

Mr. and Mrs. Hilmar Fick (seated, right), of Hot Springs, sign document establishing an Educational Trust, to aid underprivileged Arkansas students. Seated beside them is the Rev. John P. Miles, their pastor (Oaklawn UM Church). Standing (l. to r.): C. L. Fager, Jr., vice president and Trust officer of Arkansas Bank and Trust Company; Norton Meek, executive vice president of same bank; Dr. Otto Teague, Arkadelphia District superintendent; Dr. Reginald Hampton, Shorter College president; Clayton P. Farrar, attorney; Dr. Walter Hazzard, Philander Smith president; Dr. Lee Shilling, representing Hendrix College.

Hot Springs couple establishes Education Trust for underprivileged

Mr. and Mrs. Hilmar Fick of Hot Springs on March 3 signed into being an educational trust designed in the future to help underprivileged students in Arkansas to further their educational training.

Fick, formerly the farm manager with Upjohn Drug Company of Kalamazoo, Michigan, has felt very strongly for some time that the Negro student educational preparation was not equal to the task of preparing him for his rightful and responsible place in the main stream of American life.

Wishing to help correct this unequal and inadequate educational training, the Ficks have set up the Hilmar and Caroline E. Fick Educational Trust which, at their death, will receive interest from their estate.

The Arkansas Bank and Trust Company will act as trustees to care for the physical properties of this trust. A board of advisors will select those who will receive the scholarships from this trust. The members of this advisory board are as follows: John P. Miles, chairman, the District Superintendent of the Arkadelphia District of the United Methodist Church, the president of Hendrix College, the President of Philander Smith College, and the President of Shorter College.

At the suggestion of Mr. and Mrs.

Fick, the scholarships from the foundation will be given regardless of race, creed or color to any student from a poor home who qualifies. They have asked that special emphasis be given to help meet the needs of Negro students who show a desire for further educational training either in college, technical schools or nurses training.

The Ficks are members of the Oaklawn United Methodist Church in Hot Springs where John P. Miles is the pastor.

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Fourth Economic Education Conference for Clergy planned

The fourth annual Economic Education Conference for the Clergy will be held at the Avanelle Motel, Hot Springs, May 3-8. Scholarships, covering all costs except travel, will be awarded to clergy representing all denominations in Arkansas whose leadership qualities indicate that they will profit most from the workshop.

The deadline for receiving applications is April 15. The sponsoring committee will select approximately fifty participants from the applicants. Mr. Gus Blass, Little Rock Savings and Loan Executive is the Chairman of the committee. Application blanks can be obtained from Dr. Bessie Moore, State Department of Education, Little Rock, or from any member of the advisory committee.

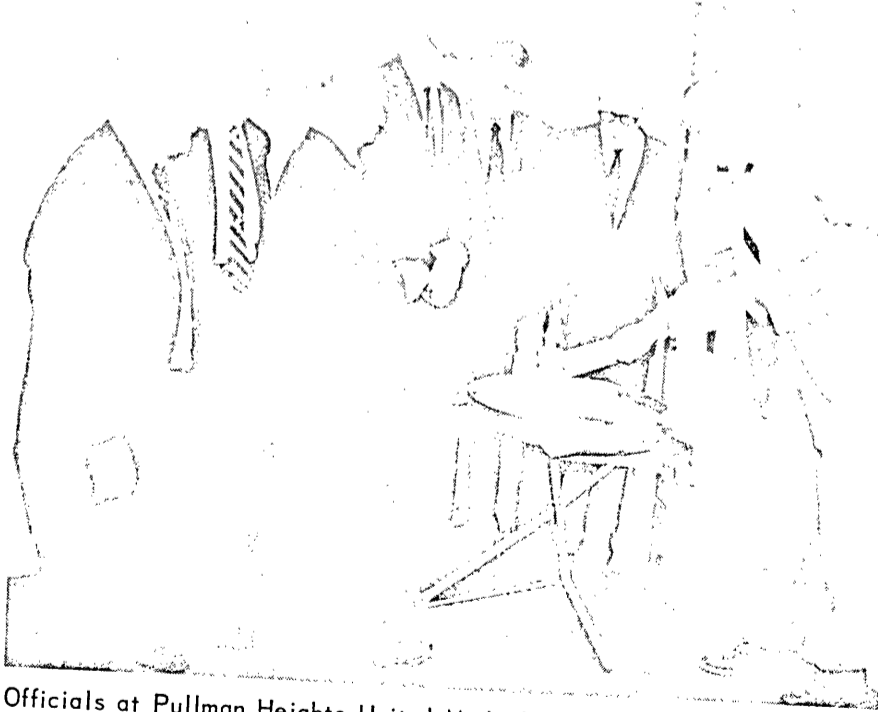
Topics to be discussed will be concerned with vital facets of our economic system including the political and

social implications of these matters. Two distinguished out-of-state economists who will assist in the conference are, Dr. Ray Arensman, Dean, School of Business, University of Evansville, and Dr. Gordon Haferbecker, Vice President, Wisconsin State University. They will lead discussions and encourage

age questions and debate.

Business, labor and agriculture experts will also participate in the conference and will answer questions concerning their roles in the American economy with particular emphasis upon

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Officials at Pullman Heights United Methodist Church in Hot Springs during recent mortgage-burning ceremony. B. W. Ridgeway, chairman of the administrative board (right), places one of mortgages in fire. Others in photo (from left): Walter E. Godwin, Loyd Rhiddlehoover, Bob Smith, Andy Brown, H. D. Bennett and Earl Cox. The Rev. D. W. Hoover is pastor.

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United Methodism's Program Council in significant decisions

Stepped-up programs of helping minorities and provisions for more participation by youth in the United Methodist Church will result from significant actions taken at the meeting of the denomination's Program Council in Los Angeles, Feb. 23-26.

The group endorsed a plan to establish a United Methodist Committee on the Hispanic-American Community to augment services already available through the National Division of the Board of Missions.

The council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO) which is headed by Bishop Aubrey G. Walton of Louisiana, adopted a program of expediting the entrance of minority personnel into the broadcast media.

Acting favorably upon requests from the Council on Youth Ministries the council authorized the youth organiza-

tion to move its offices from Nashville, Tenn. to Dayton, O. and to be related to the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning of the Program Council. It also voted to recommend to the 1970 General Conference that the Council on Youth Ministries become solely responsible for the administration of the Youth Service Fund, which is at present jointly administered by several agencies.

A proposal before the council that several interboard and interagency groups be discontinued was referred to the Structure Study Commission.

Several actions related to World Service were before the Los Angeles meeting. The group voted to refer to the Council on World Service and Finance the policy question of whether an individual donor or a congregation

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Groundbreaking at Little Rock First Church

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will officiate at the Service of Groundbreaking for the new addition to First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Thursday, March 12 at 4:30 p.m.

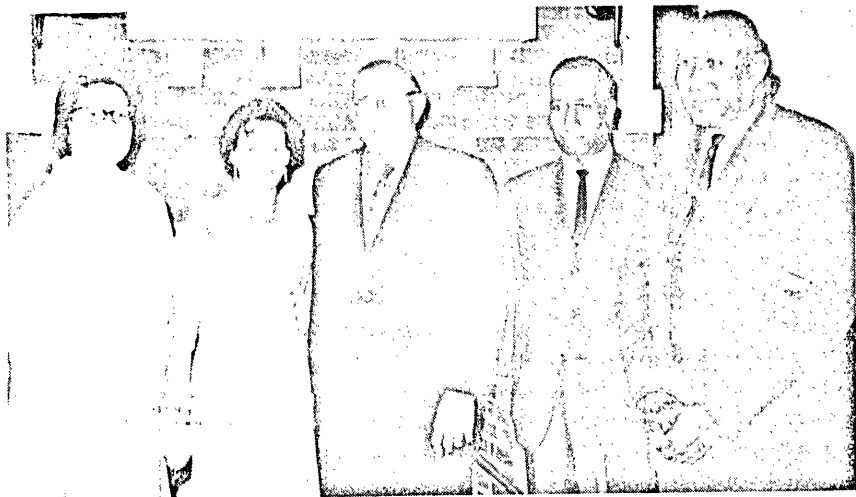
Others who will participate in the ceremonies will be: Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor; the Rev. Maurice Webb, associate pastor; Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District superintendent; and William J. Smith, chairman of the building committee.

The new building, which is expected to be completed in approximately one

year, will cost about \$800,000. It will house Bishop Galloway's offices and the offices of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Conferences, as well as the Area Offices. It will also provide greatly expanded facilities for First Church.

The present facilities of the church will also be completely renovated.

The church has raised over \$450,000 of the costs in gifts and pledges during their recent campaign. The remainder of the construction will be financed by income-producing rent space.



The Rev. Preston H. Russell, right, African Methodist Episcopal pastor at Pine Bluff, was elected second vice-president of the Arkansas Council of Churches, at the meeting of the Executive Board last week. Others in the picture, from left, are: Mrs. Frances Wood, administrative coordinator; Mrs. Earl Saunders, secretary; S. H. "Herb" Allman, president; and the Rev. Nehemiah Mitchum, first vice-president.

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should have the right to designate any part of his gift to World Service. Present policy does not provide for such selective giving by donors.

Staff members of the Division of Interpretation were authorized to proceed with a research project to "explore attitudes toward World Service, the process of decision-making about local acceptance of apportionments and the channels of communication."

The council also recommended significant changes in the days and recipients of special offerings including One Great Hour of Sharing, Fellowship of Suffering and Service and Golden Cross.

The members voted to add "environmental pollution" as a priority item for the balance of the quadrennium. Five priorities established earlier are: meaning, value and life styles; white racism and black revolution; world peace and wars; population explosion and hunger; and patterns of economic exploitation.

The Committee on Review, headed by Roy J. Grogan of Weatherford, Tex., expressed concern over what seemed to them to be unwarranted expansion of the personnel and duties of the Continuing Coordinating Committee, requested the Board of Evangelism's publication Street 'Steeple to

avoid further expansion, and expressed displeasure over a set of membership materials published by Tidings, which they feel are competitive with the denomination's authorized confirmation materials.

