

N. Arkansas Pension Fund passes \$1,000,000 mark

Acceptances in the North Arkansas Conference Pension Endowment Campaign have passed the \$1,000,000 mark, according to figures released last Thursday by the office of Dr. Frank Countryman, resident director.

The acceptances by districts (with the fair-share goals for each shown in parentheses) are: Batesville: \$131,711 (\$132,000); Conway \$151,581 (\$186,000); Fayetteville: \$168,543 (\$180,000); Forrest City: \$182,486 (\$186,000); Fort Smith: \$195,834 (\$192,000); Jonesboro: \$179,200 (\$198,000); and Paragould: \$92,513 (\$126,000).

Dr. Countryman's report showed that the following local churches have subscribed an amount in excess of their fair share goal:

Batesville District: Antioch, Rosebud, Heber Springs; **Conway District:** Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock; **Fayetteville District:** Wiggins Memorial Church, Fayetteville; First Church, Harrison; Lincoln;

Forrest City District: Augusta, Clarendon, Earle, Marianna, Marion and First Church, West Memphis; **Jonesboro District:** Lepanto, Garden Point, Manila, Wilson; **Paragould District:** Pleasant Grove, Pocahontas, Swifton, Stranger's Home.

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"Listen!!!"

theme for N. Ark. Women's meet

The North Arkansas Conference annual meetings of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild will be held in Fort Smith in First United Methodist Church next month.

Sessions, of the Women's Society will be chaired by Mrs. Howard Johnson of Clinton and will begin Friday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. and conclude Saturday at noon. Executive committee meetings will begin at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 9. Mrs. Joe Crumpler is program chairman.

Mrs. Truman Stephens of Fort Smith will preside at the Wesleyan Service Guild meetings, beginning at 3 p.m. on Saturday, April 11.

Theme for both groups is "Listen!!!" Featured speakers to whom the delegates will be listening are: Dr. Charles Allen, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas; Miss Maryruth Nickels of Dallas, regional worker for the Women's Division; T. L. "Tank" Harrison, noted Methodist layman from Memphis; and Dr. Irving Smith, district superintendent of the Oklahoma City District.

WSCS Registrations should be sent before April 1 to Mrs. G. A. McKee, 4300 Rogers Avenue, Fort Smith 72901. The registration fee of \$6.00 covers meals Friday noon and night and Saturday noon, and trip insurance.

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The women of the North Arkansas Conference Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild are pictured here at their annual meeting in Fort Smith, April 10. They are listening to Dr. Charles Allen, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Houston, Texas, who is speaking on the theme "Listen!!!"

Spring Youth Rally at Hendrix April 4

The North Arkansas Conference Spring Youth Rally will be held at Hendrix College, Conway, on Saturday, April 4 from 10:00 a.m. until 3:00 p.m. Theme of the rally is "Celebration."

The program will feature the Dardanelle High School Players in Thornton Wilder's "Our Town"; also, Marty Smith and his guitar. Presentations will be made concerning the Youth Assembly and the Youth Service Fund. The enrollment fee of \$1.25 includes

the noon meal and must accompany registration. Churches should send all reservations by March 31 to: N. Ark. Program Council, 22nd and Poplar, North Little Rock, 72114.

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United Methodist laymen contributed \$91,788 in 1969 for a variety of projects through United Methodist Men, according to a report from the church's General Board of the Laity.

COCU Plan of Union sent to churches for study

Representatives of the nine denominations that have been participating for almost 10 years in the Consultation on Church Union have completed the drafting of a Plan of Union and sent it on to the churches for study.

One of the major changes in the plan submitted to the recent meeting in St. Louis was the deletion of the provision that the first presiding bishop of the proposed Church of Christ Uniting should be black. This change was adopted after it was proposed by the Rev. Othal H. Lakey of Dallas, Tex., a pastor of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church. He argued that the proposal smacked of "tokenism."

There is now no restriction in the plan on the race of the first presiding bishop, but included is the requirement that the successor to the first chief administrative officer should be a person of another race.

Participating in the drafting and acceptance of the plan for transmittal for the study and response of the denominations are the following: African Methodist Episcopal Church, African Methodist Episcopal Church Zion, Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, Episcopal Church, Presbyterian Church in the U.S., United Church of Christ, United Methodist Church, and United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A.

Named as chairman of the Consultation for the next two years was Dr. George G. Beazley, Jr., Indianapolis, president of the Council on Christian Unity of the Christian Church (Disciples). He succeeds United Methodist Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass. A Religious News Service dispatch reported that delegates from three predominantly black denominations made a concerted effort to have one of their number, Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, named chairman. In this effort they are reported to have had the assistance of a number of white delegates.

Bishop J. E. Leslie Newbigin of the Church of South India reminded members of the group who were impatient at the pace of union that his church was formed after 27 years of negotiations between Congregationalists, Episcopalians, Methodists, Presbyterians and members of the Reformed Church in India.

Dr. William A. Benefield, who served as chairman of the Plan of Union Commission, told the St. Louis meeting that "the presentation of a specific plan of union to the nine denominations is a milestone along the way, but the task of finalizing the plan is far from completed."

Dr. Benefield said that the plan will cause problems for each of the participating churches, since it is unlike their existing structures in many details. He affirmed, "This is the way it ought to be. I would not feel that

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OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Attending the Coordination, Research and Planning Committee meeting of the South Central Jurisdiction Program Council in Oklahoma City, March 18, were (l. to r.): Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction program director; Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, North Arkansas Conference program director; Dr. W. T. Handy, Jr. (Louisiana-B Conference) representing the United Methodist Publishing House; Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn (Louisiana A Conference), Conference program director, and the Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly.

Jurisdiction Music Institute planned for June

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — The South Central Jurisdiction Institute of Church Music will be held June 22-26 on the campus of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas. The Institute is designed for volunteer choir directors and organists as well as part or full-time employed church musicians.

Courses will be offered in choral conducting, hymnology, organ playing, children and youth choirs, handbell ringing, and other phases of worship and church music.

Outstanding leadership for the Institute includes: Lloyd Pfautsch, choral; Carlton R. Young, hymnology; Phil Baker, organ; Oran Nabors, Handbells; Ruth Rohloff, children's choirs; and Henry Holloway, youth choirs.

Registration fee for the week is \$20 and may be sent in advance to the Conference Program Director. Request for housing should be reserved through the office of Special Services, P.O. Box 215, SMU, Dallas, Texas 75222.

Further information about the Institute and a brochure is available if needed from Dr. Virgil D. Morris, 201 Bixler Building, 2400 N. W. 23rd, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73107, or Eugene Butler, Dean, 330 North Broadway, Wichita, Kansas 67202, or your own Conference Program Director.

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Something happened on Easter Day which made Christ more alive on the streets of Jerusalem forty days after his crucifixion than on the day of His Triumphal Entry. A false report might last forty days but the church which was founded on a Risen Christ has lasted for nineteen centuries—Sackman

COOPERATIVE HOLY WEEK SERVICES TO BE HELD AT MALVERN FIRST CHURCH

Several Malvern churches will join in cooperative Holy Week noonday services in First United Methodist Church, according to the Rev. George W. Martin, First Church pastor. The 30-minute services will begin each day at 12:05.

Participating ministers will include: Monday, the Rev. Morris Smith, First Baptist Church; Tuesday, the Rev. John Walker, St. Paul's United Methodist Church; Wednesday, the Rev. Earl Wiggins, First Presbyterian Church; Thursday, the Rev. Lloyd Perry, Keith Memorial United Methodist Church; Friday, the Rev. Mr. Martin.

The cooperative Maundy Thursday Communion Service will be held in the First Baptist Church and the message will be presented by the Rev. Mr. Martin.

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A new 30-passenger bus has been purchased by Gardner Memorial Church at 18th and Schaer in North Little Rock. The vehicle has a Ford Chassis and a Ward body. It will be used in the many activities of the church. Members of the Bus Committee (l. to r.): Robert Goss, Raymond Lackie, Floyd Weeks and Frank McClure. The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr. is the pastor.

Preliminary plans for Young Adult Camp announced

The Little Rock Conference Young Adult Camp will be held June 19, 20, 21 at Camp Tanako. Young families as well as single adults can look forward to a weekend of fun and meaningful spiritual encounter. Mr. Philip A. Lomax of Pensacola, Florida will serve as coordinator for the lay-witness type program.

Plans for the camp were completed at a meeting of the Young Adult Conference officers at Little Rock last week. Cris Jones of Hamburg is president of the group. Other officers include: Ted Callaway, vice-president, Garnier Puryear, treasurer, Bette Callaway, secretary, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Hamilton, Recreation chairmen, and Mr. and Mrs. Sam Faucett, Worship chairmen. Spencer Compton, past president, and the Rev. Joe Arnold, associate director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council, are also assisting with this year's program.

Couples and individuals between the ages of 20-40 are being urged to schedule their summer activities to take advantage of this weekend. Child care is provided at the camp for children three years of age and over, and planned activities are available for school-age youngsters. The total cost, including two nights lodging and meals, is \$9 for adults and \$4.50 for children. Further information and reservation forms will be available soon in local churches.

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"SHARE SINGERS" HAVE OPEN DATES

"The Share Singers"—a folk-singing group from the First United Methodist Church in Camden — have presented the evening worship services in the following churches during the month of March: Waldo United Methodist Church, Wesley in Pine Bluff, First United Methodist in Shreveport, Louisiana.

They have open dates in April and May. Inquiries concerning engagements should be directed to David Aston, the organist and choirmaster at First Church, Camden.

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The Hon. Wilbur D. Mills, congressman from the Second Arkansas District and a member of the Board of Trustees of Hendrix College, will be the speaker for the first of the Hendrix College inauguration convocations on Monday, March 30 at 10:00 a.m. A special feature of the occasion will be the awarding of the honorary degree of Doctor of Law on J.N. Heiskell, editor of the Arkansas Gazette, and J.M. Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Deaf.

