
Elm Spgs.-Harmon:Sherman		1		1
Decatur-Centerton	12	24		36
Eureka Springs:Whitfield	4	18		22
Farmington-Sequoyah		12		12
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	7	16	2	25
Green Forest-Alpena:Logan	7	44		51
Harrison-First:Connell	11	213		224****
St. Paul's Ct.:Clark	9	25		34

New Renew Not Due Total

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Lincoln-Morrow:Woods	4	39	4	47
Madison County-Huntsville-Presley:Hooker	10	48		58**
Newton County 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	7	56	3	66
Springdale-First:Atchley	6	125	5	136
Wesley-Mt.Hebron:Fiser	26	21		47
St. Joe-Everton:Beck				
Winslow	2	5		7
Yellville Par.:Hays		41		41**
Totals	181	973	24	1178

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Aubrey-Lexa:Reed	11	17	1	29*
Augusta-Fitzhugh:Wilson	18	25	2	45
Brinkley:Stallcup	9	56	1	66
Clarendon:Robison	1	53		54**
Cherry Valley:Price	3	46	1	50
Colt Ct.:Davis	5	11		16
Cotton Plant:Yarbrough	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	48		59
Holly Grove:Lancaster	3	35	1	39**
Hughes:Sanford		6		6
Marianna:Parsons	3	60	1	64
Marion:Douglas	12	103		115****
Marvell-Turner:Eaton	6	7		13
McCroy: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:Burleson	42	114		156**
Rosewood:Van Cleve	2	9	1	12
Wheatley:Nichols	3	32		35
Widener:Hutto		28		28
Wynne:Golden	22	80	1	103
Totals	225	1349	14	1588

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Alix:Nichols				
Altus:Wright	2	19	1	22
Alma-Bethel:Rogers	10	22		32
Booneville-Washburn:Carter	15	42	2	59
Charleston-Branch:Cordell	8	33		41
Clarksville:Wilcox	24	54	3	81
Ft. Smith-First:Bayliss		1270		1270****
Goddard:Richards	64	176		240**
Wyatt:Weir	9	42	1	52*
Hendrix Hills:Hollis				
Massard:Skelton	5	21		26
Midland Hts:Crozier	6	75		81
Wesley:Green	4	20		24
St. Paul:McKelvey	12	73		85
Cavanaugh:Powell	9	2	1	12
Greenwood-Milltown:Evans				
Hartford:Brooks		15	2	17
Hartman:Matthews	3	33	1	37
New Hope-Kibler:Good	2	14		16*
Lamar:Nicholson	3	16		19
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:Hightower	8	42		50
Prairie View Ct.:Sutherland	6	16	1	23
Van Buren-First:Chapman	4	35	1	40
City Hts-Newberry:Renfro	1	15		16
St. John's:Cleary	10	18		28
Waldron-First:Clemmons	68	47		115****
Scott County Par:Kleeb	10	21		31
Totals	315	2262	20	2597

New Renew Not Due Total

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
HOPE DISTRICT				
Ashdown:Racop				
Bingen:Bean	6	21		27
Blevins Ct.:Rushing	7	22		29**
Brownstown-Centerpoint:Williams				29**
DeQueen:Wilson	10	44		54
Dierks-Green's Ch-Center: Mashburn	25	40		65**
Olive Br. Ct.:Yates	2	18		20
Emmett Ct.:Miller	21	33		54
Foreman-Wades Chapel:Goode	2	26		28
Fouke-Boyd-Doddridge:Gantz	1	11		12
Garland:Cruce		4		4
Hatfield Ct. Prothro	2	46		48
Hope:Vinson	12	124		136
Horatio Ct.:Lightfoot	7	21		28
Lockesburg Ct.:Callicott	6	37		43**
Mena:White	2	44		46
Mt. View Ct:Sirmon	1	11		12
Mineral Spgs. Ct.:Lea	3	39		42
Nashville:DeBlack	2	84	1	87*
Prescott:Fincher	8	65	4	77**
Prescott Ct.:Westmoreland	1	25	3	29**
Rondo Ct.:Caldwell	1	5		6
Springhill Ct.:Robbins	6	44	1	51**
Texarkana-College Hill:Cruce	3	40		43
First:Hillis	42	148	2	192**
Fairview:Hudnall	7	54	2	63
Few Mem. Ct.:Barron	11	1		12
Washington Ct.:Jones				
Totals	188	1007	13	1208

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JONESBORO DISTRICT				
Bay-Lunsford:Waters	2	28	1	31
Black Oak-Caraway:Storey	9	23		32**
Blytheville-First:Keeley	37	449	13	499****
Lake Street	2	30	1	33
Dell-Christ:Wilkerson		5		5
Bono-Lake View:Spurlock	2	29		31
Harrisburg-Pl. Valley:Orr	2	71	1	74**
Hickory Ridge-Tilton:Dorman	8	19	1	28
Joiner-Terrell:Burrow	7	38		45
Jonesboro-First:Gibson	15	544		559****
Huntington:Byers	16	57		73
Fisher:Holifield	6	25		31
Nettleton-Brookland:Lawrence	4	28		32
St. Paul-Mt. Carmel:Byram				
Lake City-Lake View:Maples	1	17		18
Leachville:Weatherford	5	19		24
Lepanto-Garden Pt.:Paysinger	1	45		46
Luxora-Keiser:Lawson	13	11	1	25
Manila Community:Bruner	10	31		41
Marked Tree:Wilder	7	60	1	68
Monette-Macy:Johnson	2	18	2	22
Osceola:Sorrrells	8	58	1	67
Trumann:Thompson	2	22		24
Tyronza-Centerview:Dorman	8	34	6	48*
Wilson:Liman	8	12		20
Weiner-Fisher:Lee		43		43**
Promised Land				
Pleasant Valley:Anderson		4		4
Yarbro:Hall				
Totals	175	1720	28	1923