In addressing the concluding banquet at the meeting, Bishop W. Paul Ward of Syracuse, called for the celebration of signs of hope in the church and "fewer funneled down" programs. He labeled the past decade as one of "gloom and doom" within the church and urged that the new decade be a time "to share with all who will hear the story of the glory and the greatness of the church."

Economic Conference

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the problems they now face.

Since many of the problems brought to the clergy can be traced to economic matters affecting the home, this conference offers an unusual and unique program that will prove valuable in counseling at the local level.

The Conference will be conducted by the Arkansas Council on Economic Education in cooperation with the State

No plan for restructuring

LOS ANGELES (UMI)—In an interim report to be presented at the special General Conference April 20-24 in St. Louis, Mo., the Structure Study Commission of the United Methodist Church will recommend no plan for restructuring the denomination's national boards and agencies.

Meeting here February 23-24, the Commission gave general approval to the interim report, including a statement that it is presenting no models for restructuring to the special General Conference. The 22-member Commission was created by the 1968 General Conference to study the national board and agency structure of the United Methodist Church.

The Commission voted to mail its interim report to the approximately 900 delegates around March 20, about a month prior to the St. Louis meeting. The final report is to be submitted to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga. The Commission also voted to send with the report a questionnaire, called a "response instrument," which each delegate, plus bishops and certain other church leaders, will be asked to fill out giving their opinions about various issues related to board and agency structure. The questionnaire was approved in general and, like the report, was committed to the Commission's executive committee for finalizing.

Agreeing that, with the interim re-

Department of Education and the Clergy Economic Education Foundation. The committee assisting Mr. Gus Blass is Dr. Robert Riley, Vice Chairman, Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Mr. Jim Caldwell, Mr. J. E. Dunlap, The

Dr. Argue to speak at annual Aldersgate dinner

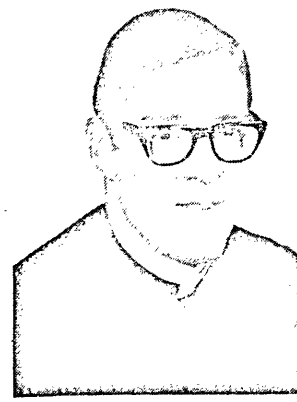
Dr. James B. Argue will be the speaker when the Board of Directors of Aldersgate Methodist Camp holds the annual dinner meeting which will be open to the public. Dr. Argue is pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, where the dinner will be held on Wednesday, April 1.

The Rev. Bob Scott, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church in Little Rock is president of the Aldersgate Board. Ed Wimberly is chairman of the program for the evening, and Mrs. E. D. Galloway is in charge of general arrangements.

Dinner tickets are \$1.75 and may be obtained from board members, or reservations may be made through the Aldersgate office.

port and the response instrument, they were nearing the end of one of the information-gathering phases of their study, the Commission noted that their report will reiterate a point made before—no plan for restructuring national boards and agencies has been prepared for presentation at St. Louis.

Most Rev. Albert L. Fletcher, Mr. Dean Sudman, The Rev. E. Washington, Dr. Alfred A. Knox, Dr. Elijah E. Palnick, The Rev. Lawson Anderson, Mr. Ed Matthews.



Some of the participants in the Crossett Mission Study series. FROM LEFT: Dr. Shockley, Father Davis, Mr. Rawlins. The ecumenical series attracted an average of between three and four hundred persons.

Crossett churches join in mission study

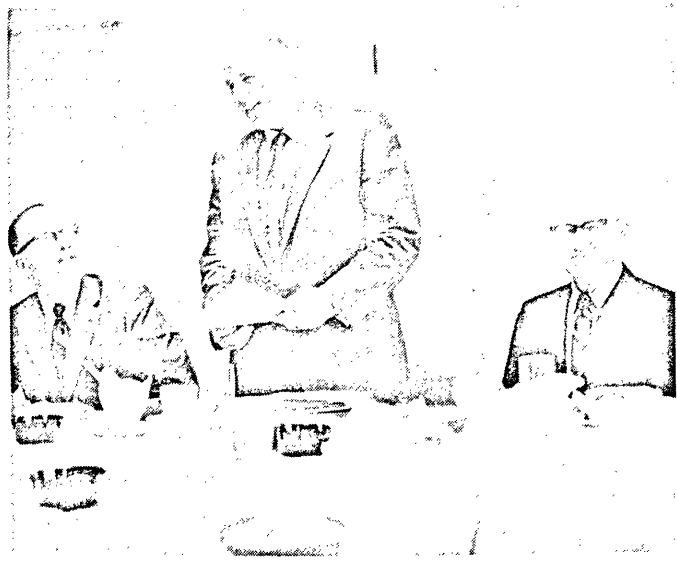
For the third consecutive year the First United Methodist Church of Crossett has taken the initiative in an ecumenically-centered February mission study. Previously the United Methodists and the Presbyterians had cooperated. This year an invitation was extended to the African Methodist Episcopal Church and the Holy Cross Catholic Church to participate. The Rev. Ferris W. Norton Jr. is pastor at First Church.

Speakers and resource leaders from the local churches were involved in the interchange in addition to other well-known persons and groups.

Dr. Grant S. Shockley of the Gen-

eral Board of Missions—executive secretary for Christian Education Overseas, and former pastor of the New York Annual Conference, was keynote speaker for the first session.

The second session featured a dialogue between Father Richard Davis of the Mt. Saint Mary's School faculty in Little Rock and Mr. James Rawlins, executive director of Presbyterian Family and Child Services. The third session was highlighted by a presentation by the Panel of American Women from Little Rock, and Dr. Donald J. Clark of the faculty of the Ecumenical Institute of Chicago concluded the series with a presentation on "Ways to Reconciliation—Models and Means."



Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, Texarkana, chairman of the Arkansas/Louisiana Methodist Commission, is shown as he presided over the annual meeting of that group in Little Rock last week. At left is Editor Alfred A. Knox and at right is the Rev. Lloyd Conyers, commission member from North Little Rock.

Editorial

A NEW IMAGE OF THE CHURCH

Two items, both originating in California, have crossed our desk in the past few days with a message on the poor public relations image which the church and its leaders have had a hand in creating. The coincidence of their arrival seem to say to this writer that here is the stuff of which an effective word could be spoken on the editorial page. Recognizing at the outset that we are borrowing from others, we will hold to a minimum the use of quotation marks and try to synthesize a literary entity from the sources indicated.

In the first, we have words spoken by Bishop W. Ralph Ward of the Syracuse Area to the meeting of the United Methodist Program Council in its Los Angeles meeting. He said that the past decade has been one of "gloom and doom" within the church and that the new decade should be a time to share with all who will hear the story and greatness of the church.

Bishop Ward observed that to publish the good news of the kingdom is a demanding task, but that if the church is to be energized to carry the work forward, the interpretation of her good works is an exceedingly important responsibility.

He said that self-flagellation has been an indoor sport among churchmen and that "we have exercised ourselves and have tolerated in others endless rapping of the clergy, the laity and the establishment. Everyone by this time surely knows what is wrong with the church."

The Syracuse bishop called upon the council members and others to see that a major aspect of their mission in this new decade becomes that of celebrating the signs of hope which are arising throughout the church and ceremonially recognizing those persons whoever and wherever they may be who are victoriously and radiantly sharing the presence of Christ through their love and obedience to the Father's will.

The second item is a sermon by Dr. Ralph B. Johnston, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Santa Barbara, Calif. It was printed in News Pulse, biweekly newspaper of the Los Angeles Area. He says:

"I seriously doubt if any business or institution in the world could survive the type of public relations the church has been getting of late. Suppose a businessman should advertise: 'My sales are declining; my merchandise is shopworn; fewer customers come in to trade, but I hope you will come in when you need something.'"

"Or suppose a physician should announce: 'For several years now, since reaching my peak, I've been slipping. I'm running short of money and most of my patients die. Young people don't come to my office anymore. But I do the best I can and when you get sick please come to see me.'"

"That kind of ridiculous psychology helps to produce failure. Yet this is precisely what has happened in the church. Most of the articles about the church which appear in newspapers, magazines, and professional journals refer to the drop in attendance, the loss of income and the decline in membership. The implication is that the worst is yet to come. It sounds like a coroner summing up a murder! Any other enterprise in the world would go bankrupt using such techniques. Perhaps this is the greatest witness to the need for the Christian Church. Since its inception, it has survived the hostility of its enemies and the self-criticism of its friends.

"Certainly the church stands in need of criticism. But once an illness is diagnosed there is not must to be gained by incessant conversation about it. This is hardly an exercise in good health. What is needed is a regimen to improve the condition.

"Criticism, however valid, needs to be seen in perspective. The church is not the only institution caught in the frustration

and uncertainty of change. Educational institutions have their problems. If the colleges and universities had to depend entirely on voluntary contributions to finance their programs they would be in a state of utter chaos.... marriage is not without additional strains because of the revolutionary nature of the time. Business has its worries and adjustments.

"Moreover, this is not the first crisis the church has faced. Times change, fads come and go, but the church is still here. Whether we will experience a new resurgence of vitality is problematical. There is no simple formula to insure it, but there are suggestions which point in the direction we must move if it is to happen.

First, we must decide if we really believe what Christianity teaches. The church is suffering, to some extent from lack of broad support because many of us do not know what Christianity is.

"A second observation is that to believe the teachings of Christianity is to act on them. We are most vulnerable at this spot. Belief is crucial, but essentially the Christian faith is a way of life.

"Finally, the greatest certainty of God comes as we act on what we believe. Out of action comes reality. We are moved to a vision of the good. The prodigal son began to experience salvation when he realized how good life was at home. The great certainties come as we are engaged in helping others find their way home. There are many who need our assistance."

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The Editor's Corner



SIGNIFICANT ARCHAEOLOGICAL FIND IN JERUSALEM

On several occasions since the Six Days' War of 1967 city planners engaged in the unification and beautification of Jerusalem have had their plans altered by significant archaeological discoveries under the sites of urban renewal projects.