Annual Good Friday services at LR First Church

The annual Methodist Good Friday service will be conducted at First Church, Little Rock, on Friday, March 27, beginning at 12:00 noon and concluding at 3:00 p.m. Worshippers may come and go as they wish during the service.

The musical portion of this service will feature "The Seven Last Words of Christ" by Theodore Dubois and will be sung by the Chancel Choir with John H. Summers as organist and choirmaster. The ministers presenting meditations include: Dr. James Workman, the Rev. Bryan Stephens, the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie, the Rev. George Meyer and the Rev. Robert W. Robertson.

All the Methodist churches in Little Rock are invited to participate in this Good Friday service.

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Editorial

THE FESTIVAL OF THE FORWARD LOOK

Some years ago an American preacher referred to Easter as "the festival of the forward look, the festival of the great expectation." It seems that this is an emphasis we could well afford to make at Eastertime, 1970. Paul, writing to the Philippians, referred to gifts that come to man "according to his earnest expectation." There is a real sense in which we can get no more from Easter than we expect to receive. What are you expecting to receive this Easter—reassurance? revitalization? or further undergirding of your doubts and fears?

On Easter Eve a strange event occurs at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Jerusalem (the entrance of which is pictured on page one). Hundreds of people sleep on Good Friday night in the church, and thousands more mill for hours along the Via Dolorosa and the other streets which approach this historic church. They wait for fire to break forth from the tomb of Christ. Despite repeated assurance that the fire is merely symbolic, many still believe that it comes from heaven. When the flame leaps, and the priests light their torches, the crowd presses forward—perhaps with trampling selfishness—to light their candles from the sacred flame.

They have come there because they expect to receive something. Many of them are pilgrims who have journeyed half-way around the world. So people ought to come to church on Easter. There are other motives—custom, curiosity, even millinery. But the deep motive—perhaps only half-understood by some—is to light a lamp at the first of Christ's triumph. They want this light in order that they might move forward into the great unknown of the future.

There is a certainty about the Easter story that provides a more rocklike foundation for faith each time it is told. God pity the man who stands on Easter to exploit his own doubts or the doubts of his people! Some may point out that there are some inconsistencies about the story of the Resurrection as found in the Gospels. You would not expect carbon-copy consistency from the eye witnesses of such a dramatic event.

John Erskine, in his book *The Human Life of Jesus*, expresses concern that the Gospels make

so much of the Resurrection. Then he goes on to try to reduce the whole Easter reality to the same kind of experience we have when we lose a loved one and are occasionally aware of an unseen presence that suggests they are still alive. Dr. Erskine does not even approach the central fact of the Easter story, so there is no wonder that he is surprised that the Gospel writers made so much of the story.

The light of the Easter event must always be seen in relationship to the darkness which preceded it. One can be in an environment of an unusually bright light for a time and not even be aware of its brightness. This is one of the limitations on many of us at Easter. But walk into that bright room from a dark anteroom and it will be almost more than your eyes can stand. This was the way the disciples entered Easter. Many of those who make the pilgrimage to Jerusalem today are wise enough to do everything they can to relive the days before Easter in order that the light may shine at its brightest when Easter dawns.

Dr. George Buttrick once said of the spirit of Easter which dominates the entire New Testament and gives it such a forward, hopeful look: "Only with the Resurrection can one explain how a handful of folk, without learning, or prestige or rank, could grapple with the seduction of pagan cults and the might of Roman Empire to overcome them. The New Testament has no 'in memoriam' mood; it is a sunrise book, not because of an illusion, but because of a transcendent fact."

For the Easter word to furnish an inspiring empowerment for the future it must emphasize immortality, but more than that.

Mere immortality is not the Easter message. The disciples probably believed in some kind of immortality even before Jesus came. Some believed in it as a pale and shadowy replica of our life here on earth. Mere continuance of our life here is not necessarily "good news." Some religions, among them Buddhism, propose escape from immortality as the way out of the endless wheel of life. This is why Buddhism is experiencing a revival in our day in which hopelessness is so widespread.

No, the meaning of Easter is Resurrection—and not merely immortality. It speaks not of the interminable dragging on of an old life, but of a new life springing from death.

Peter did not want to go on living the kind of life of denial which had manifest itself on Thursday night in the courtyard of the Antonia Fortress. Life had fastened chains about him, and Easter was good news to him because he found release from these fetters.

When Easter dawns it will not necessarily bring hope and the forward look to all. This is not something that occurs automatically. The day will dawn, but the dawning will not save us until we open the windows of our life to the day. The bondage is broken, but it is not broken for us individually until we walk boldly in the liberty in which God has made us free.

May Easter be for you the festival of the future look—the festival of the great expectation!

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The Editor's Corner



GETHSEMANE-TO BE SUPPLIED

Some years ago the list of appointments for the South Georgia Annual Conference included the following: "GETHSEMANE—To be supplied." Those who know appointments realize that there was a shortage of preachers and the main group of prospects found Gethsemane a less desirable appointment than others.

This is still the case. There is not a large number of persons who have made manifest a desire to serve Gethsemane. In the reliving of the drama of Holy Week Gethsemane is still left to be supplied.

Today, as in Jesus' day, the traveler from Jerusalem to Gethsemane leaves the city through the Lion Gate and walks only a short distance, crossing a busy street—and Cedron Creek—to reach the spot.

Some years ago Bishop Warren Candler wrote in a commentary on the Book of John: "This passage across the brook Cedron is as wide a gulf as that which is fixed between the abode of the good and the place of the lost." Someone else has written in the same vein, "on that evening Cedron Creek was more significant than the River Styx."

On one side of the stream Jesus had been comforting his disciples concerning his approaching death; on the other side he sweat real drops of blood as he agonized over the dramatic event.

Today the Garden of Gethsemane is a bright and cheerful place, filled with lovely tropical flowers and two-thousand-year-old olive trees. It is hard by the Church of All Nations—one of the most brilliantly decorated churches in the Holy Land.

However, this is how Gethsemane should be today. It is this side of the Cedron—but it is also this side of the Cross, and the agonizing sweat evaporates into the bright, clear atmosphere of the Resurrection morning.

Still, Gethsemane is not an appointment many of us would volunteer to fill.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"A freeze on religious giving" in the 1970s due to inflation and competition for the consumer's dollar has been predicted by the American Assn. of Fund-Raising Counsel. The association noted in the April issue of "Giving USA 1970" that religion in America is undergoing a crisis of change which will culminate in "new approaches" for religion—and both positive and negative effects to patterns of giving. Analysts warned that a trend which could have future repercussions on religious giving was the taxing of church businesses. They also predicted that present trends among religious groups to establish social action programs could attract money from foundations and corporate giving in the 1970s.

Twenty-four years after it was proposed the complete New English Bible (NEB), including the Apocrypha, has been published in New York and in London. The totally new translation from the most ancient texts available has been chosen as the Spring Book-of-the Month Club Special Selection—the first time a Bible has been offered by the club.

Anglicans and Methodists will cooperate in worship and services in a Methodist church building in the Newton Hall area of Durham County in England according to an official announcement. The experiment scheduled to last for five years is to take place in an area where the population is expected to grow from its present 5,000 to around 9,000. After the five year period, the experiment will be reviewed by the authorities of both Churches. In the meantime, Anglican clergy and Methodist ministers will celebrate Holy Communion together, and members of both congregations can communicate together. The administration will be from the one chalice, with provision for conscientious use of individual glasses, and the pure juice of the grape will be used.

A powerful new group of clergy and laity reportedly will seek elections this year to the first General Synod of the Church of England with a view to giving it "an open-minded outlook" and championing the cause of Anglican-Methodist union. The organization was launched at a press conference as the "New Synod Group."

Catholic schools in the Baton Rouge, La. diocese will not "become havens" for students seeking to avoid racial integration of public schools, a diocesan board of education statement endorsed by Bishop Robert E. Tracy stressed. Bishop Tracy emphasized that "strict enforcement of diocesan policy . . . is seriously intended."

In a speech to the Massachusetts Welfare Rights Organization's Convention at Boston College, Dr. George Wiley, executive director of the National Welfare Rights Organization indicated that Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi will be the primary targets of a drive to organize welfare recipients in the South this Summer—a drive expected to be led by college students.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, World Council of Churches general secretary, was requested to "regard as probable" the need for a progressive reduction of \$170,000 in expenditures by Jan. 1, 1972, according to a report from Geneva, Switzerland, which spoke of the need to reduce expenditures under the general budget as having become "inescapable."

The Assn. of Baptist Professors of Religion meeting in Atlanta, Ga. charged that the Biblical concept of most Southern Baptists is "inadequate" for the modern age. T. C. Smith of Furman University, president of the association, called for a "new look" at the canon, message, and authority of the Bible. In calling for a new probe into the depth of the Bible's message, Mr. Smith said that scholars who use the historical-critical method of Biblical research are "following Christ . . ." Christ "contradicted the self-assumed authority of the rabbis who accepted no new revelation," the Furman professor continued. It is "the Bible, not God, that we are questioning."