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LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT				
Austin:Poss	7	32	2	41
Benton: First:Meyer	1	105		106
Parkview:Johnson				
New Hope-Mt Carmel:Diffie	6	15		21
Bryant:VanHook	2	7		9
Carlisle:Martin	4	39		43
Des Arc-New Bethel:Ruth	3	42		45
Hamilton:Walthal	2	10		12
Little Rock-Western Hills: Robertson	8	20		28
Geyer Springs:Diffie	15	31		46
St. James:Phillips	15	39		54****

New Renew Not Due Total

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Little Rock (cont.)				
Asbury:Hollenbeck	23	51	1	75
Capitol View:Hamm		26		26
First:Bearden		1147		1147****
St. Paul:Scott	4	60	1	65
Henderson:Bone				
Highland:Stephens	22	61		83
Hunter:Bridenthal	3	46	2	51**
Galloway:McCulloch		4		4
Oak Forest:Ashcraft	2	51		53
Pulaski Hts:Argue	33	92	3	128
St. Luke:Steele	8	46		54
Trinity:Taylor	33	19	2	54
St. Andrew:Nolley	6	13		19
Winfield:Dunlap	24	124	5	153
Markham:Arnold	8	18		26
Hazen-DeValls Bluff:Holland	19	40	1	60
Hickory Pl. Ct.:Efird				
Lonoke:Alston	3	67	1	71**
Mablevale:Hines	6	18		24
Mt. Pleasant:Bolin				
Mt. View-Martindale:Sewell	4	21		25**
Primrose:Kilgore	7	24		31
Salem-Congo:Williams	19	45	2	66**
Sardis=Bethel:Beard	5	14	1	20
Traskwood-Ebenezer:McKnight	2	19	1	22
Woodlawn:Eagle		17		17
Totals	291	2363	22	2678

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
MONTICELLO DISTRICT				
Crossett:Norton	8	59		67
Dermott:Regnier	1	26	2	29
Ashley-Drew Ct.:Ward				
Dumas:Simpson	9	177		186***
Eudora:Smith	2	30		32
Fordyce:Matthews	6	60		66
Stoney Pt.		12		12****
Temperance Hill		4		4
Gould:Jones		6		6
Hamburg:Anderson	3	23	1	27
Hampton-Harrell:Ford	4	38		42
Hermitage Ct.:Outlaw	3	24		27
Trinity Ct.:Lowry	1	13		14
Lake Village-Montrose:Tanner	5	103		108***
McGehee-First:Garner	20	206		226***
Wesley:Scott	2	11		13*
Monticello-First:Davis	8	51		59
Kingsland Ct.:Turner	6	45		51**
Portland-Wilmot:Bonds	8	26		34**
Star City Ct.:Jones	2	34		36
Tiller Ct.:Poss	10	63	2	75***
Walters Ch:	1	5		6
Warren-First-Good Hope: Ramsay	8	83	3	94
Watson:Arnold	11	13		24
Wilmar Ct.:George	7	21		28
Parkdale-Miller Chapel:Williams	1	23		24**
Totals	126	1156	10	1292

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
PARAGOULD DISTRICT				
Beech Grove:Holland	4	29		33
Black Rock:Sellars	5	26		31
Boydsville:Penney	2	27	1	30
Corning:Keith		33		33
Gainsville:Thompson	2	5		7
Hardy:Crossno	2	16		18
Hoxie:Gilliam	7	22		29
Imboden:Bruner	3	31		34**
Eli Lindsey:Watson		3		3
Mammoth Spring:Jackson	2	5		7
Marmaduke Ct.:Reed	2	35		37
Maynard:Kemp		8		8
Newport-First:Stewart	13	77	6	96
Umsted:Strayhorn	4	24	4	32
Paragould-First:Watson	10	74		84
Griffin:Gatlin	13	30	2	45
Paragould Par. #1:Bain	6	24		30
Paragould Par. #2:Watts		5		5
Paragould Par. #3:Lingo	2	7		9

New Renew Not Due Total

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Piggott:Harris				
Pocahontas:Chandler	9	40	2	51
Ravenden Spgs. Weatherford	3	2	2	7
Rector:Couchman	4	44	1	49
Pl. Grove:McLester	1	6	1	8**
Sedgwick:Stahl	5	15		20
St. Francis:Smith	4	27	1	32
Swifton:Luter	10	33		43**
Tuckerman:Randle	2	27		29
Walnut Ridge:Meadors	14	51	3	68
Cherokee Village:Dogden	3	5		8
Old Walnut Ridge:Hance		6		6**
Totals	136	762	23	921

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT				
Almyra:Nation	13	14		27**
DeLuce-Prairie Union:	5	15		20****
Altheimer-Wabbaseka:Shaddox	5	55	1	61**
Bayou Meto-Lodges Cor:Shafer	9	71		80****
Carthage:Scott	2	23		25
DeWitt-Prairie View:Master	17	53	2	72
England-Keo:Sadler	11	62		73**
Gillett-Camp Shed:Richardson	2	45		47
Pine Bluff-Good Faith-Sulphur Springs:Riggin	15	29		44
Grady-Trinity:Hansford	1	22		23
Humphrey-Humnoke:Akin	15			15
Leola:Edwards	7	32		39
Pine Bluff-Carr Mem:Matthews		46		46
First:Lindsay	69	168		237*
Hawley Mem:Grogan	8	47	2	57**
Lakeside:Thomason	10	85	2	97
St. Luke-Center Gr;Monroe	4	36		40
Whitehall-Redfield:Bailey	11	32		43**
Wesley:Elliot	9	33		42
Rison-Mt. Carmel:Averitt	13	34	2	49**
Roe Ct.:Barron	11	26	1	38**
Rowell Ct.:Richert	2	21		23
Sheridan:Wilson	6	58		64
Sherrill-Tomberlin-Tucker: Patton	3	25		28*
St. Charles-Pl. Grove:Irvin				
Stuttgart-First:Beck	14	110		124**
Grand:Mulkey	22	90		112**
Totals	274	1232	10	1516