Such a find occurred just prior to our recent visit in Israel. In the Jewish Quarter of the Old City a workshop was uncovered bearing distinct marks of the fire which destroyed Jerusalem in 70 A.D.

The site was uncovered during the preparations for the construction of a shelter for a new apartment complex. The building will still go up, but it will be built on pillars, leaving visible the remains of the fire-charred workshop about ten feet below the surface.

Here were found toppled walls, charred beams, fragments of large stone jars and a large number of grinding and measuring vessels.

The Jerusalem Post reported that "an atmosphere of solidity attaches to the numerous well-made stone instruments and vessels found here. Prof. Nahman Avigad of the Hebrew University believes that they were used, at least in part, for pharmaceutical preparations."

A suggestion of wealth also appears in the fragments of a handsome rectangular stone table, bordered with decorative carving.

Dr. Avigad reports that the shopkeeper apparently kept his accounts with the aid of an inkwell, found intact, similar to those found in the Qumran community where the Dead Sea Scrolls were prepared.

This dig is the most recent in the Jewish Quarter, where newly-levelled areas designated for building are being made available for prior archaeological exploration.

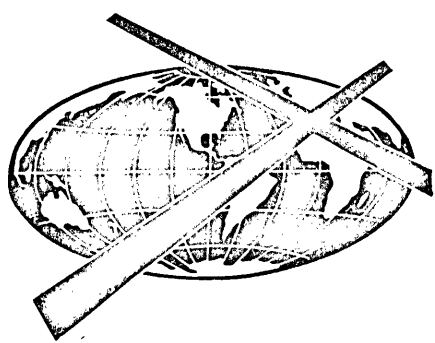
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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by the Editor

About 50 Christian, Muslim, Buddhist and Hindu leaders will discuss "Obstacles to Dialogue" in Beirut, Lebanon during an international religious study conference, March 16-25, sponsored by the World Council of Churches. The meeting is preparatory to the Tokyo assembly slated for September which will study the possibilities for world interreligious cooperation for peace.

The "Leisure revolution" has already subverted American institutions to the point that profound changes in society are inescapable, a conference sponsored by the Minnesota Council of Churches in conjunction with the U.S. Extension Service and the University of Minnesota, was told. While advertisers gloat over statistics that seem to show everyone has more time and money, Dr. Sebastian de Grazia, Rutgers University political science prof, said the American belief in the importance of working has been undermined among the present generation of youth who are real "leisure industry" consumers.

A proposed plan of union between the national Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) and the Congregational Union of Scotland has been rejected in a close vote by the Churches after 10 years of dialogue and negotiation.

An announcement from Nazarene headquarters in Kansas City, Mo. noted that the denomination is severing all connections with program boards and agencies of the National Council of Churches. Nazarene participation in the Council was particularly linked to the uniform Sunday school lesson series prepared by the Division of Christian Education. The denomination will attempt to purchase the uniform outline on a royalty basis.

The new English translation of the Roman Catholic Mass and other revised liturgical services, to be implemented in U. S. dioceses beginning March 22, have been confirmed by the Vatican, according to an announcement received by John Cardinal Dear-den, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops. He said the decision affects the new ordinary of the Mass as well as services of baptism and marriage.

Delegates to the 22nd national Conference on Church and State were told that the Supreme Court "ruled against school prayer, but not against student prayer." James V. Panoch, executive director of the Religious Instruction Assn. of Fort Wayne, Ind., said the Court's decision on prayer and Bible reading "could become a boon to study of the Bible and religion within the public school setting" if it is properly understood. He said further, "while a school may not seek to mold Republicans or Democrats, the political philosophies of both parties are proper matters for study." "The school has yet to establish materials and techniques necessary to teach the controversial subject of religion in the same way that it has for the equally controversial subject of politics."

Unless a court injunction is secured by opponents, Utah's Sunday closing statute, passed by the 1970 Legislature, will become effective April 1 without the signature of Gov. Calvin L. Rampton. The Act calls for the Sunday closing of all retail stores — including food stores—beginning April 1.

The Central Conference of American Rabbis (CCAR), rabbinic body of Reform Judaism, held its 81st annual convention March 6-10, for the first time in the State of Israel. To dramatize a re-united Jerusalem and its universal symbolic religious expression to faiths all over the world, the convention opened on Mt. Scopus, where Romans launched their attack against Jerusalem 1,900 years ago. Two authorities discussed the question, "Who is a Jew?"

Fifteen Methodist youths in Phoenix are putting pressure on the Arizona Legislature to do something about environmental pollution as part of their participation in a church-sponsored community betterment program. The youths of Cross Roads United Methodist Church intend to obtain 5,000 signatures, copies of which will be sent to every Arizona lawmaker and the state's U.S. Congressmen and Senators.

Dr. Keith Bridston of Pacific Lutheran Seminary, Berkeley, Calif., writing in the Winter issue of *Lutheran World*, called for a "reconceptualization" of the church through a revision of its thinking in relation to science and technology. He said this did not mean abandoning the Christian tradition.

The Christian faith lives on in China despite renewed efforts by the Communist government to root out "reactionary religion" according to Chinese journalist Paan Ming-To in an article which appeared in a recent issue of *Christianity Today*. The veteran news reporter said pressures against Christians on the mainland are rising. However, Chinese Christians continue to cling tenaciously to their underground "home congregations" or "cell-structure" church groups. Because of the dangers involved, cell meetings are limited to small groups. When not in use Bibles are hidden.



TULSA — Three members of the General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs of the United Methodist Church conferred at their meeting in Tulsa. From left are Bishop Paul Washburn of Minneapolis, chairman; Dr. Robert W. Huston of New York, executive secretary, and Dr. Finis A. Crutchfield, pastor of Tulsa's Boston Avenue Methodist church. The commission voted to continue membership from the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) and continue in the development plan for a merger with eight other Protestant denominations. (RNS Photo)

Leaders of four Canadian Churches were joined in Ottawa by former Prime Minister Lester Pearson in launching a Lenten campaign to raise \$3 million for developing countries. The Coalition for Development is an alliance of the Canadian Catholic Conference and the Canadian Council of Churches. It has the backing of trade unions and citizens' groups.

A Knights of Columbus legal aide, John M. Murphy, advocates a federal legislative program aimed at preserving the country from the "debasing effects of pornography for profit," which promotes "overt criminal conduct" and subverts the nation's moral values. Speaking at a public hearing called by two members of the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, the assistant supreme advocate for the Catholic men's organization and chairman of its international Committee for Decency, expressed the concern of the K of C about the spread of hard-core pornography and its corrosive effects on the moral and psychological health of Americans.

The president of the American Baptist Convention in an address before civic, church and communications leaders at The Cincinnati Club, predicted that persons who stick with the Church in the 1970s will have "answers, cures and balms" which others do not have for world problems. Dr. Thomas Kilgore, Jr., pastor of Los Angeles' Second Baptist church and the first black man to lead American Baptists, in a lighter moment, wondered if a moratorium on new church resolutions should be called until things get moving on old ones.

Lutheran-Anglican theological conversations on a world level will begin next September in Oxford, England with an examination of the theme, "Authority and Freedom," according to an announcement from the Lutheran World Federation in Geneva, Switzerland.

"God will get back in the schools when boards of education decide to put Him there," Dr. Weldon P. Shofstall, Arizona's superintendent of public instruction told the Arizona Breakfast Club in Phoenix. He urged the club to call on school boards to adopt policies advocating spiritual education. He also said that service clubs were units in which "the simple, honest, God-fearing, patriotic Americans can make themselves heard." "Schools can teach morals without espousing a particular faith or belief," Dr. Shofstall pointed out. He said "Morals can be taught without causing a conflict of church and state."

The Israeli air line, El Al, has joined the world-wide Jewish opposition to the famed Oberammergau Passion Play and withdrawn from the promotion of tours to that West German village because of the play's anti-Semitic content. According to a letter received by Rabbi Arthur J. Lelyveld, president of the American Jewish Congress in New York, the president of El Al, Mordechai Ben-Ari, the action followed the refusal of Oberammergau officials to change the anti-Jewish character of the play.

The Rev. W. C. Link, a Methodist minister in Nashville, Tenn., and Father Morton A. Hill, S.J., president of Morality in Media, Inc., New York, both members of the Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, took the "smut problem" into their own hands and heard 27 witnesses deplore the heavy traffic of offensive movies and publications. The two clergymen said they acted as individuals in calling the one-day sessions because their commission had failed to set any public hearing. Noting that President Nixon is to receive the full 18-member commission's report this Summer, they said the hearings were scheduled because the commission has not yet determined how the public stands on the question of smut control. Hearing results will go to Washington.

Hendrix grads "Outstanding Young Men"

Six Hendrix College graduates have been selected for the 1970 edition of "Outstanding Young Men of America," an annual biographical compilation featuring the accomplishments of approximately 5,000 young men of outstanding rank throughout the country.

Dr. George H. Kamp, 1956 graduate, among those chosen, was originally from Conway and now lives in Tulsa, Oklahoma. After Hendrix he attended medical school and graduated with honors.

Dr. James S. Upton, Jr., a 1958 graduate with a Bachelor of Music, is presently an assistant professor of music at Colorado State College. He received his Ph.D. at the University of Texas in 1968.

Dr. George Doyne Williams, 1957, was also selected for the honor. After graduating from the University of Arkansas Medical School, he joined the faculty of the Department of Surgery there.

Others selected include the Rev. William C. Gentry Jr., the Rev. Frank Norman Totten, and Robert Scott Fuller. A 1957 graduate from Hope, the Rev. Gentry now lives in Arkadelphia.

From Benton and a 1956 graduate, Mr. Totten received a Bachelor of Sacred Theology from Boston University and graduated cum laude. He now lives in Newton, Mass.

Fuller, from Searcy, graduated from Hendrix in 1958 with a Bachelor of Music degree. He presently is residing in Jonesboro.

Nominations for the awards publication are made by Jaycee chapters, college alumni associations, and military commandants. Criteria for selection includes a man's service to others, professional excellence, business advancement, charitable activities and civic and professional recognition.