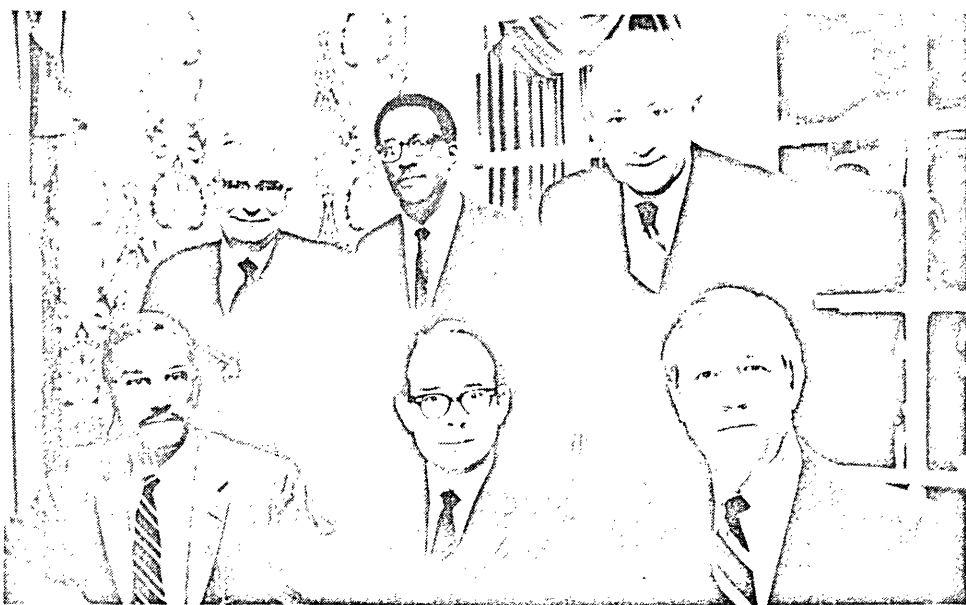
Test tube babies, as envisaged by an experiment in which an Englishwoman is currently taking part, are "contrary to all forms of morality," according to Roman Catholic Bishop Gordon Wheeler of Leeds, northern England. A statement issued by the Church of England (Anglican) was cautious. It said: "The use of this particular development in scientific technique will need to be assessed carefully on moral, social and legal grounds. Because it may prove technically possible does not mean that it should be done."

The Orthodox Church in Athens, Greece has commented on the Russian Orthodox Synod's decision of Dec. 16, 1969, to "administer all sacraments to Roman Catholics." It termed the decision "the first step toward the unity of Christian Churches." According to a Greek broadcast, Russian Orthodox priests, both inside and outside Russia, may administer all sacraments, including marriage, Baptism, penance (confession) and the "last rites," to Roman Catholics.

More than 200 courses are available to students wishing to major in religious studies at the U. of Minnesota. This is the first time a structured program has been available, according to Thomas Kraabel, assistant professor of classics and chairman of the religious studies committee. The interdepartmental major will be formally listed as a separate program for the first time in the College of Liberal Arts catalog. A religious studies major must select two sub-areas for specialization from a total of eight. Sub-areas include Religions in Antiquity, Religious Expression in Literature and Arts, Religions in Europe, 20th Century Religions, Religions and Society, Religions in East and South Asia, Near Eastern Religions and Religions in America.

The administrative committee of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has approved a series of regional conferences to allow black Disciples to develop their ideas on church priorities. The proposal was recommended by Dr. A. Dale Fiers, general minister and president of the denomination. The administrative committee, which includes 10 blacks, instructed the denomination's chief executive to seek ways of setting up and funding the 10 proposed conferences.

Israel's Premier Golda Meir addressed the closing session of the 81st General Conference of American Rabbis meeting in Jerusalem with a spirited appeal for unity of the Jewish people. In addition to the physical threat to Israel's existence, she said, there is a spiritual danger facing Jewish people in Western countries because Jews there are free to choose whether or not they want to be Jews.



ST. LOUIS — Leading members of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) are shown prior to the opening session of the Consultation's annual meeting in St. Louis. Seated, from left, are: the Rev. Charles S. Spivey Jr., New York; the Rev. Paul A. Crow, Jr., Princeton, N.J.; and Bishop James K. Mathews, Boston. Standing, from left: the Rev. George G. Beazley Jr., Indianapolis; the Rev. W. Clyde Williams, Princeton; and Dr. William A. Benfield Jr., Charleston, W. Va. The plan of union which would join nine Protestant denominations was presented at the COCU meeting. (RNS Photo)

For the second time in its 30-year history, a Roman Catholic has been named chairman of National Bible Week. J. Peter Grace, president of W. R. Grace & Company, was lauded as an "outstanding churchman, business and civic leader whose acceptance of this assignment symbolizes the growing Roman Catholic participation in National Bible Week and underscores the importance of this interfaith project."

A top advertising executive, Henry M. Schachte, New York, called upon America's communications and advertising media to "mount an attack" against a more insidious contamination than air pollution—the "contamination of minds by pornography." Addressing the 21st anniversary dinner of Religion in American Life (RIAL), he said "We must expose our youth to beauty and love, not debasement."

Religious paperbacks seem to be receiving favorable attention from American readers, according to Nathan Keats, vice-president of Pyramid Publications. Last year, Pyramid's "Library of Inspiration" containing six books and selling for \$4.20 reportedly outsold the best-selling James Bond series. "Personally, I'd much rather make a buck selling an inspirational book as selling an up-in-Mabel's-room novel," Mr. Keats said.

Two denominations, United Methodist and United Presbyterian, contributed more than half of the total —\$652,748 given by U.S. denominations to the 1969 General Budget of the World Council of Churches. Total giving by the U.S. churches was about \$80,000 less than expected in the past year, according to information released by the U.S. Office of the WCC.

Wiggins congregation found mission project in "own back yard"

During a two-weeks' period in July, 1969, 63 people, representing 21 Indiana families, spent their vacations and \$7,000 of their own money to construct a one-story, 31x60 ft. educational building in Stilwell, Oklahoma. Gene Gilbert of R.R.1, Uniondale, Indiana, put it this way: "—because we felt we wanted to get more involved in Christian work. We found out about the need in Stilwell from a similar project the previous year in Topeka, Kansas." The 21 families brought materials and tools and put up the building themselves, with the help of the Indians, and camped out on the church property while there.

On October 19, 1969, the educational building was dedicated by Bishop Milhouse and became a part of Church. Twenty-five of those people from Indiana who built the church came back for the dedication, driving 700 miles each way over one weekend.

This was the kind of Mission Work that Bob Hanna could understand. Bob is chairman of the Work Area on Missions of Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church in Fayetteville, Arkansas, just about 35 miles from Stilwell, Oklahoma. He had heard about and visited the project while it was under construction, and from that first visit, Wiggins had a ready made project for missions that they could see.

Rev. Scott Bread, pastor of the Indian Church, brought a gospel quartet—the Stopp Brothers—to sing for the people of Wiggins Memorial. After

their renditions of gospel hymns and spirituals, Rev. Bread outlined the pressing needs of the small, fast-growing church. "Our primary needs are books for our library (there was no library at all in Stilwell), furniture for the new educational building, all types of clothing for the members of the congregation. Whatever you have that you don't need, we can use," he told the Wiggins people.

Shortly thereafter, members of the Wiggins WSCS and the youth group made trips to Stilwell to see for themselves the needs, and to join in worship with their counterparts in the Indian Church.

By the end of September, Bob Hanna and his helpers had stocked the library with about 600 volumes of all kinds of books, including 6 sets of encyclopedias and reference books, furnished Pastor Bread's office with a desk and chairs, built chalkboards for classrooms, scrounged old theatre seats for the fellowship area, and a swing set for the tots outdoors. "Abilities Unlimited" donated a pickup load of clothing, and this was sent, in addition to another pickup load donated by church members. These enabled some of the Indian children to attend school, who might not otherwise have been able to go.

Rev. Bread and the Stopp Brothers quartet wanted to go to Indiana to express their appreciation for the educational building, but the brothers didn't have suitable clothes. Donations



Some of the key leaders in Wiggins' project of reconciliation— in front of Gilbert Hall of the Stilwell Church. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Scott Bread, pastor of Stilwell UM Indian Church; Bob Hanna, chairman, Work Area on Missions, Wiggins Church; the Rev. Jerry Canada, pastor of Sequoyah UM Church; Jim Willcoxson, chairman, Council on Ministries, Wiggins; the Rev. Allan E. Hilliard, pastor of Wiggins.

were secured for matching coats, slacks, shirts and ties; and one of the local merchants—Jim Reese at Campbell-Bell, was able to deliver them in time for the Indiana trip by using his personal plane. The trip to Indiana received top coverage in the local papers and as far away as Ft. Wayne.

Christmas was upon us, and we were told that at least 20 Indian families would have no Christmas dinner — much less any gifts or toys. Bob Hanna got on the soapbox to speak and show slides, not only at Wiggins, but also at the new Sequoyah United Methodist Church and a Unitarian Church Women's Society. Both churches responded with food, clothing and toys. Wiggins had an old-fashioned box supper to raise money, and in addition, members brought food, clothing and toys.

By the 15th of December, the number of needy families had risen to 30, but on December 22, a truck was loaded with Christmas for these 30

families. In addition to a Christmas dinner, each family had toys wrapped for each child, plus articles of clothing, 180 pounds of candy, with apples, oranges and nuts filled Christmas stockings for 320 children. On December 23, with help from the members of the Indian Church, an assembly line was formed to wrap each gift individually, and to box and distribute all food to the recipients.

We don't need to say that the Wiggins members who participated received much more than they gave.

What's ahead? We don't know. The stove in the church kitchen just gave out, and Bill Morris of Arkansas Western Gas Company just happened to have a used range. There are so many people who gave time, money, and goods, and we know they were doubly blessed. We're happy that the Indiana people opened our eyes.

What about your back yard?

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Wingo Scholarship Fund established at Children's Home

Parents and friends of Kathryn Marie Wingo have established an endowed scholarship fund at the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas, in Little Rock. Kathryn Marie Wingo was a graduate of Hendrix College and was engaged in the teaching of Indian children at the time of her death in an automobile accident.

In the establishment of this endowed scholarship, the influence of this dedicated life will continue to live in the lives of those of the Methodist Children's Home who are fortunate enough to be able to attend college.

Those contributing to the scholarship fund were: Rev. and Mrs. James E. Wingo, Mrs. W. B. Wingo, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Kinney, Judsonia Men's Bible Class, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Gearhart, Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bowman, Mrs. Cora Gearhart, Mr. Milton Gearhart, Mrs. W. E. Chilton, Mrs. William R. Rogers, Mrs. Arlie Robertson, Mrs. Jack Griffin, Mr. Gerald Johnson.