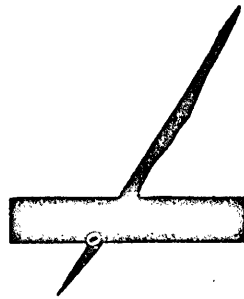
RECAPITULATION

DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Percent
JONESBORO	175	1720	28	1923	1677	115%
MONTICELLO	126	1156	10	1292	1145	112
FORT SMITH	315	2262	20	2597	2503	103
PINE BLUFF	274	1232	10	1516	1706	89
FORREST CITY	225	1349	14	1588	1827	87
CAMDEN	356	1318	19	1693	2181	79
HOPE	188	1007	13	1208	1559	77
LITTLE ROCK	291	2363	22	2676	3634	73
CONWAY	349	1030	26	1405	2352	60
PARAGOULD	136	762	23	921	1518	60
FAYETTEVILLE	181	973	24	1178	1982	59
BATESVILLE	222	864	19	1105	1911	57
ARKADELPHIA	155	558	27	740	1574	47
TOTALS	2993	16594	255	19,842		

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

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MARCH 8: Demands of Discipleship

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 8:34-38; Luke 14:25-33; 1 Kings 22:1-36; Matthew 10:16-39; Acts 6 and 7.

MEMORY SELECTION: Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me, cannot be my disciple. (Luke 14:27)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain a new understanding of the sacrifices Jesus said his disciples would have to be prepared to make; to see anew how the Christian concept of discipleship has been weakened in modern times by those who affirm that it is not a costly relationship.

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No one has done as much to re-emphasize the cost of discipleship in modern times as a young German named Dietrich Bonhoeffer. Secure in his refuge as a student in the United States, Bonhoeffer voluntarily returned to his homeland during the Nazi holocaust, knowing that his fate would be certain death. He joined the underground resistance, was arrested, and on April 9, 1945, in a Gestapo camp that was to be liberated a few days later, he was executed by special orders of Henrich Himmler.

In one of his most significant books, *The Cost of Discipleship*, he cried out against all those who would say that discipleship is cheap or easy. He said, "Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

This sounds so much like the Jesus who speaks to us from our lesson material today. By this time in his ministry he was making it perfectly clear to his disciples that following him was going to be a costly matter—that no rich rewards and no favored positions were in store for those who walked where he walked. Jesus made it perfectly clear that he was going to a cross and that those who came after him could also expect to be called on to bear crosses.

Dr. Charles Laymon has moved to the heart of this lesson, saying: "Unless Christians continue to bear crosses wherever evil is found, Jesus will have no real follower, only hangers-on." Again may we quote from Bonhoeffer (*Act and Being*) when he said referring to "the unique event of the Cross," "It must happen in the present . . . for the Church is the Christ of the present—'Christ existing as community.'"

Most scholars believe the Book of Mark was written soon after Nero's persecution of the Christians. It was directed at readers who had seen some of their friends martyred and who might themselves be called to die for their faith. So Mark emphasizes the cost of discipleship.

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DENIAL AND CROSS-BEARING

Jesus never lowered his standards to get the multitudes to follow him. When they seemed to be coming to him in great crowds he often left them because he perceived that they had the motivations of "cheap grace." He was always more concerned about the quality of men who followed him than the quantity. The church in every age has been tempted to worship the goal of success in numbers, and has so often "marked down" the discipleship it held out to men.

In many stages of the church's history it has sought to sweep into membership the largest possible numbers with the sweetest and easiest descriptions of what was required of men. There are two

strong words that we should underline in today's lesson—**self-denial** and **cross-bearing**. Neither is a bargain and cannot be offered at a discount.

In Mark 8:34 we read, "If any man would come after me let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me." These words are found in all three of the Synoptic Gospels, coming right after Jesus has predicted his own suffering.

"Deny self"—this means so much more than we often make it mean. Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston says in *International Lesson Annual*: "The reference is not to refrain from indulging in something pleasurable. Here denying one's self means removing oneself from the primary place of interest in one's life, not for the sake of self-denial but because of a loyalty to a person or cause—a loyalty so great that it brings forgetfulness of self and disregard for self-interest."

"Cross-bearing"—to take up one's cross also has a deeper meaning than we are accustomed to giving it. It means more than the endurance of hardship and suffering. It is a voluntary assuming of obligations at costs to oneself in the interest of a great loyalty. People are so prone to use the expression "bearing a cross" when they are merely being uncomfortable or inconvenienced.

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WHAT IS CROSS-BEARING?

The word "cross" is one that is almost too overwhelming to work into our vocabularies. It certainly is one of the most misused words in the English language. We have given the name of "cross" to so many things that are not a cross at all in the Christian sense of the word. A person may refer to a calamity as a "cross" that they must bear. It may be a tragedy, but it is not a cross. Men speak of sorrows and losses as crosses, but they ought not to do that. Sometimes people even refer to their shortcoming of temperament and disposition, their uncontrolled anger, or even their homely physical appearance as crosses they have to bear. They even grow quite pious about this. Taking up a cross is not enduring stoically something that may happen to us. That may be a great virtue, but the concept of cross-bearing in Christian teaching is much more than modern stoicism.

Dr. Halford E. Luccock gives this excellent interpretation of what the cross meant to Jesus, in *The Interpreter's Bible*:

"The cross for Jesus was his deliberate choice of giving his life a ransom for many, his deliberate choice of ministering to men's need of the truth about God, to their need of love, cost what it might. Taking up a cross for the disciple means the deliberate choice of something that could be evaded, to take up a burden which we are under no compulsion to take up, except the compulsion of God's love."