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SUMMER PLANS FOR HENDRIX PROFS ANNOUNCED

Dr. Francis Christie, academic dean at Hendrix, will be the dean of a summer school at Graz, Austria, this summer. The school is sponsored by the Methodist Church and will begin in July, lasting six weeks.

It will give the students an opportunity not only to take courses dealing with subjects of international interest and concern, but also to travel.

Dr. Walter Moffatt, head of the English Department, will conduct a short twelve-day tour of Mexico during June, visiting Yucatan, Mexico City, Taxco, and Acapulco.

In July he will conduct a Hendrix College alumni European tour. This tour includes travel in England, Holland, Germany, Austria, Italy, Switzerland, and France; a special feature will be attendance at the world-famous passion play at Oberammergau, Germany.

This takes the place of an earlier announcement.

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AWS HOLDS CONVENTION AT HENDRIX COLLEGE

The Arkansas Association of Women Students held its convention on the Hendrix College campus February 27-28. Nearly 100 girls from 12 schools in Arkansas attended. The convention theme was: "Today's Scene—Informed—Interested—Inquisitive."

The program included a banquet address by Mrs. Carol Smelley, founder of Youth Homes, Inc.; attendance at "The Merchant of Venice" production by the Hendrix Players; a discussion on drug abuse led by two pharmacy students from the University of Kansas—protégés of Dr. James Dusenberry; a discussion led by Janice Mendenhall of the University of Kansas—regional coordinator for the Association of Women students, and presentations by Dr. Arthur Johnson and Dr. Robert Shoemaker of the Hendrix faculty.

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WORLD OUTLOOK merges with Presbyterian journal new

NEW YORK (UMI)—Publications of two major denominations have merged here in a move that church communicators regard as a first step towards possible development of a broadly based ecumenical journal devoted to the mission of the church today.

Involved are *new*, a multi-media communications service begun in 1965 within the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A., and *World Outlook*, a monthly publication of the United Methodist Church concentrating on mission.

The merged publication, called *new/World Outlook* and inaugurated with

the February issue, will appear monthly under the editorship of Arthur J. Moore, Jr., editor of *World Outlook*. Stanley J. Rowland, Jr., who edited *new*, is associate editor of *new/World Outlook*.

In announcing the new venture, Mr. Moore said the editors were hopeful that "cooperation between the Methodists and the Presbyterians is only the beginning of what we hope will be a truly ecumenical magazine dealing with the mission of the church, one that is contemporary enough in its subject matter and presentation to reflect and interpret the Christian mission today."

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FRANCIS STEWART SWABY

The funeral service for Francis Stewart Swaby, a lifetime resident of Tilton, Arkansas, was conducted on February 24 at the Tilton United Methodist Church by his pastor, the Rev. Raymond A. Dorman, assisted by a former pastor, the Rev. Charles Thompson, of Trumann.

Mr. Swaby, who died Feb. 21, on his sixty-first birthday, had not been well for some time but was active until the time of his death. He was a faithful member of the Tilton United Methodist Church and was a member of the choir and the Administrative Board. He was born at Tilton, a short distance from his home in which he lived at the time of his death.

He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Christine Swaby; two sons, Robert O'Neal Swaby of Jacksonville, Arkansas, and Donald Ray Swaby of the Marine Corps in Vietnam; one daughter, Mrs. Catherine Lybrand of Stuttgart; three brothers, Leo and Melvin, both of Tilton and Homer Swaby of Forrest City; one sister, Mrs. Fannie Warren of Tilton, and three grandchildren.

Burial was in Crittenden Memorial Park.

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ROBERT (BOB) J. ROBERTS

Robert (Bob) J. Roberts, age 64, died at the LaFayette County Memorial Hospital in Lewisville January 30, after a long bout with Parkinson's Disease.

"Mr. Bob" as he was affectionately known in the Stamps community, had been an active member of the First United Methodist Church at Stamps since March of 1943, and was a faithful member of the choir. He was a retired salesman and a member of the American Legion — Carlton Devanie Post No. 49. He was a World War II veteran and a native of New York.

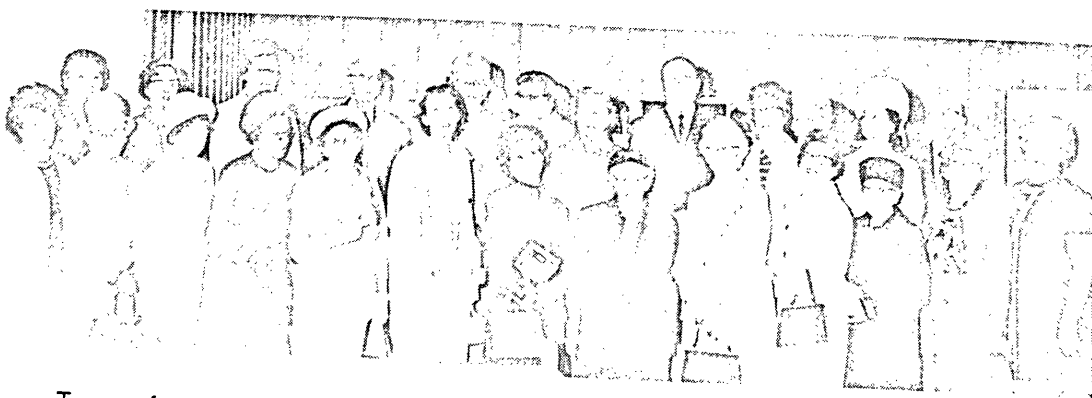
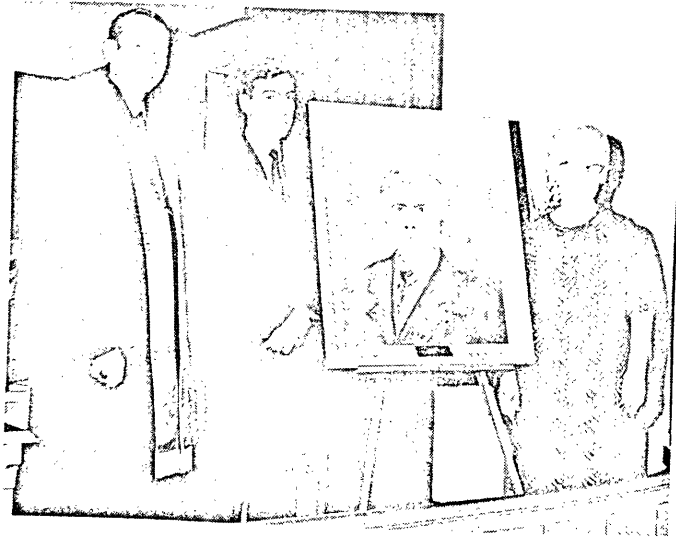
The funeral service was held on Sunday, February 1, at the Stamps Church with the Rev. Kirvin Hale officiating, assisted by the Rev. Charles Walthall (a long-time friend of Mr. Roberts). Burial was in Lakeside Cemetery.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Adah McMurrough Roberts and four nephews in New York.

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CAMDEN DISTRICT MINISTERS' Wives met in Magnolia in the home of Mrs. Howard Williams on Thursday, February 19. Mrs. Alvin Murphree of El Dorado gave a program on "The World's Great Lovers."

A portrait of the Rev. John M. Steele (1810-1881), the circuit preacher who founded the Methodist church in Harrisburg, was presented to the church in a special ceremony, Sunday, Feb. 22. Shown here (l. to r.): the Rev. Bob Orr, pastor, Mr. Clyde Ford, the one presenting the picture, and Mrs. Eugenia Mills, great granddaughter of the founder.



Twenty-five of the members whose continuous membership in the Harrisburg church has been 35 years or longer. One membership dates back to 1899. The Harrisburg church was established in 1845. In that year there were 44 preachers appointed to charges in five districts including: Little Rock, Fayetteville, Washington, Pine Bluff and Helena. There were 9,094 members, of whom 1,724 were Negroes, according to records from that period. The Rev. John Steele served as a presiding elder of the Helena, Jacksonport, and Batesville Districts at different times and presided over the Conference during the war between the states. He represented the Arkansas Conference at six General Conferences between 1854 and 1878.

NEWS and NOTES

THE TREE HOUSE PLAYERS presented their skit, "The Peanut Comic Strip Characters" in First U.M. Church of Russellville, at the family fellowship supper Sunday night, February 15. The Rev. John B. Hays is pastor.

EL DORADO UNITED Methodist Men held the February 18 supper meeting with Robert W. Meriwether, associate professor of education and political science at Hendrix College, as guest speaker. Col. Claude E. Haswell gave the devotional. Jim McKemie is president of the Group. Dr. Alvin Murray is their pastor.

CENTRAL UNITED METHODIST Church at Lincoln observed Student Recognition Day with Sandra Woods, a freshman at the University of Arkansas as leader. Donnie Woods, a junior at U. of A., gave the message entitled "A Church for the Seventies." The Rev. Woodrow Woods is the Lincoln pastor.

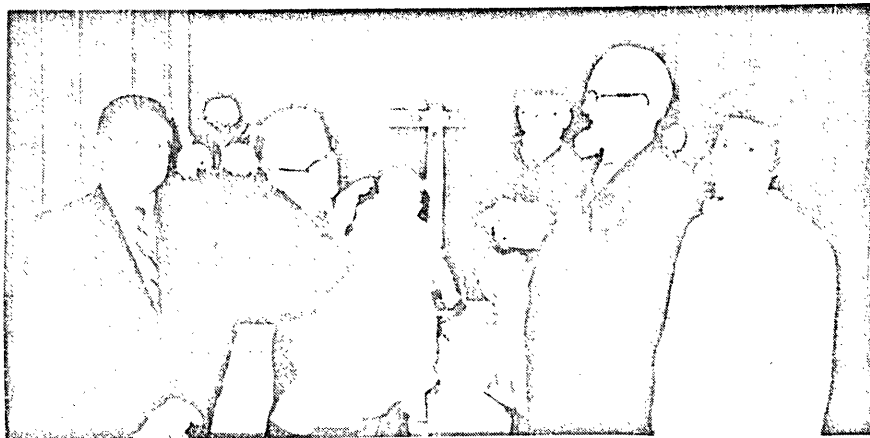
CHEROKEE VILLAGE United Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Lawrence Dodgen is pastor, held a one-unit training school this week taught by Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro.