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One trouble with the churches is that too many people want to have Easter without Calvary.—Lawrence P. Jacks

MARCH 26, 1970



Three new offices and a Music Room have recently been added to the Office-Administration building at the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas to accommodate the enlarged staff and increased services to children and youth.



Elementary Choristers enjoy the new Music Room at the Children's Home. The Rev. J. Edwin Keith is superintendent at the Home.

FLETCHER TROTTER TO ATTEND YALE "THEOLOGY AND WORSHIP" CONFERENCE

Fletcher Trotter, organist - choir-master at First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, Arkansas, has been invited to participate in the March 31-April 10, 1970, "Theology and Worship" conference at the Ecumenical Continuing Education Center at Yale University, New Haven, Con-

necticut. Only a limited number (approximately 24) of individuals are invited to participate. Mr. Trotter is the recipient of a \$250 scholarship from the Yale Continuing Education Center; the scholarship helps cover the \$300 tuition charge for the conference, which provides a ten-day period for reading, writing, and lectures.

1970 is the Ninth year of the unique small group study conferences on Theology and Worship, which each year have been refined and improved on the basis of previous experience.

The March 31-April 10, 1970, conference will hear William Sloane Coffin preach and will have a conversation with Dean Colin Williams.

Mr. Trotter holds a Bachelor of Music degree in organ from Henderson State College and has done graduate work in sacred music at Southern Methodist University. He is a member of The Little Rock (Arkansas) Conference Commission on Worship (Methodist) and attended the National Convocation on Worship in St. Louis last April.

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THE REV. LARRY MAXWELL, associate pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, was guest preacher at Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, March 8, for the evening worship service. The pastor is the Rev. David Conyers.

THE REV. EUGENE EFIRD, executive director of the Arkansas Release Guidance Foundation, was the speaker for the March 19 meeting of the United Methodist Men of First Church, El Dorado. The pastor is Dr. Alvin C. Murray.

JIM DUNN, a graduating senior at Hendrix College, has been engaged as the summer youth director at Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, according to their parish newsletter. The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr. is the pastor.

THE SERMON ON THE MOUNT is the suggested theme for works of art to be entered in the Festival of Arts to be held at First Church, El Dorado, March 29-April 12. The festival is open to all persons without regard to age or church affiliation. The Rev. James H. Sewell, minister of education, is in charge of the entries.

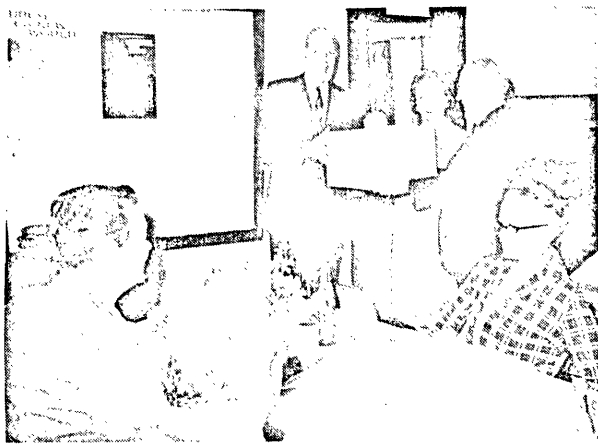
S. H. (Herb) Allman, lay leader of the Little Rock Annual Conference, was the speaker for the March 12 meeting of the United Methodist Men at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. The pastor is the Rev. Elmo Thomason.

THE REV. GERALD FINCHER, pastor of Prescott United Methodist Church, was the guest preacher for revival services at Mineral Springs United Methodist Church, March 16-20. The Mineral Springs pastor is the Rev. William A. Lea.

A RECENT FEATURE STORY in the Paragould Daily Press traced the history of the "chapel on wheels," which is the property of the Rev. J. A. Gatlin, pastor of Griffin Memorial Church of that city. Mr. Gatlin used the mobile chapel for many promotional uses during his years as district superintendent and as director of town and country work for the North Arkansas Conference. The article was written by Don Fletcher.

A PANEL OF PRISONERS from the Arkansas Penitentiary furnished the program for the UMYF Sub-district meeting held at First Church, Poca-hontas, March 17. The Rev. James R. Chandler is pastor of the host church.

THE CHANCEL CHOIRS of First Presbyterian Church and First United Methodist Church, Blytheville, presented "The Seven Last Words" by Theodore Dubois at the evening worship hour on Palm Sunday. The Methodist pastor is the Rev. Virgil D. Keeley.



At Wilson, Hudson Wren (center), lay leader, presented Jonesboro District Superintendent Marshall Bridwell and Mrs. Bridwell with a gift from Wilson members, following the worship service and fellowship lunch, March 15. Seated at left is T. J. McAfee, Jr., Annual Conference delegate, and at right, Mrs. Joe Linam, wife of the minister.

CHARLES F. WINN, director of music at Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, Tex., and Dr. Richard L. Dickson, a layman in that church, were the leaders for a "revival through music" held recently at First Church, Hot Springs. Dr. George F. Ivey is the pastor.

THE CHANCEL CHOIR OF Goddard Memorial Church, Ft. Smith, presented the Easter portion of Handel's Messiah at the evening worship hour on March 22. Robert McDaniel is the director and Miss Leighnora Buchanan is the organist. The pastor is Dr. Charles W. Richards.

THE ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD of First Church, West Memphis, recently approved two special mission projects. They designated \$1,500 to help with the construction of a pediatric wing at Pfeiffer Memorial Hospital in Bolivia. They also voted \$500 for the support of Latin American pastors in the Rio Grande Conference. The Rev. Clint Burleson is the pastor.

DR. JAMES B. ARGUE, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, and a member of the General Board of Evangelism, was the speaker for an evangelism supper held at First Church, North Little Rock, March 12. The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is the pastor.

LEWIS BROWN, who is in charge of the "Program for the Retarded" in Conway, was the speaker for the United Methodist Men of First Church, Batesville, March 16. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is the pastor.

THE SENIOR HIGH YOUTH of First Church, Camden, will be participating in a retreat, March 27-28, at a dude ranch near Willis, Tex. The Rev. Joe Arnold, associate director of the Program Council of the Little Rock Annual Conference, will be the discussion leader. Chaperones will be Mr. and Mrs. Bob Reeves and Mr. and Mrs. Max Cruthirds. The pastor is the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson.

MRS. ANASTASIA SOTEROPOLOUS was the guest speaker for the March 17 meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service of St. Paul United Methodist Church, Fort Smith. The pastor is the Rev. Gaither A. McKelvey.

REX PETTIJOHN of Stigler, Okla. was the coordinator for the Lay Witness Mission held at Midland Heights United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, March 20-22. The pastor is the Rev. Clyde Crozier.

NORTH LITTLE ROCK's First United Methodist Church held an unusual Evangelism Banquet March 12. Two hundred persons heard Dr. James Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights Methodist Church in Little Rock, the featured speaker. Herman Shirley, vice-chairman of the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, was master of ceremonies, and Lloyd Derden, choir director, Mrs. Lloyd Derden, and Mrs. Irene Harkleroad provided music. The banquet served as a followup to completion of an Every Member Canvass and Revival and was sponsored by the Commission on Membership and Evangelism, A. G. Thompson, chairman. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers is pastor.

THE CONGREGATION OF First Church, Conway, will join with the people of First Presbyterian Church for a Maundy Thursday Communion Service at the latter church. The Rev. John Shell, Presbyterian pastor, will lead the service, and the Rev. Ben Jordan, pastor of the Methodist church, will bring the communion meditation.

THE HOPE DISTRICT Women's Society of Christian Service held their annual "Day Apart" at the Blevins United Methodist Church, March 18. The Rev. John W. Rushing is the pastor.

THE ROSE BUD UNITED Methodist Church was host to the White County United Methodist Laymen's meeting March 10. Following the supper, Joe Pierce led a song service. Jim Wiseman was the speaker. The Rev. Kelly Jones is the pastor.

BERRYVILLE's HOLY WEEK services were held in First United Methodist Church. Messages were given by area ministers. The Rev. Denzel Stokes, host pastor, spoke on Monday and Wednesday. The Rev. Bob Carson, Nazarene minister, spoke on Tuesday, and the Rev. Elmer Griever, Jr., Baptist pastor, spoke on Thursday. The 30-minute services began at 12:30 p.m. each day.

THE EUREKA SPRINGS First United Methodist Choir presented the story of Christ's passion through the use of hymns and narration during the morning worship service, March 15. Dr. R. A. Etherington, choir director, adapted the service from one in the March issue of **Music Ministry**. David Lockhart presented the narration. The Rev. Max Whitfield, pastor, felt that the service impressed upon those present the value of hymns as powerful tools in proclaiming the Christian faith.

NEW ORGAN ORDERED FOR CENTRAL CHURCH, FAYETTEVILLE

The following item appeared in a recent issue of The Messenger, parish newsletter of Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

"The Administrative Board, in a called meeting on February 24, approved the purchase of an organ at a cost of \$58,870. This amount includes \$6,700 for the addition of a positive division which was not present on our former organ.

"Also the amount includes \$5,500 to install some of the pipes where they will be visible to the congregation and better able to 'speak' distinctly. We are assured that this kind of installation will greatly enhance the beauty of the organ tones."

The article stated that the new organ is due to be delivered by Christmas, 1970.

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PULASKI HEIGHTS YOUNG MAN LICENSED TO PREACH

On Sunday, March 8, John Richard Johnson, a member of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, and a student at Hendrix College, received his Local Preacher's License from Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent, and Dr. James B. Argue, Pulaski Heights pastor.

"Rick" is a sophomore in Hendrix and worked last summer as youth director at Wesley United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

He had an outstanding record as a student in Hall High School, Little Rock. At Hendrix he is a member of the Madrigal Singers and the A Capella Choir. He is a member of Hendrix Players and of Alpha Psi Omega, honorary drama fraternity.