In George Bernard Shaw's play *Saint Joan* the Archbishop of Reims accuses Joan of being "in love with religion." Joan replied "I never thought of that! Is there any harm in it?" The archbishop answered that there is no harm but "there is danger."

There is danger in cross-bearing. There was for Joan of Arc, and there will be for you and me. But how insipid are some of the little inconveniences that we would label "crosses."

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"WHOEVER WOULD SAVE HIS LIFE WILL LOSE IT"

Surely this statement of Jesus ranks as one of the heart-themes of discipleship. And yet how mixed up we become when we try to explain it—or live it. Again we must point out that we use these words so glibly that we wear smooth the sharp edges of deep consecration carved by Jesus in the original "coin of the Christian realm."

We must remember that Mark wrote these words

in a time of martyrdom and serious persecution of Christians. Most of us have never even been made really uncomfortable for our faith, and yet we dare to use this as one of our "golden texts." If we are to deal honestly with this passage, we must recognize that the words as they appear here did not have the meaning that we frequently give them. They applied to a persecution situation.

The primary meaning of "whoever would save his life" was exactly that, in a physical sense. The man who saved his life at the gate to the arena by renouncing his faith in Christ would lose it in the next world when he appeared before the judgment seat of God. And he that went on to lose his life in fidelity to Christ would save it in the world of eternity. These words mean so much more in their original context than we understand. We even cheapen them by taking them out of the context of the great persecution and give them meaning in the light of our petty persecution complexes.

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THE PERILS AND PRIVILEGES OF DISCIPLESHIP

May we reaffirm the position that no one can understand this lesson or the full meaning of Christian discipleship without basing his understanding on the situation in which Jesus spoke through Mark to all later generations. Historically, Jesus was speaking to his immediate disciples who would be called on to carry the church through one of its fiercest periods of persecution. When he spoke of "saving" and "losing" lives he was being realistic. Tradition, in fact, tells us that every disciple of Jesus sealed his testimony with his life's blood. The blood of the martyrs really did become the seed of the church.

There is peril in failing to understand the meaning of life. Many in our affluent society are discovering that and seeking new avenues of identity. One can protect oneself physically, economically, and socially and still end up losing everything that he has. There are an increasing number of mature persons today who are walking out on positions of responsibility and success, because there is an emptiness in their lives. In many ways people are discovering that when they have given all their attention to "saving their lives," they have ended up as "spiritual mummies."

All over the church persons are banding themselves together in a spirit that might be characterized as "desperation," because all that they have been doing to "save their lives" has brought them only emptiness. Do you know of some persons like this? Is this a description of your own life?

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COUNTING THE COST

Included in our lesson are two brief parables having to do with considering the cost of a future venture. One of these refers to the foolishness of starting the construction of a house when one has not looked ahead to the total cost. Perhaps you have known someone who embarked on such a foolish venture and was never able to complete the project. Pursuing the same line of thinking Jesus asks, "What king going to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and take counsel whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand?" (Luke 14:31)

Jesus indicated all through the days of his earthly ministry that he was not willing to lower his standards to get superficial followers. He wanted only those to come after him who knew the cost and who were committed to it. It was for this reason that he was always probing men to see if their faith was real. In these two vivid illustrations Jesus points out the absurdity of men who begin projects which they cannot complete because of inadequate resources. The spiritual highway is marred by the half-finished shells of Christian lives which dropped out along the way because they were unwilling to pay the price of discipleship. You and I can name several from our own circle of acquaintances.

May we repeat the words with which we began the lesson—words of Dietrich Bonhoeffer: "Cheap grace is the preaching of forgiveness without requiring repentance, baptism without church discipline, communion without confession, absolution without personal confession. Cheap grace is grace without discipleship, grace without the cross, grace without Jesus Christ, living and incarnate."

Israel Revisited

by the editor

V. JOPPA AND TEL AVIV

For the rest of our stay in Israel we would be staying at the St. George Hotel, in the occupied section of Jerusalem (the section just outside the walled city which is now under the administration of the Israeli military).

Friday morning we left our hotel for a visit to the twin cities of Joppa and Tel Aviv. It is about fifty miles down from the mountain elevation of Jerusalem to the thriving, giant metropolis near the spot where Jonah left on his eventful sea voyage and where Peter visited Simon the Tanner.

We went first to the ancient city of Joppa, or Jaffa, which was once the main seaport in the land. Here one sees a Casbah-like collection of shops and artists displays.

Atop a hill is the Monastery of St. Peter, and nearby is the house reputed to be that of Simon the Tanner. The main attraction of the spot, however, for this pilgrim, was the fabulous view of the sea and Tel-Aviv across the bay. From here we were able to take some of our best pictures of the trip.

The Crusaders used Joppa as a major seaport. Five hundred years later it was occupied by the Turks and was largely destroyed by Napoleon in his futile effort to take Palestine.

The big Hassan Beg Mosque dominates the Joppa skyline. This entrance to the ancient Arab city was a strategic point for Arab sharpshooters in the fighting in 1948. One of the miracles of Joppa in Israeli minds concerns the decision of Arab troops to withdraw from this stronghold in 1948 when they seemed to have everything going their way.

We were also told that it was through the port of Joppa that the legendary "cedars of Lebanon" moved for the construction of the first temple under Solomon.

One of the most timely stops for our party was the recent grave of Bishop James A. Pike in the cemetery there. We posed by the grave, aware that Mrs. Pike had visited the grave only the day before.

Next, we went into the thoroughly

modern metropolis of Tel Aviv. The name means "Spring Hill," and was applied to the new city that began to arise amid the sand dunes about 60 years ago. Now with a population of about 500,000, except for the extremely-religiously minded, it is the very nerve center of Israel's surge of progress.

The American government has never accepted the fact that Israel should have located its capitol in the divided city of Jerusalem and so maintains its embassy in Tel Aviv. Of course, the ambassador must journey to Jerusalem each time he wishes to communicate with any of the departments of the Israeli government, except the Ministry of Defense, which for security reasons is kept in Tel Aviv.