WHITE COUNTY AREA Training School will be held in First United Methodist Church, Searcy, March 15 and 16, with Dr. Mouzon Mann as host pastor. The staff will be comprised of the Rev. James Breazeale of Perryville who will teach "Planning for the Church's Ministry with Youth;" the Rev. Larry Powell of Fort Smith, "The Sermon on the Mount - for Youth;" the Rev. Archie Boyd, Fort Smith, "Understanding the Bible;" Miss Lulu Doyle Baird of Morrilton, "Teaching Children."

THE JONESBORO FIRST Church basketball team won the Jonesboro Church League basketball championship in February for the second consecutive year. Billy Joe Bailey is their coach.

DR. EARL McWHORTER, Hot Springs orthodontist, presented the work of the Gideons in the three churches on Okolona Charge, February 22. The Rev. David Hankins is the Okolona, Trinity and Center Grove pastor.

ST. MARK'S ANNUAL fund-raising dinner in Camden had as entertainment the "Madrigals" and the "Marksmen". The Madrigals are high school singers directed by Mrs. Tommy Bensberg. The Marksmen quartet includes Bonnie Bensberg, Dottie Spruce, Tommie Bensberg and Mike Clayton, who is St. Mark's minister.



At Wesley Church, Pine Bluff, are shown, from left: the Rev. William D. Elliott, Dr. Otto Teague holding William Lee Elliott, Dr. Arthur Terry holding Dean Elliott, and Mrs. Elliott. (See article below.)

SPECIAL DAY AT WESLEY CHURCH, P.B.

Sunday, March 1st, was a special day at Wesley Church, Pine Bluff, with three district superintendents participating in the worship service. At the morning service, Dr. Arthur Terry, District Superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, preached and was assisted by Dr. Otto W. Teague in the service of infant baptism for William Lee Elliott, son of Rev. and Mrs. William D. Elliott. Dr. Teague is a great uncle of William Lee Elliott.

At the evening service, The Rev. Kenneth Deere, District Superintendent of the North-East District of the Indian Mission Conference from Okmulgee, Oklahoma, was the speaker.

The Rev. Elliott is the Wesley Pastor.

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FOLLOWING THE BATESVILLE-Jacksonville basketball game in February, the Senior UMYF of Batesville First Church was host to the Jacksonville UMYF for a weekend retreat. Dr. R. W. Wygle, president of Arkansas College, was the "keynote". The Rev. Arvill Brannon was host pastor.

THE REV. EARL CARTER, associate director of the Program Council of the North Arkansas Conference, was the visiting minister for the Evangelism Program in the Cabot United Methodist Church, February 22 through the 26. The Rev. W. Braska Savage is pastor at Cabot.

THE GURDON CHURCH study of "Reconciliation" is being conducted in March under the supervision of the Missions Work Area, Mrs. Betty Fielder, chairman. The course was launched with W. A. Geddie, Methodist layman of Camden, as guest speaker. The Rev. Cagle E. Fair is pastor.

A SEMINAR AT ST. PAUL School of Theology, Methodist, in Kansas City, held from March 4-11, was attended by these Little Rock Conference delegates: Dr. W. Neill Hart and the Rev. Joe Arnold, both of the conference program council, the Rev. David Wilson of DeQueen, and Mrs. Mattie Mae Rice of the Pulaski Heights Church staff.

"FROM CHURCH RIVALRY toward Ecumenism" was the subject when Dr. James W. Rainwater of Little Rock spoke in Goddard Memorial U.M. Church of Fort Smith on Sunday night, February 22. Dr. Rainwater is the executive minister of Arkansas Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ) and was a Vanderbilt classmate of Dr. Charles Richards, Goddard minister.

COLLEGE HILL CHURCH of Texarkana has scheduled the Rev. M. E. Scott as evangelist for services to be held March 22-27. Rev. Scott is a retired minister of the Little Rock Conference and now lives in Malvern. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor at College Hill.

BOYLAND BOYS WERE GUESTS of United Methodist Men of Wiggins Memorial Church at Fayetteville on Tuesday night, March 3. Speakers were athletes from the University of Arkansas giving Christian witness. The Rev. Allan Hilliard was host pastor.

YOUTH LENTEN BREAKFASTS are being held in First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on Friday mornings at 7 o'clock. Meditations are to be given by: Gene Harwood on "A Layman's Thoughts of Easter," March 6; the Rev. Ralph Hale, pastor of Grand Avenue U.M. Church, on "A Pastor's Thoughts of Easter," March 13; Peggy Elliott, "Youth's Thoughts of Easter;" and on Good Friday Dr. George F. Ivey, pastor, will lead the worship in the sanctuary.

THE REV. RICHARD POSS, pastor of the Tiller United Methodist Church, announces a series of services—"Four Nights for God," March 16-19. The services each night will start at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Arnold Simpson, pastor of the Dumas United Methodist Church will preach each night.

JUDGE LAWSON CLONINGER, municipal judge, Fort Smith, was guest speaker at a joint meeting of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild at Wyatt Memorial United Methodist Church at the February meeting. Judge Cloninger's topic was the Girls' Shelter which will be open this spring. The Rev. Tom Weir is pastor.

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 15—Sunday	John 1:43-51
March 16	Matt. 9:35—10:8
March 17	Luke 5:1-11
March 18	Mark 4:1-20
March 19	Acts 8:26-40
March 20	John 9:13-25
March 21	Acts 7:59—8:8
March 22—Sunday	Mark 11:1-11

NOTE TO FILM USERS:

The film libraries of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences remind users that films and filmstrips must be returned in person, or placed in the mail to the libraries NO LATER than the MORNING after your showing, so the next user will not be disappointed. Any reason for delay in returning an item must be cleared with the library BY TELEPHONE, not in writing, immediately.

FORDYCE L.S.M. THIS WEEK

A Lay Witness Mission will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Fordyce March 13-15. Dr. Ormon Simmons of the University of Arkansas Medical Center in Little Rock will act as coordinator with team members from Ozark, Conway, and Little Rock and from Dallas and Houston, Texas.

Committees under the guidance of Co-chairmen Allen Howard and Allen Bedell have been working for weeks in preparation for the weekend. The schedule as set up in "A Road to Renewal" by Ben Campbell Johnson will be followed beginning with a 24-hour prayer vigil and continuing with church-wide meetings, small sharing sessions, coffees, etc.

The Rev. Ed Matthews is minister of the church.

THE KEITH MEMORIAL Women's Society met in Malvern February 3 with Mrs. Carl Griggs as program leader and Mrs. Robert Jones as hostess. The Valentine theme was noted in decorations and program as the part that Faith, Hope and Love play in hearts was emphasized. The Rev. Loyd Perry is pastor.

THE REV. JIM KEITH, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Corning, was guest evangelist at the Preaching Mission at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Harrison, February 22-26. The Rev. Wayne Clark is pastor at St. Paul's.

P. K. KORNER

SUSANNA MAY AVERITT, the second daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Louis L. (Biff) Averitt of Rison, was born on March 2.

MRS. J. D. MONTGOMERY

Mrs. Janie Hervey Montgomery, 85, a member of a pioneer Hempstead County family, died in a Prescott Hospital, February 15.

The funeral service was conducted by her pastor, Everett Vinson, in the First United Methodist Church, Hope, Arkansas. Burial was in Memory Gardens at Hope.

Survivors include her husband, the Rev. J. D. Montgomery, a retired Methodist Minister, and several nieces and nephews.

Mrs. Montgomery will be remembered as a devoted wife and mother and as a servant of God.

Brother Montgomery's address is: 609 South Harvey Street, Hope, Arkansas 71801.

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MRS. JAYNE WITHERS PUGH by Robert B. Moore, Jr.

Mrs. Jayne Withers Pugh, widow of the late Thomas Robert Pugh, prominent planter and banker of Southeast Arkansas, stood before the throne of God to receive her crown with many stars on February 18, 1970.

"Miss Jayne," as she was called by those who knew her best, was born October 25, 1872 at Longview, Arkansas. She was the third of six children born to the Rev. Francis Bowen Withers and his wife Marguerite Nunn Withers. He was a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, along with his brother Dr. Harlston Reid Withers, who distinguished himself as an outstanding preacher and member of the Little Rock Annual Conference.

A growing blindness limited "Miss Jayne" during the last ten years of her life, but she never lost her ability to communicate with three generations of relatives and acquaintances who loved and respected her. Her mind remained keen as she told stories of the early days of the Methodist church and settlers moving into Southeast Arkansas and as she discussed current events in local or world affairs. It was a moving experience to hear her tell of early Arkansas Methodism "When the preacher came to stay at our home or my father visited in other homes along the circuit." Sometimes she would tell of the hardships and joys of those who came to Southeast Arkansas to clear the land or plant the fields.

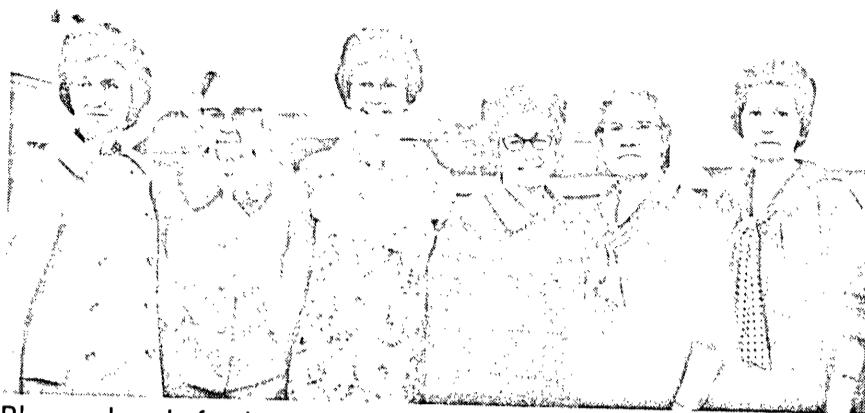
Miss Jayne had a special gift for reaching into the lives of young people. No one knows or will ever know how many of these young friends she aided in their formal education or how much she invested in the present leadership of our land. Her deep love for her church and her great loyalty to good causes remains a challenge to all who knew her.