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DR. ROY B. SHILLING, JR., president of Hendrix College, was the speaker for the United Methodist Men of First Church, Forrest City, at their meeting on March 18. Collie Walker, president of the organization, presided. The pastor is the Rev. Byron McSpadden.

INVITATION

Editor Alfred A. Knox invites his friends to drop by the Gene Swebston Co., 2324 Durwood Rd., Little Rock, where an exhibition of his Holy Land paintings may be seen for the next week.

Two new units in Conway District

NEW WOMEN'S SOCIETY ORGANIZED AT PERRYVILLE

The women of the Perryville United Methodist Church have organized a Women's Society of Christian Service, in addition to their Davis-Totten Wesleyan Service Guild.

At a February luncheon meeting at the church, officers were elected and installed.

After the invocation by Mrs. A. F. Wilson and a song led by Mrs. Lester Gregory and accompanied by Mrs. Paul Van Dalsem, Mrs. Larry Tarvin chaired the meeting.

The following slate of officers was accepted by acclamation: Mrs. Edgar Warren, president; Mrs. David Womack, vice-president; Mrs. Tom Park, secretary; and Mrs. B. C. Hyatt, treasurer. Mrs. Van Dalsem was appointed chairman of nominating committee, Mrs. Charles Reeder, chairman of membership, and Mrs. Wilson of spiritual growth. Mrs. Carl Adams is Wesleyan Service Guild coordinator.

Mrs. Earl Horton of Russellville, president of the Conway District WSCS, installed the officers. Mrs. Ed Davis of North Little Rock, district treasurer, discussed finance and reports with the group.

At the short business meeting following, Mrs. Warren appointed these task force chairmen: Mrs. Lester Gregory, music; Mrs. Max Marks, fundraising; Mrs. Tarvin, **The Circuit Rider** (church newsletter).

The third Tuesday of each month was set as the meeting date.

Pastor of Perry County Parish is the Rev. James B. Breaseale.

"UNDERSTANDING CHINA" STUDIED AT NASHVILLE

The Women's Society of Christian Service of First Church, Nashville, has completed a study entitled "Toward Understanding China and the Chinese People." Two sessions were conducted on March 2, and one session on March 9, with 94 persons registering.

Mrs. David Ramage, local secretary of missionary education, presided over all sessions. Special guests included the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr., pastor of the Ashdown U. M. Church, and Mrs. H. O. Collins of DeQueen, district chairman of missionary education.

Highlights included the one-act play "No Certain Harbor," presented by Nashville Junior High School students; a filmstrip "Contrast and Continuities," and a Chinese luncheon in a Chinese setting.

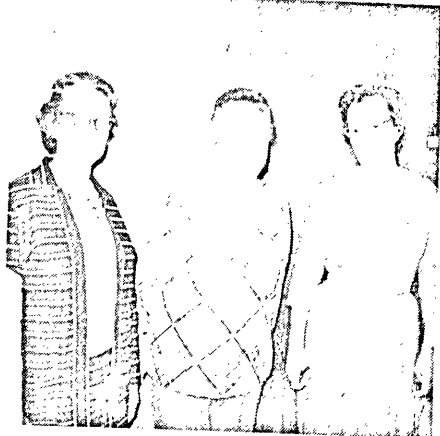
The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is the Nashville minister.

NEW GUILD ORGANIZED AT MAYFLOWER

A Wesleyan Service Guild was organized in the Mayflower United Methodist Church, Conway District, in December with six members present. These have since been increased to ten members.

Mrs. Lillie Burgess, district WSG chairman, and Mrs. Glenn Hammond, North Arkansas Conference WSG recording secretary, were present at that meeting, and Mrs. Hammond returned for the January Meeting at which time she installed these officers: Mrs. W. O. Evans, president; Mrs. Royce Harrell, vice-president; Mrs. B. B. Patrick, secretary; Mrs. M. H. Jackson, treasurer; Mrs. Gus Dickey, coordinator.

The Rev. Carroll Jackson is the Mayflower pastor on the Faulkner County Parish.



President of the newly organized Guild in the Mayflower Church is Mrs. W. O. Evans, left. Mrs. Lorene Butler, center, is president of the Mayflower WSCS. Mrs. Gus Dickey is coordinator for Guild and Society.

CALENDAR

April 1 - Aldersgate Camp annual board meeting and dinner at Pulaski Heights U.M. Church, Little Rock, 6:30 p.m.

April 8-9—Church Women United of Arkansas, annual meeting, Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock

April 10-11—North Arkansas Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, First U. M. Church, Ft. Smith

April 11-12—North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, First U. M. Church, Ft. Smith

April 11-12—Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, Retreat, Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock

Mrs. David Ramage, chairman of missionary education, and Mrs. Clyde Williams, president of the Nashville WSCS, are shown in the Chinese luncheon setting when the study of China was held in the Nashville Church.



Women's meetings

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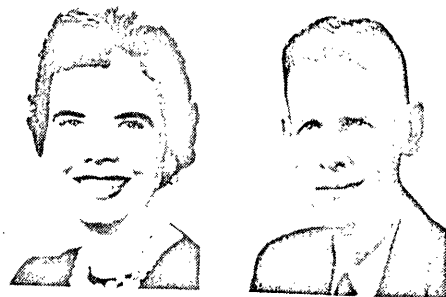
Visitors should reserve meals; tickets are \$1.75, Friday noon; \$2.25, Friday night; \$1.50, Saturday noon. Local general chairmen are Mrs. Cleve Cotner and Mrs. John A. Fraser.

Guild registrations should be made through Mrs. Julia H. Freeman, 118 N. 17th, Fort Smith 72901. Miss Anna Rose Miller and Mrs. Elizabeth Callaway are local general chairmen for the Guild meeting.

MISS MARYRUTH NICKELS

Miss Maryruth Nickels, regional secretary for the Women's Division of the Board of Missions, will be one of the principal speakers at both annual meetings for women of the North Arkansas Conference in April. She will speak at the Saturday morning session of the Women's Society of Christian Service, April 11, and at the evening program of the Wesleyan Service Guild on the same day.

Miss Nickels has been stationed in Dallas, Texas, the past four years as regional secretary, and before that was field worker for the Women's Division four years. She has served as a short term missionary, teaching in Jabalpur, India, from 1949-52. Following that she was a high school guidance counselor in Beech Grove, Indiana. She has a Master of Science Degree in counseling and guidance from Indiana University, and has done work there toward a doctorate.



Miss Nickels

Dr. Allen

DR. CHARLES L. ALLEN

An outstanding minister and author has been scheduled as featured speaker at the Friday evening program of the North Arkansas Conference Women's Society of Christian Service Annual Meeting, to be held in First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, April 10 and 11.

He is Dr. Charles L. Allen, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Houston, Texas, considered one of the largest churches in Methodism. Prior to that he was pastor for 12 years of the Grace Methodist Church in Atlanta, Georgia, which became under his ministry the largest Methodist Church in Georgia.

The author of many best-selling religious books, he is also a noted evangelist. He was born and reared in Georgia, the son of a Methodist minister. The Phi Beta Kappa minister holds the degree of Doctor of Divinity from Piedmont College and Emory University, and an honorary LL.D. from John Brown University.

E. H. HARRISON

A member of the Memphis Police Department for 20 years, E. H. "Tank" Harrison has won recognition and awards for his work with youth. He serves on the vice and narcotics squad, the juvenile squad, and is a member of the Community Relations Bureau in Memphis. He also works for rehabilitation service of parolees and ex-convicts.

Mr. Harrison is an outstanding participant in Lay Witness Missions, traveling all over the United States to give his Christian witness.

He is scheduled to speak on Friday afternoon in Fort Smith.

WSCS CLUSTER GROUP MET AT HORATIO

The Lockesburg Cluster group of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Southwest Conference, met at Horatio Mt. Zion United Methodist Church in February with Enabler Mrs. C. Lowery in charge. New Hope Church of DeQueen and Mt. Zion Church of Horatio were represented.

Special guests were Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro, Southwest Conference president of the Women's Society of Christian Service, and Mrs. Bozie Walker, Oklahoma District WSCS president. Mrs. Preston announced plans for the Interconference School of Christian Mission to be held again at Hendrix College in July.

Mrs. B. Johnson announced the Women's Assembly to be held at Houston, Texas, May 7-10. Plans were made to send one delegate with all churches sharing the expense.

The program was presented by two members of each society. Mrs. Spratt of New Hope gave a paper on "God will help you if you let Him." Mrs. S. Brown gave the poem "A Mothers Prayer for a Fighting Son," and Mrs. Lowery sang "Jesus, Lover of My Soul."

The Rev. J. C. Tyus was host pastor.

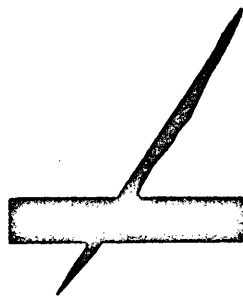
BOOK REVIEW

The Morton-Wayland Wesleyan Guild of First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will sponsor a book review by Jean Sangster at the church on April 2 at 7:30 p.m. She will review the current best-seller "The French Lieutenant's Woman." Tickets are \$1.00.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT Parsonettes met February 26 at the home of Mrs. John Lindsay in Pine Bluff for the monthly meeting. Mrs. M. E. Scott and Mrs. George Martin, both of Malvern, were visitors. Mrs. William D. Elliott presented the program "Packing for Two Weeks." The group adjourned to the Bonanza Steak House for lunch.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR APRIL 5: Power for Witnessing

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1 through 2:42

MEMORY SELECTION: You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you shall be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and to the end of the earth. (Acts 1:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help class members have a more intelligent understanding of Pentecost and a deeper appreciation of the work, resources, and power of the Holy Spirit.

We are entering the final quarter of our year-long survey of the Bible. The first six months dealt with the Old Testament, and for the last three months we have dealt with the manner in which God revealed himself through Jesus Christ. The title of this final quarter is "God Acting Through His Church."