A good part of our morning was devoted to a visit to the Shalom Tower, which is the city's skyscraper show-place, and an important commercial and mercantile center. A view from the lookout tower is as breath-taking as any view in the land.

At noon we were guests at a luncheon in the House of Journalists, where many foreign correspondents are located and where a number of government press bureaus are maintained.

Our speaker at the luncheon was Arie Sieff, the editor of the labor-oriented daily newspaper "Davah." He was formerly the official government censor and spoke to us of the censorship now maintained in Israel. He told us there is no political censorship, and that all controls are related to the military situation and security. He insisted that the government censors very little information that originates abroad.

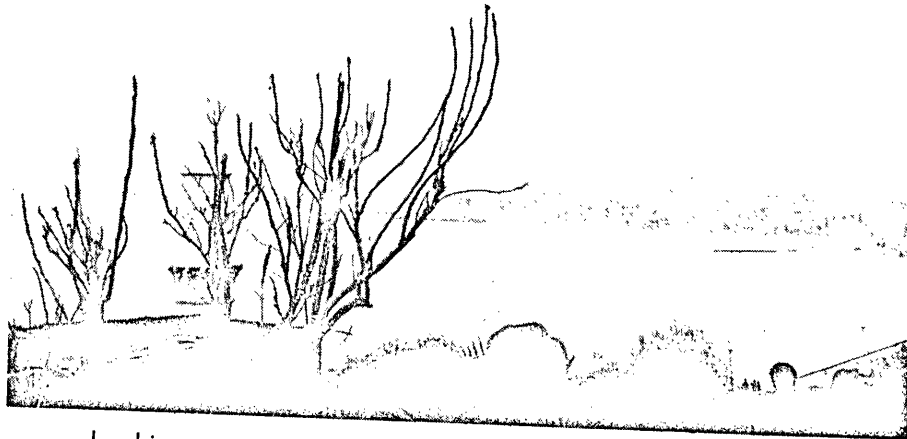
One must conclude from the daily reading of the Jerusalem Post, the nation's one English-language daily, that very little is hidden from the public about current military operations. For example, we were in the country at the time the Israeli army occupied the Egyptian Island in the Red Sea. We have compared accounts in the Jerusalem paper with those in the Little Rock paper of this event and found the former to be much more detailed.

One businessman in Tel Aviv told this writer that in his opinion the current escalation of military activities by the Israelis was intended to precipitate a shooting war which they felt they were in a better position to win now than they might be a year from now. It is this writer's calculated opinion that they will not succeed in doing this because the Arabs lack unity and know they could not win any easier now than they did in 1968.

After lunch we drove through the lovely streets of Tel Aviv and onto the campus of Tel Aviv University, which was by that time deserted as students had made their way toward home for the rapidly-approaching Sabbath.

On the way back to Jerusalem we passed by Lod Airport where we had landed on Tuesday.

(More next week)



Looking across the Mediterranean Sea from Joppa to Tel Aviv.

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
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There is a story about two small boys who are talking about the jobs their fathers do. Says one: "My father is an architect—he knows all about buildings." "That's nothing" says the other "my father is a minister—he knows all about God."

At least one of the reasons we smile at such a story is that many people hesitate in these days to claim that they "know all about God." Perhaps our forefathers would not have found it so difficult to say. Their theological map was clear and simple. They knew where they stood. For them there was such a thing as a "simple" Gospel. It could be, and it often was, couched in the familiar Methodist pattern:

All men need to be saved

All men can be saved

All men can be saved to the uttermost

All men can know that they are saved

Now the simplicity and what some see as the inadequacy of that statement is being challenged, by Christians who find a supreme difficulty. The traditional "pattern of salvation" has simply not been their experience. They are Christians, they are trying to live a committed life, but if they were asked for their "testimony" they would find it hard to use this kind of phraseology.

For example, Donald Bailey, one of the Scots theologians to whom many people owe much said this of his own experience: "As little can I reach a day when I was conscious of myself but not of God as I can reach a day when I was conscious of myself but not of other human beings." And C. S. Lewis, the Oxford don whose books have meant a very great deal to many Christians, in his account of his spiritual pilgrimage "Surprised by Joy" tells of his pleasant boyhood, his growth in

faith. How did it happen? Quite simply. A friend took him on a drive to Whipsnade Zoo, and when they got back he realised contentedly that he believed. No flashes of light, no dark wrestlings with sin, no terror, no awe. Just a nice picnic between Oxford and London. These two accounts are taken from a new book published in Britain with the title "Towards a Radical Church" by Richard Jones and Anthony Wesson. Don't let the title put you off. It is a serious attempt by two of the younger ministers in the Methodist Church in this country to try to think about belief and experience and the church in the present day. And one of the more interesting points that they make is that large numbers of people find that their own experience in religion simply does not conform to the standard pattern of the old "plan of salvation."

They give some interesting figures. In a survey done amongst theological students, while 63 per cent claimed that they had experienced a definite conviction of sin, or a guilt feeling at some time in their lives, most of them placed this experience in their youth and they had recurring feelings of guilt which were not fully resolved in their adult life. The implication of the survey that while these men had identified a "conversion time" in their lives, they afterwards modified the restricted views they held when they were younger.

In an honest conversation with many people, we should, I suspect, find that very many Christians are still feeling vaguely guilty about not having the kind of experience they think they should have.

They don't, in fact, "know all about God" and they think they should! Very many people discover that they can believe in a God of love, and only then do they ask for forgiveness, and become aware of personal sin. And a new look at the way in which Jesus began not with an attempt to make people feel guilty, but with the announcement that the Kingdom of God is at hand, that life was available, and only when men began to live near Him and with Him did they find the need for forgiveness with which many people feel they should have started.

It is a thought which to me seemed worth sharing.