Miss Jayne is survived by one son, Robert Augustus Pugh of Portland and by one daughter, Mrs. Thomas Owen, of Little Rock, by seven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren. Two sons, Felix and Joel and one daughter, Lucy, Mrs. Solon Humphreys, preceded her in death.

The funeral service was conducted at the Portland United Methodist Church February 20, 1970, by her pastor, the Rev. Herman Bonds, assisted by the Rev. Sam Jones.

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Little Rock Conference women map plans in executive session



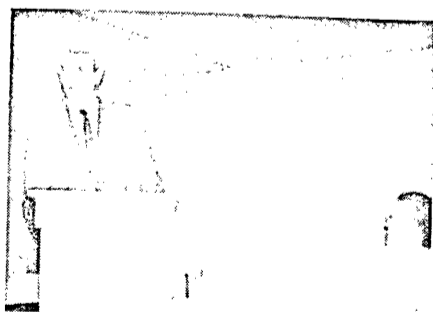
Plans and goals for the year were discussed when the executive committee of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society of Christian Service met in Fordyce, March 3 and 4. Among officers reporting were, from left: Mrs. J. L. McLarty, secretary of program materials; Miss Ada May Smith, treasurer; Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson, Wesleyan Service Guild conference chairman; and the three chairmen of program areas: Mrs. John D. Christian, missionary education; Mrs. Fred L. Arnold, spiritual growth, and Mrs. Charles Gardner, Christian social relations.



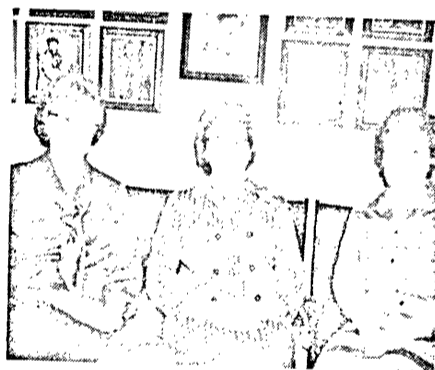
District presidents were 100% in attendance at the Fordyce meeting. BACK ROW: left, Mrs. G. G. Martel, Camden District; Mrs. Louis Ederington, Monticello D.; Mrs. C. S. McAnally, Hope D.; Mrs. John W. Stephens, Little Rock D.; FRONT ROW: Mrs. Eli Gary, Arkadelphia D., and Mrs. H. L. Kennedy, Pine Bluff District.



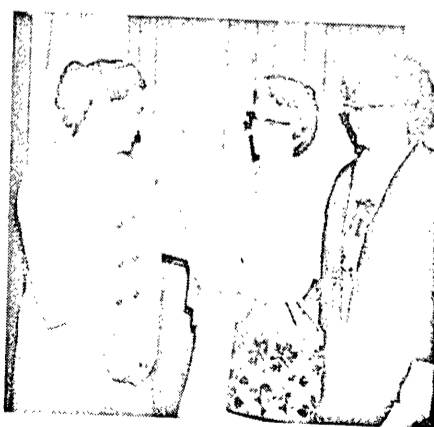
Mrs. E. T. Davenport, standing, is president of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society and presided as plans were made to hold the Annual Meeting in October for the first time this year. Mrs. Winston Deane, seated, is recording secretary.



The Rev. Ed Matthews, host pastor, reported to the group concerning conference merger investigation being made by a committee of which he is a member.



Mrs. Grace Dwyer, center, church and community worker of the Hot Springs Area, met with her Town and Country Advisory Committee: Mrs. George Meyers, left, and Mrs. Edgar Dixon.



Fordyce WSCS hostess-president Mrs. G. J. Garland, at left, visits with Mrs. Martel, center, and Mrs. Deane.

WOMEN'S PAGE

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE WSCS TO HOLD WORKSHOP FOR LEADERSHIP-ENRICHMENT

The Southwest Conference Women's Society of Christian Service-Guild will hold a Leadership-Enrichment Workshop on March 20 and 21. The meeting will be held in Mallalieu United Methodist Church in Fort Smith, the corners of Ninth and "H" Streets.

All conference officers are expected to attend. Also, three invited guests from the Little Rock Conference Women's Society and three from the North Arkansas Conference are expected.

The four instructors are from the Women's Division staff, and will be announced in the next issue.

Mrs. Alice L. Preston is president of the Southwest Conference Women's Society. Mrs. Ben Ware is president of the hostess society and the Rev. R. C. Preston is the Mallalieu pastor.

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NORTH ARKANSAS CORRECTION:

The meeting place for the North Arkansas Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild was incorrectly announced in the last issue as being in Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith. Instead, both groups are meeting in First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith. The Women's Society will meet April 10 and 11, and the Wesleyan Service Guild on April 11 and 12.

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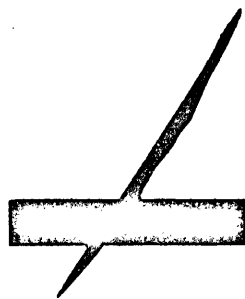
THE ARKADDELPHIA DISTRICT Wesleyan Service Guild will have the spring meeting Sunday afternoon March 15, at 2 p.m. at Pullman Heights Church in Hot Springs. Miss Helen Wilson, missionary, and Mrs. Grace Dwyer, church and community worker, will be special guests. Presidents from the eight Guilds in the district will make reports. Mrs. Eloise Levins, the district chairman, urges each guild to be well represented.

MARTHA MAXWELL of Little Rock has recently been awarded a full scholarship to attend the first session of a new pilot project directed primarily at ministers' wives. She is the wife of the Rev. Larry Maxwell, associate minister at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, and is vice-president of Little Rock District Ministers' Wives. The scholarship enabled her to attend Interpreters' House, a sensitivity workshop held at Lake Junaluska, N. C., February 27-March 1. The candidates were chosen from a list of wives whose husbands had attended the Men's Interpreters' House. The program is under the direction of Dr. Carlyle Marney and is supported by Duke Endowment.



The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MARCH 22: God Gave His Son

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 53; Matthew 27; Hebrews 2

MEMORY SELECTION: For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. (John 3:16)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To lead class members to understand more clearly the forces behind the crucifixion and the implications of Jesus' sacrifice in the lives of individuals.

We go in our lesson today to Calvary and share in the emotional impact of the tremendous event which took place there. We have sung so often of "the old rugged Cross" that it has become little more than a cliché to many. All of us need to discover some means by which this greatest of all gifts can occupy a more central place in our religious experience and motivate us for greater Christian living in our own time.

The paradox of the Christian faith reached its climax on Calvary. The death of Jesus on the Cross strikes us at the same time as the most glorious time and the most desolate event. Mystery and meaning flow mingled down from Calvary. However, one reality does not grow dim with the ages—"God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life." (John 3:16)

How many craftsmen of the world have given of their talent to remind the world of the greatness and the tragedy of the gift of God's son! Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "The early carpenter guilds were attempting to deal with the question when they designed doors with two larger panels below and two smaller ones above, thus turning the dividing sections into a cross. George A. Buttrick has suggested in his book *Prayer* that they were saying that Christ was the door. Did he not say this himself? Is there not also a suggestion here that the cross is a door through which men may enter into newness of life?"

Dr. Curtis Chambers points out in *Adult Leader* that Dr. James Denney stated the case for the climactic nature of this lesson when he said (*The Death of Christ*): "The death of Christ is the central thing in the New Testament, and in the Christian religion as the New Testament understands it."

As we have been reminding you in the lessons throughout this year, we are seeing the Bible as a unity, and especially dealing with parallel passages in the Old and New Testaments. This is why Isaiah 53 and Hebrews 2 have been included along with Matthew 27 for our Scripture foundation.

THE SUFFERING SERVANT

The passage from Isaiah includes most of the material concerning the suffering servant. It describes the character of the servant's suffering (vv. 1-3): "He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrow and acquainted with grief." There are two aspects of his suffering: (a) it was received from the Lord and (b) it was voluntarily accepted.

Also emphasized by Isaiah is the redemptive power of the servant's suffering (vv. 4-6): "But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed."

The poem seemingly considers the spiritual com-

munity of Israel as the servant. The sufferings of Israel can be regarded as a sin offering by which many nations are led to righteousness. Thus triumph rises from the tragedy of suffering. Dr. Chambers points out, however that "The Christian church discovered this poem's many parallels to the sufferings of its Lord. The early Christian community regarded Isaiah's suffering servant as prophetic of Jesus' suffering and death."

THE PASSAGE FROM HEBREWS

The Book of Hebrews vividly portrays Jesus in terms of the sacrificial system of Israel. He is pictured as a high priest offering himself on the sacrificial altar for the sins of his people. It is said of him that he "is crowned with glory and honor because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone."

Dr. J. Harry Cotton in his interpretation of Hebrews in *The Interpreter's Bible* points out the central theme in this book as it applies to today's lesson: "The plan of salvation described here is befitting the nature of God. Salvation must originate with God; it must arise from the depths of his own being. Those who despise the suffering of the Christ show thereby that they are ignorant of the true nature of God. . . . Redemption was no afterthought with God. It was as primordial as creation itself in the divine purpose. This is the grand emphasis which corrects the weakness of all 'subjective' theories of atonement."

Thus this early Christian writer presented Jesus as the high priest of the universe who fully entered into man's experience—even to the extent of temptation, suffering and death.

THE CLIMAX OF JESUS LIFE

Matthew 27 brings us the dramatic story of the events at Calvary. Who can deny that his death was the climax of his life? The chief priests and the elders are shown in council. The problem facing them was how to secure Jesus' death. The Sanhedrin had authority to pass the sentence, but they knew that to do so would expose them to the anger of the crowd. They were also just as concerned to destroy his prestige and the movement he had started. To declare that he had proclaimed himself king would justify the intervention of the Roman authorities.

After an evening full of maneuvering back and forth between Herod and Pilate, the latter finally washed his hands of the affair—he thought—but his name remains forever attached to the confession of the Christian faith "suffered under Pontius Pilate."