The first two lessons of this quarter are concerned with the contagious power and the witnessing impact of the early church. Then there will be six lessons dealing with the manner in which the church expanded.

Since a great deal of the quarter will be spent on Acts, we should all be reminded that this great story of the early church is the second volume in a two-volume work by Luke. If we see the two books as one unit we can say that this author traces the development of the Christian faith from a sect of Judaism into a universal religion with significant representation in Rome itself. It presents both the chronicles of Jesus' initial experience of incarnation and his continued incarnation in the formative days of the church up until that time when the church's true character as a universal, spiritual fact had been established.

Dr. Eugene L. Smith, in his book *Mandate for Mission*, said: "Christ breathed the Holy Spirit into a very earthy, dusty group of disciples. The living church is an inseparable union of the divine and the dusty, of the spiritual and the physical. . . . The church is a new creation by Christ, who breathed the Holy Spirit into what seemed a sorry band of weak disciples."

This first lesson of the quarter presents the church's great experience on that day of Pentecost following the resurrection and ascension of our Lord. The Pentecostal experience has something very significant to say to us concerning the Holy Spirit and its power in our time. We hope you will not get "hung up" on some of the more incidental aspects of this great experience and fail to see through to its greater meanings for us in this day.

WHAT WAS PENTECOST?

Pentecost—the occasion when the unusual manifestation of the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples—was an ancient feast day among the Jews. It is the Greek word for the Jewish Feast of Weeks, an institution first described in Leviticus 23:15-21. It was celebrated fifty days after the Passover—hence the literal meaning of Pentecost—"fiftieth."

Its historical significance was rooted in the giving of the law to Moses at Sinai, which was counted as having occurred fifty days after the escape from Egypt into the wilderness. It was a celebration also related to the ingathering of the wheat harvest. Dr. Harlan R. Waite, in the *International Lesson Annual*, points out that Pentecost probably

had symbolic meaning for the early Christians as they thought in terms of the grain having come to fruition.

Dr. Roy H. Ryan in *Adult Leader* gives this high evaluation of the Pentecost event as described in today's lesson: "We could claim legitimately that this day of Pentecost, this historic sermon, and what happened as a result of that experience of the coming of the Holy Spirit was one of the most significant days in the history of man. Think of what has happened in and through the church in the approximately 1940 years since that day."

THE SETTING OF PENTECOST

One thing must be said about the attitude of those who waited in Jerusalem for Pentecost. There was a readiness for something special to take place. Jesus had ordered them not to leave Jerusalem following his ascension until they received the gift of the Spirit. "And while staying with them he charged them not to depart from Jerusalem, but to wait for the promise of the Father . . . John was baptized with water, but before many days you shall be baptized with the Holy Spirit." (Acts 1:4 and 5).

There are times when the hardest thing for a Christian to do is nothing, and yet there have been times when this was the only thing to do. Dr. Theodore P. Ferris (*Interpreter's Bible*) says: "In religion there is a primary place for passivity. It is the mood in which the soul is receptive to power from outside, responsive to intimations from above. A man who waits upon God is like a man waiting for the sun, expectant, ready to obey his bidding."

Another important facet in the setting for Pentecost is described in the sentence: "When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place." (2:1) There is a difference of opinion among scholars concerning how many persons were present for the unusual gift of the Spirit. Some say there were 120 there, while others say the company was limited to the "eleven" plus Matthias who was elected to fill Judas' place. It is not as important to know exactly how many persons were there as it is to note that they were "all together," or as the King James Version has it "they were all with one accord in one place." Almost any congregation of Christians could receive the gifts of the Spirit if they knew the readiness of being "with one accord in one place."

THE GIFT OF THE SPIRIT

There are a number of phenomena to be noted in the Acts 2 account of Pentecost. Although scholars feel several traditions found their way into Luke's dramatic description, there is nevertheless a consensus that the disciples became conscious of a new inward power which completely transformed their outlook and made it possible for them to do things they never dreamed of doing before. This they attributed to the possession of the Holy Spirit which came upon them in an extraordinary fashion.

There were three manifestations connected with the Spirit's coming. First there was a sound. "And suddenly a sound came from heaven like the rush of a mighty wind" (verse 2). Next there was fire. "And there appeared to them tongues as of fire, distributed and resting on each one of them." Finally, there was the "speaking in tongues." "And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues, as the Spirit gave them utterance." (verse 4)

We make a mistake if we think we are inadequate in our own spiritual lives if we have never had an identical experience. Dr. Charles M. Laymon makes a wise observation when he says (*International Lesson Annual*): "A religious experience of

high voltage is always difficult to describe. We find ourselves saying 'It was like this . . . ' 'It was as if . . . ' and then comparing it to other experiences we have known. Even more problematical is the attempt to reproduce another's experience in our own lives."

The real question we need to ask ourselves is not "Have we had an experience exactly like Pentecost?" The basic question is not what kind of religious experience we have had but if we have had one at all.

"EACH HEARD HIM SPEAKING IN HIS OWN LANGUAGE"

One of the misunderstood aspects of the Pentecostal story comes out of the passage which says: "Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in his own language." (Acts 2:5 and 6) The misconception arises when we try to use this as a proof-text for so-called "speaking in tongues" (glossalalia). This is not the intent of the passage. It states simply that foreigners were trying to describe the experience and using their native tongues to do so.

Dr. Ferris says: "An illustration may help to make this pentecostal phenomenon clearer to the modern man. Thousands of people go to an outdoor symphony concert. They represent every conceivable nationality, political party, religious conviction, temperamental variation, and personal taste. They are drawn together by a common devotion to music. If the concert, as often happens, is a great one, the whole audience is electrified by it. When the concert is over, they will leave silently, moved by an experience too great for words, raised, for the time being, to one of life's supreme levels of emotion."

"When the spell has passed, they will want everyone they know to have the opportunity to share in an experience like that. They will want everyone to hear the music and they will be drawn together in the great fellowship of those who love and serve music. Something like that was the pentecostal experience."

PETER'S GREAT SERMON

It is proper that there should be two parts to our lesson. First, there is the emotional experience of Pentecost, and then, there is Peter's great sermon. This was the first Christian evangelistic sermon, and it set a great standard by which all others should be judged. We read in verse 14, "But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them." Then, demonstrating the impact of the sermon, we read in verse 41, "So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls."

It was a simple sermon. The outline is followed more than a dozen times in the remaining pages of the New Testament. First, Peter reminded them of their own Jewish history. He reminded them of their long-expected Messiah and affirmed that Jesus of Nazareth was that Messiah. The climax of the sermon is in the statement: "Let all the house of Israel therefore know assuredly that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified." (v. 36)

It is altogether fitting that the Day of Pentecost, which began with a deep spiritual experience within the small circle of disciples, ended with a great reaching out and greatly expanding the circle of those who followed the risen Christ. The circle has been expanding ever since.

THE MOTIVATING POWER OF EXPERIENCE

We should see how essential it is to have an experience if we are to possess power for witnessing. Many are half-hearted in their participation and involvement because they do not have an experience to share.

You will remember the story of the Samaritan woman in the fourth chapter of John. After Jesus had touched her life she went into her village to share her experience and the men of the village said: "It is no longer because of your words that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and know that this is indeed the Savior of the world." (John 4:42)

Israel Revisited

by the editor

VIII. EFFORTS AT ARAB-JEWISH COOPERATION IN JERUSALEM



Manger Square, Bethlehem, as photographed from the bell tower of the Church of the Nativity by the editor.

Tuesday morning of our second week in Jerusalem was devoted almost altogether to a tour of what might be called Israel's "war on poverty" in East Jerusalem. Here municipal authorities as well as trade union leaders are engaged in dozens of enterprises aimed at raising the pitifully low level of average income of the Arabs in this section.

Without becoming embroiled in political issues at all, one can say that there was no comparison between opportunities east and west of the old Mandelbaum Gate. Even discounting the fact that some of these training centers may exist as much for propaganda as for humane purposes, one must still give the Israeli leaders credit for recognizing the foundations on which peaceful coexistence must come.

A member of the city council spoke to us and outlined plans for providing the same municipal services for the entire city. He was free to admit that the Arabs of East Jerusalem are not happy, but that equal services are nevertheless being provided.

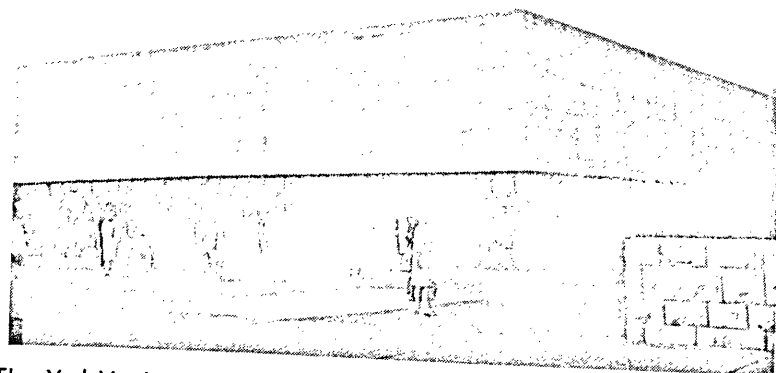
We visited projects where Arab women are being taught to sew. We also visited one of a number of maternity clinics that are being operated to provide Arab mothers with resources for safeguarding their children's health. We also saw a number of Day Care Centers which appeared to be excellently administered.

In the afternoon our group visited the Yad Vashem Memorial which honors the 6 million Jews who lost their lives in the Nazi holocaust. A wreath was laid beside the eternal flame which burns here to remind all Israeli citizens and all visitors of the terrible event which, more than anything else, motivated the creation of the nation of Israel. This was our second visit to this spot, and we must admit that it was as deep an emotional experience as the first.