So, no "hard news" this week. But perhaps a thoughtful look at the Good News.



Father John Roger, our guide, stands by the grave of Bishop James A. Pike in Joppa.

General Conf. delegates hold consultation

More than 80 general conference delegates gathered for a one-day consultation in Dallas, Feb. 1. The consultation was an outgrowth of a similar meeting held earlier in the Southwest Texas Conference to consider major issues to come before the special session of the General Conference, April 20-24 in St. Louis.

The delegates heard reports on the Theological Study Commission, the United Methodist Church and Race, the Structure Study commission and the progress on plans of merger of annual conferences.

James Walker, layman and chairman of the Southwest Texas delegation, said the purpose of the meeting was "to help each one of us know what the General Conference is about and how we can prepare ourselves."

The Rev. R. Bruce Weaver, chairman of the Central Texas Conference delegation and one of the organizers of the meeting, said, "We wanted to get together and talk about the issues. We're not voting on anything. The only time we raised our hands was to take a count to see how many laymen were present." About 60% of those present were laymen.

Speaking to the possibility of confrontation by minority groups at the St. Louis conference, Dr. Finis Crutchfield of Oklahoma suggested that the delegates be prepared to take demonstrations in stride.

The Rev. Emmett T. Streeter, a black delegate from Nebraska, expressed a bright note when he said his prayer was "that the Lord would fool us all at General Conference."

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POSSIBLE NATIONAL CHURCH CENTER DEVELOPMENT UNDER STUDY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A United Methodist Agency has taken a further step in exploring development of a possible national church center on land in northwestern Washington that has been held for 13 years.

The Methodist Corporation, created by United Methodism's General Conference to manage the debt-free 11.8-acre tract (originally 19 acres), accepted a recommendation February 9 to retain an architectural firm to prepare a site development plan. Before the 28-member body voted to employ a site planner, several members noted that any specific plan for buildings or other development would have to come before the Corporation for consideration.

In discussion, several members said the time had come either for the property to be developed as a national center, or for the question of whether it should be developed at all to be remanded to General Conference. Bishop Kenneth Copeland said that "we should continue to take steps toward the use of this property, or we should halt the process now," though he noted that any site plan would have to be approved by the Corporation before actual development could take place.

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia,

COCU plan of union released

The draft of the plan of union which will be before the annual plenary session of the Consultation on Church Union in St. Louis, March 9-13, has been made public. After debate and amendment by that body, it will be sent on to the nine denominations involved for study and response.

The 170-page plan is the product of eight years of discussion and negotiation among representatives of the following denominations: African Methodist Episcopal, African Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Church (Disciples), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., United Church of Christ, and United Methodist Church.

Together the denominations which have been engaged in the discussions include more than 25 million members in 75,000 local congregations.

The timetable suggested in the plan anticipates that about 10 years would be required and that some of the participating denominations may choose not to enter the arrangement.

The plan for the new church, to be known as Church of Christ Uniting, calls for its creation when all nine churches have had a chance to vote on it, even if all do not approve it. Under the plan, as few as two denominations who approve the plan could enter into a merger.

The plan contains the following provision for local churches that do not choose to be a part of the new denomination: "At any time within a year after the national Service of Inauguration, a local congregation could withdraw from the united church by a majority vote of its communicant mem-

bers and retain the church property used by it at the time of the national service."

Laymen would have a more powerful voice in the proposed new church. The plan provides for the inclusion of laymen at every policy-making level at a ratio of two laymen for every clergyman.

The top administrative officer of the proposed new denomination would be called the presiding bishop and would be elected for a four-year term with the privilege of re-election. The draft plan specifies that the first "presiding bishop" would be a Negro.

Some 13 steps are detailed in the plan for union to become effective, including the formation of a provisional general council, election of bishops, election of delegates to a transitional national assembly, and the service of inauguration. The provisional general council would be made up of ten representatives from each church agreeing to unite.

Under the plan the calling of a pastor to a parish would involve concurrence of the parish, the district ministerial relations committee, and the bishop of the district.

Districts, to be administered by bishops, would be comprised of about 75 parishes and task groups and would have bounds "extensive enough to provide the capability of meeting urban and rural needs of today and flexible enough to adapt to future requirements."

It is noted in the Plan of Union that a constitution for the new denomination would not be drafted until some future time after the individual denominations have united and begun working together.

World Methodist Structure Congress planned for April

NEW YORK (UMI) — Plans and procedures for an inter-national meeting at which some 330 leaders, mostly Methodists, from about 50 countries are expected to hammer out a possible new world structure for Methodism, have been announced by Bishop Prince A. Taylor, president of the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas.

The World Methodist Structure Congress, to be held April 9-13 at the Traymore Hotel in Atlantic City, N.J., is to formulate proposals for more adequate international structures and

relationships for the United Methodist Church and its related churches overseas, including autonomous Methodist churches and united churches. The Congress was authorized by the 1968 United Methodist General Conference and is being planned by the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas (COSMOS).

Bishop Taylor said COSMOS expects to make a preliminary report to the 1970 special General Conference which will meet a week after the Congress, April 20-24 in St. Louis, Mo.

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Youth asking greater voice

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — The United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM), the only national organization of youth within the church, will have a broader and more independent role if proposed legisla-

S. C., president of the Council on World Service and Finance, supported the proposal but said that "this presupposes development of the site. I am sure the Council on World Service and Finance will want to know the probable cost and where the money will come from."

Miss Letzig moves to new position in Board of Missions

Miss Betty J. Letzig, a staff member of the National Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church, New York City, has been named successor to Miss Emma Burris who retires April 30.

Miss Letzig's new position on the Staff will be executive secretary for Medical Work and Retirement Homes, Section of Social Welfare, Medical and Educational Work. Her new appointment was made Jan. 17, at the Executive Committee meeting of the Board of Missions, held in Atlantic City.