Custom demanded that the condemned should carry his own cross to the place of execution. Today every visitor to Jerusalem walks that narrow, dirty thoroughfare through the old Arab quarter where the name Via Dolorosa reminds eternity of "the way of sorrow" which led to Calvary.

THE GREATEST TEMPTATION

We think of the great temptations of Jesus as those he faced in the wilderness immediately following his baptism. And those were days of turmoil as he pondered the course of his life. However, a greater temptation must have been the one to use his divine power to avoid the awful experience of Calvary.

In Gethsemane Jesus agonizingly faced the temptation to withdraw himself from this suffering and travail. In the cup that had been thrust before him Jesus could see all the heartbreak, loneliness, humiliation and shame involved in his dying on the cross. He had the power to choose whether he would take

the cup or not. If he had refused the cup, he could have saved himself, but the world would have been lost.

When he hung on the cross, raucous cries came from every direction, "Save yourself and we will believe in you." The cry came from the crowd, from the rulers and from the condemned men who were dying with Jesus. Again we affirm that Jesus could have come down from the cross. But he refused to do so, not because of the nails through his hands and feet, but something greater—his undying love for the souls of men.

No one can begin to understand the dimensions of that love. All we can do is bow down to it in humility and adoration and join in the hymn "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all."

THE ONE WHO WAS CRUCIFIED

To die on the cross was a double penalty in the Roman world. The Romans knew how to hurt people, and crucifixion was reserved for those whom they would hurt the most. Someone has said that "Rulers cannot make empires unless they can break men, and the Romans were masters of this game."

Jesus carried his own cross up the hill, and after those charged with the execution had done their task, everyone sat down and watched him there. The whole world has joined in that watching, but not many have been willing to do anything about taking him down.

But Jesus was not alone in his death. He even embarrassed his fellow churchmen by the company he kept there. In *Broadman Comments* we read these words: "That was the way it was with this unordained prophet, this unregistered rabbi. His religion kept breaking out of the Temple, shattering the precincts of the synagogue, and surging through the gates of Jerusalem, where he was crucified 'outside the city.'"

George MacLeod of the Iona Community in Scotland has said: "Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles, but on a cross between two thieves, on the town garbage-heap; at a crossroad so cosmopolitan that they had to write his title in Hebrew and in Latin and in Greek; at a kind of place where cynics talked smut, and thieves cursed; and soldiers gambled. Because that is where He died. And that is what he died about. And that is where churchmen should be and what churchmanship should be about."

HE COULD NOT SAVE HIMSELF AND US

Jesus was mocked on the cross by the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. They said in sarcasm, "He saved others; he cannot save himself." (Matt. 27:42) They did not understand why because he had saved and would continue to save others, he could not save himself. Here we just begin to see the meaning of the cross.

Dr. Charles Laymon says: "How else could Jesus have helped men to see the depths of evil? How else could they be brought to see the heights of love? If evil would do this to the best person who ever lived, how dark must evil be? And if love could be this loving, how great must God's love really be? Here the way to forgiveness was opened wide."

OUR RESPONSE

One of the significant questions asked in *Adult Bible Studies* is "As we go about our daily tasks on a continent Romans and Jews never dreamed of, with power and resources beyond their comprehension, what does it mean to us that Jesus appeared before a Roman governor and died a cruel death on a cross?"

How can we understand Jesus' death in terms of effecting a reconciliation between God and man and offering us a liberation from evil? Did the cross make any great difference to the people living when Jesus died? Does it make any great difference to us?

A small boy attended church with his father about this time of the year. The minister preached a moving sermon on the crucifixion. After the service the boy walked with his father silently for some time and then said, "Well, dad, what are we going to do about it?"

Israel Revisited

by the editor

VII. THE ZEALOTS OF MASSADA

On Sunday we journeyed to Masada near the south end of the Dead Sea to visit the spot which is rapidly becoming the No. 1 tourist attraction in Israel since its excavation in 1965.

We traveled along the trail of Abraham across the Nagev (dry) Desert which was the farthest south territory held by Israel prior to the Six Days' War. Soon after leaving Jerusalem we were in the Judean hills characterized by desert desolation and Bedouin tents not unlike those of 2000 years ago.

Along the way our guide pointed out little clusters of Arabs. He told us these were pilgrims to Mecca saying goodbye to their families. Despite the hostile situation between Israel and Jordan, arrangements had been made for several bus-loads of Arabs to travel from Israel through Jordan and to Saudi Arabia for that "once-in-a-lifetime" pilgrimage to Mecca.

We traveled to just within sight of Beersheba and then our bus turned eastward toward the Dead Sea. Our guide, Father John, has a parish in Beersheba—a rather substantial city of about 50,000—which for some reason was not included in our itinerary.

At about mid-morning we took a "coffee break" at Arad—a brand new city of about 20,000 which houses the workers at the chemical and de-salination works on the banks of the Dead Sea.

Late in the morning we arrived at the base of Masada and began our ascent to the Berchtesgaden-like fortress which was a hideaway for the fear-driven Herod the Great. However, it gained its greatest glory from the defense by a small band of Zealots who fled there following the Fall of Jeru-

salem in 70 A.D.

In 1965 a group of Jewish volunteers from all over the world came to Israel to join in the excavation of Masada, and what they found has made this one of the little nation's major historical shrines.

The Judean plateau is located 1300 ft. almost straight up from the shores of the Dead Sea (that makes the top just below sea-level). It requires quite an arduous climb up a narrow, winding trail which only emphasizes the difficulty the Roman legions had in capturing the stronghold.

Located on the diamond-shaped top, 1950 feet from northern to southern extremities and 650 feet from east to west, are excellently-preserved remains of the luxurious quarters occupied by Herod. One sees also the delineations of the modifications made by the Zealots as they dug in for more than three years of siege.

The story is that the Jews under Eleazar Ben Ya'ir—perhaps as many as 900 families escaped Jerusalem before its capture and made their way across the Judean wilderness to Masada.

This natural fortress gave the Zealots confidence and made it possible for them to hold out against the famed Tenth Legion under General Silva, son of the Roman Emperor Vespasian. Three years after the Fall of Jerusalem, Silva decided the existence of the Jews

Student protests no doubt have a sinister ring to many people because they have sparked off so much violence in the USA as well as round the world. In Britain although we have had our share of noisy demonstrations by students, there has not been violence on the scale of Berkeley or Paris or Japan.

But recent days have seen a new form of protest. Not violent but very determined. The method has been the "sit-in" and the reason has been the value which students place on privacy. Originally it began in Warwick University where students claimed that files and dossiers were being kept on students, and that in these files there was information about their political affiliations and interests. This, they claimed, was an invasion of privacy because a man's political affiliations are his own affair. The protest at Warwick was followed by other at Southampton, Manchester, Sussex and even at the ancient University of Oxford—so far the "quietest" University in protest terms.

Was this just another noisy affair without substance? Perhaps not. The Chancellors of the Universities have now issued a statement which says that universities are not interested in the political opinions or affiliations of their members or their religious opinions provided that their activities are within the law.

They do not want information about such activities to be sent to the universities by schools, and they have agreed to let students inspect the files on them to see that such personal in-

on Masada was a blow to the prestige of Rome.

Thus with a force of from 16,000 to 25,000 soldiers and bearers he moved to the base of the rock and plotted a strategy for its capture. Month after month the fortress proved too great a challenge for the Romans, and the heroism stands out among Israelis as a parallel to the story of David and Goliath.

Finally, the Roman built a great earth ramp and planted a battering ram on top of it. Even when they reached the wall atop Masada, the Zealots were able to repair it with timbers and earthworks. Only when the attackers used flaming torches to destroy the timbers did the defenders know their fate was sealed.

When it became apparent that Masada would fall, Eleazar delivered one of the great orations of all time—recorded by Josephus—in which he called on all the Zealots to die with

him rather than be taken captive. When arrangements were made by lot for those who would kill the others, and then themselves, they agreed not to burn their food supplies. This was so that the Romans might know that their deaths had been voluntary and a final act of defiance against Rome.

A few women and children did live, hiding away in the cisterns, and so preserved the details of the heroism for the world.

It is easy to understand why little Israel—besieged today by all her Arab neighbors and hard-pressed to keep her fires of nationalism burning at the indicated intensity should highly prize the story of Masada and encourage its visitors to take the pilgrimage there.

It is an inspiring trip and the view of the Dead Sea and the purple Jordanian hills beyond add much to the glory revealed in the carefully-preserved ruins of another day.

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
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formation is not part of a dossier on their lives.

Indeed, there have been denials that this kind of dossier is in fact kept on students.

Beneath this affair, there is of course an important principle of privacy. In these days when credit systems are so complicated, and there are known to be firms which specialise in getting and giving information about the private citizen, many people fear a "Big Brother" atmosphere where everybody's private life is everybody's business. There is a threat here to the liberty of the individual, and it may be that this particular protest, made, it must be emphasised, in a generally orderly manner, will help us to maintain freedom of a specially valued kind in a democratic community.

TEST TUBE BABIES

The news that a young mother has been able to "receive" into her own body a fertilised egg so that she can

bear a child has been in the headlines. And already the debate on the power and purpose of medical treatments of this kind is blowing up into a matter of public concern.

It may be that the news is premature, in the sense that this is the first time this particular experiment has been made, and no one, not even the doctors concerned can possibly know precisely what the results will be. There is a very definite division in medical opinion, but one of the most worrying aspects of the case is the amount of publicity which has been given to a case which would, in the opinion of many people, have been better dealt with without the accompanying publicity bally-hoo.

There is an ethical problem here for many of us. It is certainly not true that we should suppress news when it is available, but an uneasy feeling is about that there may be times when it would be better to take the pressure off both patient and doctor by not making a wide public issue of advanced medical techniques until there is reason to suppose that there is a real chance of success.

The problem here is one in human terms. It is perhaps tempting for a scientist who believes he is first in the field to claim success and there is an equal temptation for a newsman to find a medical scoop.

But there are human lives and emotions involved here as well as the ethics of the situation when such power is available. Christians have questions to ask and possible answers to give in this field.