We traveled from Yad Vashem to the Knesset, the Parliament of Israel. Here we had a press conference with a number of representative members of that body, including one very remarkable woman member who seemed to be a voice for the group that would

emancipate Israel from the stern yoke of Orthodox Judaism which is not representative of the population or the spirit of the land.

There are 120 members in the Knesset—only one house. While we visited in the legislative chamber they were debating a piece of legislation which would have created the office of "ombudsman" to receive the complaints of individual citizens against their government and to represent them. We were told that this new office would be patterned after that found in a



The Yad Vashem Memorial, Jerusalem, memorializing the six million Jews who were slain in the Nazi holocaust, is built in a style that suggests the austerity of the concentration camps.

number of Scandinavian countries.

One of the seven Arab members of the Parliament was on the panel that met with us, and discussed his position as a member of a true minority. He told us that the average Arab citizen in Israel is far better off than the Arab citizen of an Arab country.

On our final morning we went first to the Hebrew University where we were treated to a most challenging hour or so with the heads of a number of the departments. They have 13,000 students with 3,000 from abroad, including 1,000 from the United States. We were all delighted with one of the faculty members—a man of 81 who, of course, now serves in an emeritus relationship—who was a native of the United States and a

pioneer in Israeli's program of teacher education.

When asked questions concerning student unrest, several of the faculty members said that the absence of such was due to a more serious attitude on the part of the students who have all served a time in the army before they come to university. They also said that a "student bridge" was created by many of the students who themselves teach during their university stay.

The university community indicated that Arab students are welcome and do better than many of the Jewish students from Africa or Asia where education has not been as much of their cultural background.

Our group went to Bethlehem on Wednesday morning for a very brief visit. It is less than ten miles out of Jerusalem and we were back in Jerusalem for a late lunch.

Having visited the Church of the Nativity on a previous trip, this writer and photographer spent most of his time looking for camera shots from the roof. We did get some good shots and discovered that families are living in many sections of the rambling Church of the Nativity.

At noon on Wednesday it was our privilege to be guests of an outstanding Arab businessman and hotel owner who operates the Palace Hotel on the Mount of Olives. His name is Sami Shawmi and the luncheon there with a number of Catholic friends was a true high point on the last day in Jerusalem.

(More next trip)

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Seek voluntary West Point chapel

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A renewed hope that the U.S. service academies will change from mandatory to voluntary chapel services has been expressed here by the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces Personnel.

At its spring meeting, March 11, the interdenominational organization voted to send Secretary of Defense Melvin R. Laird a copy of the commission's 1964 statement of "conviction that any requirement by the state of compulsory attendance at services of worship is contrary to the principles of religious freedom and the constitutional rights of the individual citizen."

Program for 1971 World Methodist Conf announced

LAKE JUNALUSKA, N. C. (UMI) —Several outstanding speakers have accepted invitations to address the 12th World Methodist Conference, to be held in Denver, Colorado, Aug. 18-26, 1971, according to the Rev. Lee F. Tuttle of Lake Junaluska, general secretary of the World Methodist Council.

Dr. Tuttle indicated that five continents are represented in the list of those already signed up to address the assembly.

It is expected that there will be between 2,500 and 3,000 Council members and delegates officially attending the Denver meeting and possibly another 3,000 visitors, according to Dr. Tuttle.

Aside from workshops and smaller groups, the principal addresses will take place in the 6,000-seat fieldhouse of the University of Denver. Council members and delegates will be housed in modern dormitory complexes of the university and Iliff Theological Seminary and nearby motels and hotels.

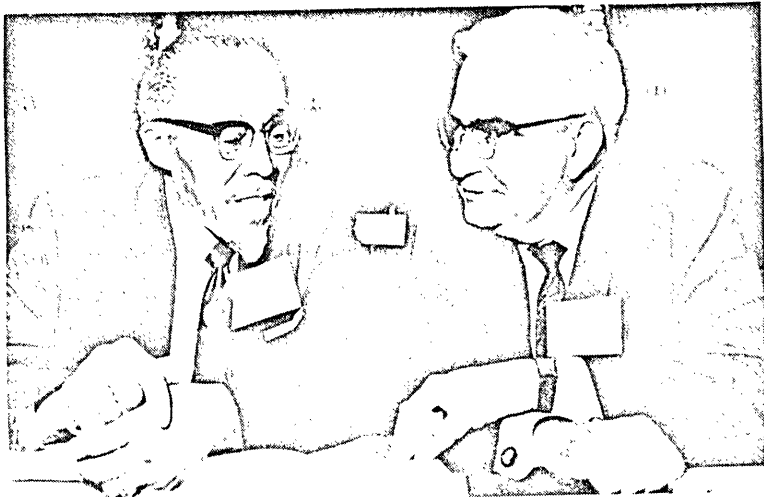
Bishops and presidents of Methodist bodies throughout the world are currently in the process of nominating their representatives in the membership of the World Methodist Council, which is the continuing body between conferences, as well as delegates and alternates to the conference.

Those who have already accepted invitations to address the meeting include Dr. Emilio Castro, newly-elected president of the Methodist Church in Uruguay, whose topic will be "Peace and Justice"; Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the department of Christian citizenship of the British Methodist Church, whose topic will be "Moral Authority"; Stuart Maclure, editor of the *Times Educational Supplement* of London, who will speak on "New Issues in Education"; and Bishop Roy C. Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area of the United Methodist Church, who will preach the sermon at the central service of worship on Sunday morning, Aug. 22.

Also Dr. Alan Walker, minister of Central Methodist Mission, Sydney, Australia, whose topic will be "The Ministry"; Dr. D. T. Niles, president of the Methodist Church in Ceylon, who will lead the daily Bible studies; Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Hollywood, California, whose topic will be "Ecumenical Affairs," and Dr. Juergen Moltmann of Tübingen University, Tübingen, Germany, who is tentatively scheduled for the topic, "The Role of Theology in the Church Today."

Other satellite conference groups meeting in connection with the 12th World Methodist Conference will be the World Federation of Methodist Women, Aug. 12-16; World Family Life Convocation, Aug. 14-18; World Methodist Convocation on Theological Education, Aug. 15-17; International Methodist Historical Society, Aug. 16-18; and the World Methodist Conference on Worship, Aug. 26-29.

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(RNS Photo)

ST. LOUIS — African Methodist Episcopal Bishop Frederick D. Jordan, left, of Hollywood, and Dr. George G. Beazley, Jr. of Indianapolis, a Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) official, chat during a session of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) meeting. Dr. Beazley was unanimously elected chairman of COCU for a two-year term. An attempt by some leaders of the three black denominations in COCU to by-pass Dr. Beazley in favor of Bishop Jordan for the chairmanship was dropped before balloting began.

COCU

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this plan was worth a dime unless it did cause some problems for the different denominations."

The name, Church of Christ Uniting, which was proposed in the plan received quite a bit of "feed back" from the delegates, with many objecting to it. It was not changed, however.

Bishop Mathews told the delegates that "Our concern must not be to build a super-church, but to be a servant church and to be the church more faithfully."

Dr. Paul Crow, Jr., COCU executive secretary, said that he hoped that study of the plan in local communities would be "inter-church" rather than by any one denominational group.

The timetable for consideration of the plan calls for approximately two years for study, an additional time for necessary redrafting, after which the document would go back to the churches for their final consideration.

If any two of the nine denominations vote favorably on the final plan the new church would be formed of those voting for it.

Dr. Crow said, "Some people think we are moving too slowly, and others that we are moving too fast, but this united church could be formed by the mid-1970's if we continue going at the present rate."

He also said, "While the plan provides that any two of the nine can form the united church, there will be no constituting of the church until all participants have had the opportunity to say, officially, whether or not they want to be a part of it."

News in Brief

Dr. Louis A. Haselmayer has been named president of United Methodist-related Iowa Wesleyan College, Mt. Pleasant, Iowa, succeeding the Rev. Franklin H. Littell who resigned to teach at Temple University. Dr. Haselmayer has been a professor at the Iowa school since 1952.

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NCC's DIVISION OF OVERSEAS MINISTRIES GETS NEW DIRECTOR

NEW YORK, N.Y., March 19 — The Rev. Randolph Nugent a United Methodist minister and director of New York's Metropolitan Urban Service Training (MUST), has been appointed Associate General Secretary for Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches.

In his new position, Mr. Nugent will head the largest of the council's five major program units, the Division of Overseas Ministries. He will be responsible for administering a program of nearly \$38 million annually (including a \$25 million global program for relief of the hungry), and will head a staff of some 60 overseas and 50 New York-based executives.

The NCC's Division of Overseas Ministries provides consultation and conducts specialized services for more than 60 foreign mission boards and agencies, representing some 30 Protestant denominations in the U.S. and Canada. It combines both the mission and relief emphases of the ecumenical churches.

Mr. Nugent's appointment is in line with the NCC's policy of seeking a more proportionate number of black executives among its top leadership.

World Methodist Structure Congress

PRINCETON, N.J. (RNS)—Plans for an international meeting which will consider a new world structure for Methodism were announced here by Bishop Prince A. Taylor, leader of the United Methodist Church in New Jersey and president of the commission which called the conference.

The World Methodist Structure Congress will be held April 9-13 in Atlantic City. It will bring together 330 church leaders, most of them Methodists, to formulate proposals for the relationship of the United Methodist Church to its affiliates abroad, independent Methodist denominations and united Churches which have Methodist

participation.

Sponsor of the meeting is the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas (COSMOS). Such a conference was authorized in 1968. Bishop Taylor noted that the recommendations will be submitted first to COSMOS which will, in turn, make proposals to the legislating General Conference at some point in the future.

The need for a new structure arises partly because many overseas units once directly linked to U.S. Methodism are now autonomous. Some 50 nations are expected to be represented at the conference.