Miss Letzig is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Letzig of Hardin, Mo. She graduated from Scarritt in 1950, as a deaconess, and her first assignment was at Mt. Home, Arkansas. Two other Arkansas assignments were in Fayetteville and Rogers. She also had assignments in Oklahoma and Texas, before becoming a staff member of the National Division where she has been in charge of Town and Country Work, and the last two years head of the Voluntary Services area of work.

Last year she had a leave-of-absence and returned to Scarritt College to complete work for her M.A. degree. She was honored in 1961, as the first Exchange Deaconess, and spent several months in London, England. Miss Letzig transferred to her new office location at 475 Riverside Drive, the last week of January.

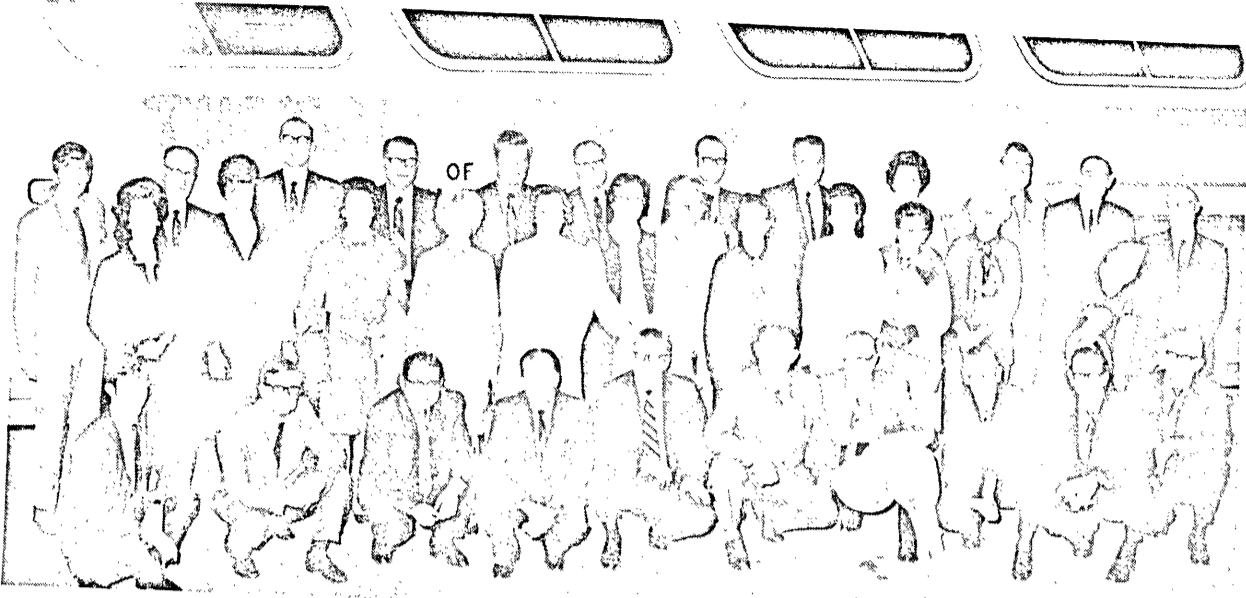
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"The Galloway Gang" comprised of 33 persons from First UM Church in Jonesboro chartered the Great Southern Coaches bus in background to make the trip to the Jan. 28 District Pensions Rally held at First Church in Blytheville. The Rev. Worth W. Gibson, pastor, stands in the back row (third from left).



The Rev. George Stewart (right), chaplain at Methodist Hospital in Memphis occupied the pulpit at Batesville's First Church on Feb. 15. His father was at one time minister at First Church and it was during that period Chaplain Stewart decided to enter the ministry. Pictured with him are Miss Diane Todd, who spoke to the young people during the church school hour, and at left, the Rev. Arvill Brannon, pastor at Batesville's First Church.

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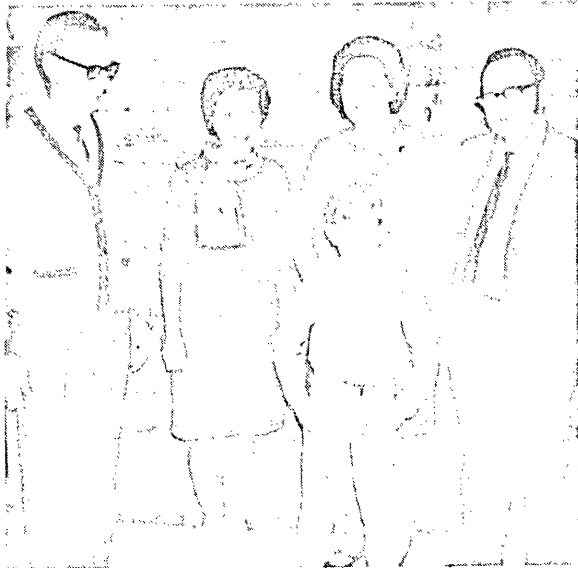
Hendrix Players presenting "Merchant of Venice"

The Hendrix College Players, under the direction of Mrs. Capp Shanks, associate professor of theatre arts, will present William Shakespeare's play, "Merchant of Venice," February 26 to March 1 in Staples Auditorium. All performances will begin at 8:00 p.m. except the final matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, March 1.