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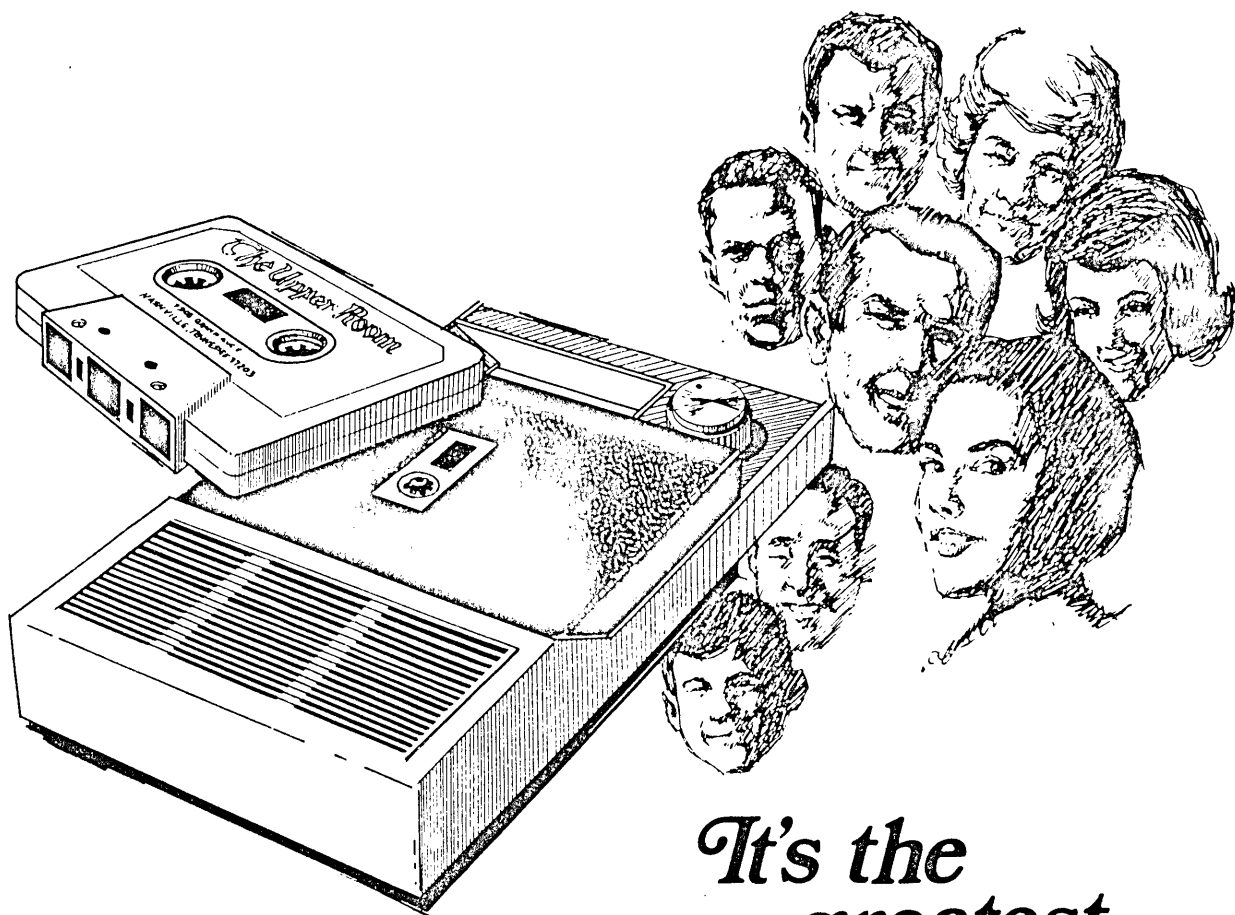
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International pilot program for UMVS

NEW YORK (UMI)—United Methodist Voluntary Service (UMVS), the experimental volunteers program established under the United Methodist Church's 1968-72 Quadrennial Emphasis, is planning to widen its scope by adding an international pilot project to its program, according to the Rev. Randle B. Dew, UMVS executive secretary.

Under the project, UMVS will bring six to eight persons from overseas to the United States for service instead of sending American volunteers to work in other countries.

The international volunteers will be recruited by churches overseas, but will be selected and placed by UMVS in cooperation with the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. The overseas personnel will serve with existing teams of volunteers on the same subsistence basis as their American counterparts, he added.

"WHAT INDIA OWES TO CHRISTIANITY" THEME OF INDIA PUBLICATION

NEW YORK (UMI) — In India, where there have been reports of resentment in some quarters against Christians, and particularly foreign missionaries, a leading secular publication has paid what is considered an editorial tribute to the contributions of Christianity to India's people.

The *Illustrated Weekly of India*, in its December 28 edition, features special articles and a picture section on the theme, "What India Owes to Christianity." The *Illustrated Weekly*, published in Bombay, is considered a prestigious national publication.

The articles and pictures are ecumenical in their treatment of Christianity in India, covering Roman Catholics, Protestants and ancient churches such as the Mar Thoma Church. A preface to the major article, "The Saga of Christian Achievement," seems to set the tone for *The Illustrated Weekly's* evaluation of Christianity in India—an evaluation that raises questions and offers criticism but that has an over-all stance of appreciation.

Annual Conferences Begin

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodist annual conferences in the United States began meeting February 4-8 in Puerto Rico and continue across the nation through late June, according to schedules compiled in the Council on World Service and Finance here and by Bishop Paul W. Milhouse in Oklahoma City, Okla.

Uniting of former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren conferences will be a highlight of the meetings in Ohio, and two former Central Jurisdiction conferences in Texas will unite with predominantly-white units.

Dr. Bruce W. Jarvis, 84, a Methodist medical missionary in China and India for 31 years before his retirement in 1954, died January 18 in St. Paul, Minn.

MISSIONARY RECEIVES HIGHEST LIBERIAN AWARD FOR FOREIGNER

NEW YORK (UMI)—The Rev. B. B. Cofield, a United Methodist missionary from Birmingham, Alabama, since 1939, has received Liberia's highest decoration for a foreigner, "The Star of Africa: Grand Band."

The honor was conferred by Dr. William V. S. Tubman, president of Liberia and a Methodist layman.

For several years Mr. Cofield was pastor at Burns-Phelps Memorial Church in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia. He has also acted as business manager and field treasurer for the Liberia UM Annual Conference.

From 1941 to 1962 Mr. Cofield was on the staff of the large Ganta Methodist mission center in the interior. Mr. Cofield did evangelistic work, trained Africans for the ministry, supervised the construction of buildings and did development work in villages. The latter included the building of chapels, schools and clinics and the training of villagers in health, occupations and Christian family life. In 1960, Mr. Cofield was appointed superintendent of the Ganta mission station. During his first two years in Liberia, he taught at the Booker Washington Institute at Kakata.

Ecumenical Scholarships Available

NEW YORK (UMI) — A limited number of United Methodist students of ecumenism will have opportunity to become even better versed in this key subject through possible receipt of a scholarship for graduate study in the field.

United Methodism's Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, through its executive, the Rev. Robert W. Huston of New York, has announced that applications are now being accepted for scholarships granted annually by the Commission for study at the 19-year-old Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at Bossey, Switzerland (near Geneva). The school is related to the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva Faculty of Theology.

Dr. Huston said this year's scholarship(s) will be for the 1970-71 semester beginning October 15 and continuing through February 28, 1971. He said that up to three scholarships may be granted to United Methodist ministers by the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, and added that some financial aid is also provided by the commission to both ministers and laymen studying in short-term courses at the Ecumenical Institute during the spring and summer.

"Convocation in Dispersion" for missionaries

NEW YORK (UMI)—A "Convocation in Dispersion" for deaconesses and home missionaries in the United Methodist Church are being held in three different places at three different times over the next 9 months. Miss Allene Ford, executive secretary in the National Division for Deaconess and Home Missionary Service, said the convocation theme will be: "Face the Issues; Cope with Changes; Renew Life Spirit."

The new three-part Convocation is in lieu of the traditional National Deaconess Convocation in the former Methodist Church and has been broadened to include not only deaconesses but also home missionaries. Attendance is to be on the basis of region, and is expected to top 300. The dates and places for the three regional phases of the Convocation in Dispersion are:

Southeastern Region—held Feb. 27-March 1 at the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.; South Central-Western Region—May 5-7 at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas; North Central-Northeastern Region—November 10-12 in Dayton, Ohio.

UM COMMISSION ON ECUMENICAL AFFAIRS ANALYZES SUGGESTED PLAN OF UNION

TULSA, Okla. (UMI) — Analysis of a plan of union which may bring together nine Protestant denominations into a "Church of Christ Uniting" and conversations between Jews and Christians received major attention at the annual meeting of the United Methodist Commission on Ecumenical Affairs here February 21-23.

The 53-member commission, headed by Bishop Paul A. Washburn, Minneapolis, Minn., was the first official body of any church to consider the first draft of a plan of union which was released by the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) February 16.

After consideration in sub-committees, the commission prepared a list of comments, observations, and suggestions for the United Methodist delegates to the annual COCU plenary session in St. Louis, Mo., March 6-13.

The commission also voted to have the plan resulting from the St. Louis COCU meeting transmitted to the appropriate committees of the General Conference in April. The action also asked that General Conference funds be provided to continue United Methodist participation in COCU and for implementation of an ad hoc committee on church union. This committee, not yet established, will be formed by the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs to provide assessment and interpretation of the COCU plan of union in the United Methodist Church.

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Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

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"The fault is not in your set."

—by N. Lee Cate

SOWING HEARTACHES

Little drops of liquor,
Little brakes on brains,
Make the mighty smash-ups
On the hills and plains.

—by Earl Benham

TRAPPED

The echos wailed: Escape! Escape!
But we were locked inside
The door we wished we had not closed
And marked with one word: PRIDE!

—by Etta Caldwell Harris

A WISH FOR YOU

May you be blessed with love's refrain,
And may your sorrows cease,
And may your life be filled with joy
And everlasting peace.

—by Deener W. Wardlow