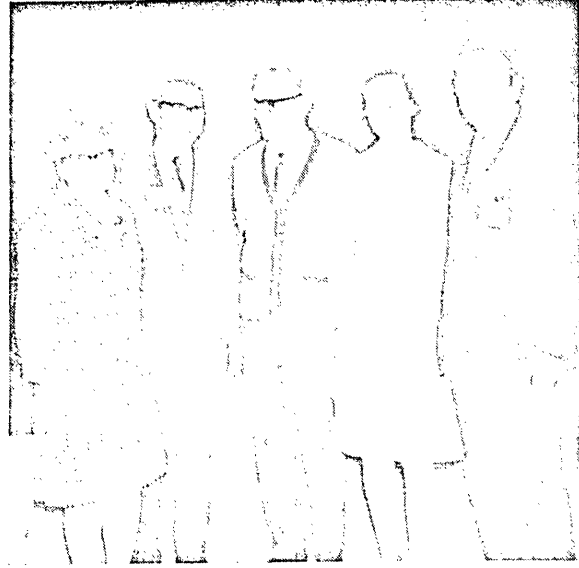
Main characters include Roger Armstrong of Little Rock as Antonio, Jim Reeder of Leola as Bassanio, Johnny Hooper of Wynne as Lorenzo, Randy Blyth of Maryland as Shylock, Pam England of Rison as Portia, and Susie Roll of Batesville as Jessica.

Other roles will be played by Gary Allen, Bee Branch; Robert Rowell, Ohio; Jaric Kohnert, Jacksonville; Robert Armstrong, Rick Johnson, Paul Floyd, Buzz Albright, Ralph Blanks, Rodney Berry, all of Little Rock.

Rapid change in society and ferment in the church during the past decade were the principal factors in shaping the new look to theological colleges, according to a study made among 35 church-related institutions in Canada.



Dr. Ira Gallaway (left), Fort Worth, Texas, was an inspirational speaker at the Jan. 23-25 Laymen's Retreat held at Lake Murray, Ardmore, Okla. Pictured with him are, left to right, Mrs. Gallaway, Mrs. Charles Cooper Jr., Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs, Mr. Cooper and son Charles III.



Other Arkansans seen at Lake Murray Laymen's Retreat (l. to r.): Mrs. H. H. Fulbright, Mr. Fulbright of Searcy, Dr. Gallaway, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Gaither, Central Avenue UM Church in Batesville.

The Interreligious Foundation for Community Organization (IFCO) has three tours scheduled for February and March to give churchmen related to IFCO-affiliated agencies a first-hand view of community development efforts in Black, Mexican-American and American Indian communities.

CASSETTES TO DISPENSE UPPER ROOM DEVOTIONS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The familiar message of Christianity **The Upper Room** has been conveying to readers around the world for 35 years can now be heard as well as read, thanks to the innovation of cassettes.

The flat, palm-sized plastic containers of tape which fit into small cassette players are being produced for **The Upper Room** by the Protestant Radio and TV Center in Atlanta, Ga.

"Cassettes are designed to bring the message of Christianity not only to homes but to offices, beaches, and automobiles," Miss Mary Ruth Coffman, Radio-TV editor of **The Upper Room** explained. This electronic breakthrough will bring a new world of sound to those with visual handicaps.

By simply pressing a button persons can hear each of the two-minute devotions complete with Bible verse, meditation, prayer and thought for the day.

Cost of the meditations is less than six cents per day according to Miss Coffman. In addition to the daily devotions she said the cassettes offer the opportunity of providing music for special seasons.

Another advantage to cassettes, Miss Coffman said, is instant cueing. "You don't have to find the place for the next meditation," she explained. "Play the tape for today . . . remove the cassette . . . and the meditation for tomorrow will be ready when you snap in the cassette the next time." The meditations are dated so Upper Room listeners can easily check by listening.

'Day of Singing' Planned

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A Great Day of United Methodist Singing observed in the past throughout the denomination on the third Sunday in October, will be observed this year on November 1.

The observance is a project of the Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians. Using the theme, "The Historic Jesus Who Calls Us to Contemporary Service," there will be three suggested programs available for this year's observance.

LIBRARY EXHIBIT AT HENDRIX

The exhibit now on display in Bailey Library at Hendrix College is one of the traveling exhibits of the Folger Shakespeare Library in Washington, D.C. It is administered by the Trustees of Amherst College.

A bound copy of "The Merchant of Venice" extracted from the First Folio (1623) and a copy of the 1619 Quarto of "King Lear" are included in the collection. There are also reproductions of playbills, paintings, and posters of Shakespeare's time.

The Folger Shakespeare Library, a research center for advanced scholars, contains the world's largest collection of research material on William Shakespeare as well as one of the finest collections in the Western Hemisphere for the study of British civilization of the 16th and 17th centuries.

The collection will be on display throughout the production of "The Merchant of Venice" by the Hendrix College Players February 26 through March 1.

ECUMENICAL CONSULTATION HELD IN HONG KONG

NEW YORK (UMI)—An ecumenical consultation in Hong Kong in late January on "The Mission of the Church in the 70s" concluded with a call to churches and church members to involve themselves in the "social, political and economic issues which are affecting the lives of people, and to seek a more just society."

Sponsored by the Hong Kong Christian Council, the consultation brought together a broad spectrum of churches and church-related agencies, including 130 participant Protestant congregations of many denominations, the Roman Catholic Church, and service and educational institutions of the church and the community. Included were two United Methodist-related churches — the Hong Kong Council of the Church of Christ in China and the Hong Kong United Methodist Conference.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

In "Silence," poet Charles Hanson Towne wrote, "I need not shout my faith. Thrice eloquent are quiet trees and the green listening sod; Hushed are the stars, whose power is never spent; The hills are mute: yet how they speak of God!"

IN THE PINES

To the grove of singing pine trees,
Out behind my house a way,
I go to meditate and seek
Inspiration every day.

There the solitude is broken
Only by the swaying trees,
As they whisper to each other
In a gentle-sighing breeze.

On soft carpeting I wander
Deep into the fragrant wood;
Where, the stress of life forgotten,
All the world seems calm and good.

So each morning's early coolness
Finds me walking out that way,
Where I muster strength and sureness
To go with me through the day.

—by Etta Caldwell Harris

MIRACLE OF MORNING

Behold the dawn of day!
Accept its mystery!
Confirm the fact that this display
Honors His Majesty!

Unfold the wings of thought.
Establish in your mind
That miracles can not be bought
With coins of any kind!

—by Remelda Gibson