Overseas missionary involvement under study

NEW YORK (UMI) — A study to "determine the continuing involvement of missionaries overseas" has been initiated by the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions in response to a recommendation for such a study by about 100 furloughing missionaries. The missionaries' recommendation also said: "We affirm the validity of the international missionary movement."

Described as "wide-ranging," the study is to be conducted by a special task force appointed by the division's Program and Policy Committee. The World Division has about 1,325 missionaries serving on the field in about 35 countries. The task force is to report to the committee, which in turn is to report to the World Division at its annual meeting in October, 1971.

"Christian Families Face Up"

—theme for 1970 Family Life Conference

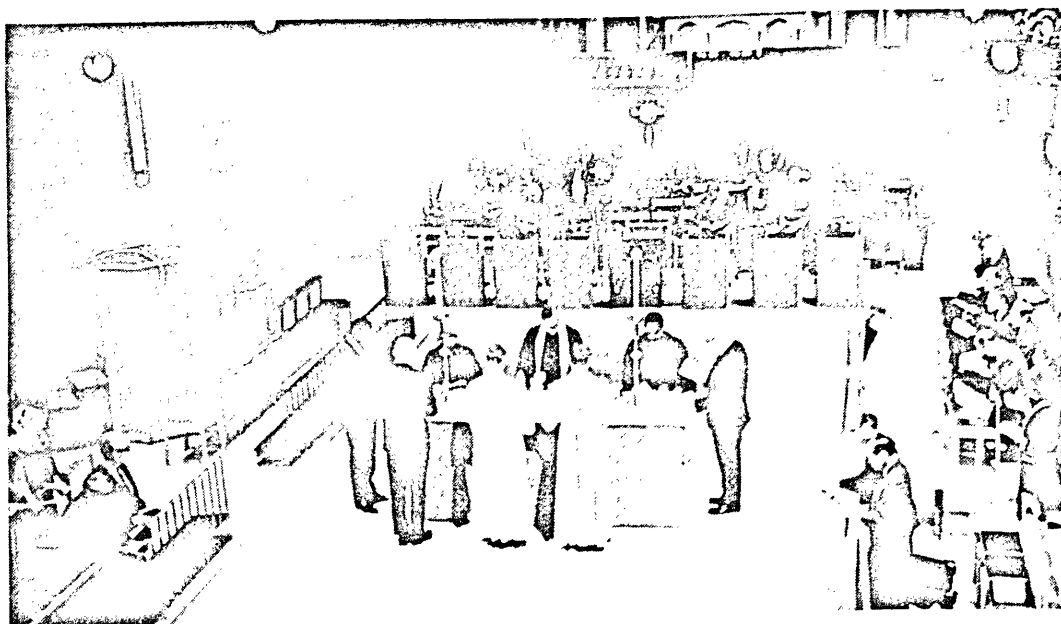
NASHVILLE, Tenn (UMI) — A congresswoman, seminary dean, university president, and a well-known pastor will be among speakers at the sixth National United Methodist Family Life Conference in Chicago October 8-11, 1970.

"Christian Families Face Up" will be the theme for the conference which is expected to attract more than 3,000 persons. Held every four years, the conferences are sponsored by the United Methodist General Committee on Family headed by Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N.C.

Speakers dealing with issues affecting family life today will include the Honorable Shirley Chisholm, the first black U.S. congresswoman who represents the Bedford-Stuyvesant District of New York City; Dr. Morris B. Abram, president of Brandeis University, Waltham,

Mass., who has served on the United Nations Commission on Human Rights; Dr. James T. Laney, dean of Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Ga., and co-author of *On Being Responsible*; and the Rev. Robert A. Raines, pastor of the First United Methodist Church, Germantown, Pa., and author of four books on church renewal including his latest, *The Secular Congregation*.

A major feature of the conference program will be work groups calling Christian families to face up to such concerns as international responsibility, changing moral values, the young adult culture, the generation gap, extremism, peace and patriotism, sex education, and Biblical perspective on love and marriage.



ST. LOUIS — Clergymen from the nine Protestant denominations participating in the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) hold a Communion Service at St. Louis' Christ Church Episcopal cathedral during the annual COCU meeting.

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MRS. W. A. LANIER

Mrs. Della Harris Lanier, 82, of Conway died on March 17. She was the mother of the Rev. Maurice Lanier, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Bentonville; the Rev. Paul Lanier of Florida; and Mrs. John A. Bayliss, wife of the pastor of First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Ben F. Jordan in Conway on March 19.

Other survivors are her husband, W. A. Lanier; two other daughters, Mrs. L. L. Wilson of Washington and Mrs. K. E. Owens of Conway; three half-brothers, Orson Harris of Hope, Obert and Carl Harris of Michigan; two half-sisters, Mrs. Beulah Schnarr of Indiana and Mrs. Thelma Aunsbaugh of Texas; 12 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

MAJ. DONALD B. FINCHER

The funeral service was held Monday, March 23, at Waldo United Methodist Church for Maj. Donald B. Fincher, 41, who was killed in a plane crash in Thailand on March 14. He was the brother of the Rev. Gerald Fincher, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Prescott.

Burial, with military honors, was held in Waldo.

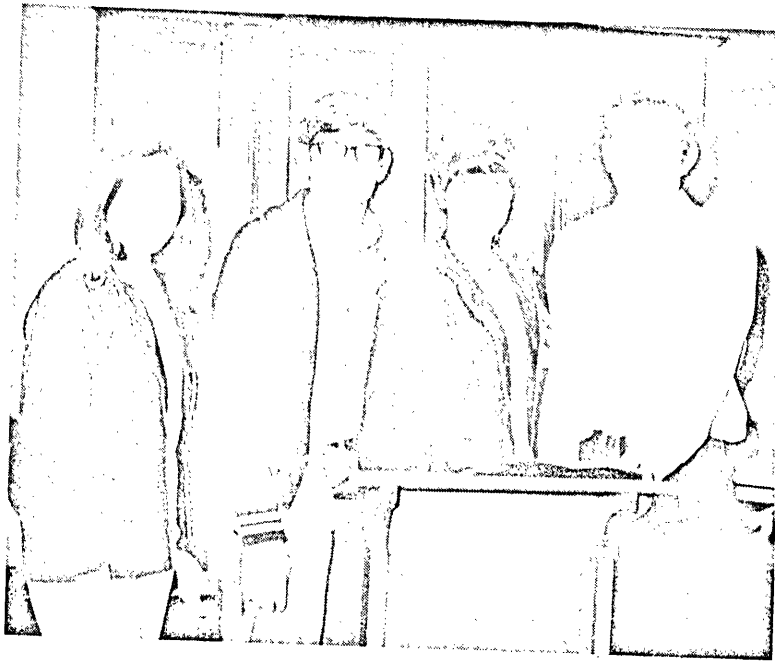
Other survivors include his wife, Mrs. Phena Daniel Fincher; a son, Daniel B. Fincher of the home; a daughter, Miss Donna Fincher of the home; his mother, Mrs. Grady Fincher of Waldo; and another brother, Dr. Glen Fincher of Fayetteville.

THE REV. J. M. NICHOLS

The Rev. Jesse Marvin Nichols, 69, pastor of Alix United Methodist Church, Fort Smith District, died Feb. 25 in Ozark. The funeral service was conducted Feb. 27 at Denning United Methodist Church by the Rev. J. C. Wright and the Rev. Archie N. Boyd.

Son of the late Francis M. and Allie Nichols, he was born in Indian Territory. He was a retired railroad worker and a member of the Masonic Lodge in Ozark.

Survivors include his wife, Virgie Linsdale Nichols; two sons, Milton of Pampa, Tex. and Edgar of Newburg, N.Y.; two foster sons, Ted Molesworth of Amarillo, Tex., and Irvin Molesworth of Waka, Tex.; one foster daughter, Mrs. Vesta Hunter of Amarillo, Tex.; and five grandchildren.



New Pine Bluff District UMYF officers with outgoing president at March 13-14 Annual Retreat held at Camp Aldersgate. FROM LEFT: Suzanne Sims of Sherrill, secretary-treasurer; Dennis Chambers, Stuttgart, vice-president; Vicki Hull, Whitehall, president; Chris Robnett, Stuttgart, outgoing president and installing officer. The president and vice-president serve as district representatives on the Conference Council on Youth Ministry. The Retreat attended by 86 youths and adults followed the theme, "Get It Together."

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UNITED METHODISTS AMONG FREEDOMS FOUNDATION AWARDEES

VALLEY FORGE, Pa. (UMI) — Several United Methodist individuals and organizations are among recipients of 1969 awards from the Freedoms Foundation, announced Feb. 22. They include:

Goodwill Industries of America, distinguished service award in general category.

Air Force Chaplain (Maj.) Clarence E. Drumheller, Hulburt Field, Fla. (member Yellowstone Conference), \$500 and George Washington honor medal for sermon on "Honor to Whom Honor Is Due."

U.S. Rep. Joe D. Waggoner Jr. of Louisiana, honor certificate award for address on "Crime in Our Country."

The Rev. Elmer N. Hassell, pastor of Crossman Church, Falls Church, Va., honor medal award for sermon on "Bravery or Slavery."

Army Chaplain (Col.) Alexander S. Paxson, Ft. Myer, Va. (member of New Mexico Conference), \$100 and honor medal award for sermon on "The Christian and Military Service."

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UM SEMINARY HEAD TO SPEAK ON PROTESTANT HOUR SERIES

NEW YORK (UMI)—The Protestant Hour, heard on 545 radio stations throughout America and over the Armed Forces Radio Network, will have as speaker during April, May and June the head of a United Methodist seminary.

The Rev. Wayne K. Clymer, president of Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., is scheduled to use "Affirmation" as his theme during the 3-month United Methodist Series on The Protestant Hour. Providing music will be choirs from two United Methodist schools, Otterbein College at Westerville, Ohio and Shenandoah Conservatory of Music at Winchester, Va.

The Protestant Hour is a weekly interdenominational public-service radio program in its 25th year. It is produced jointly at the Protestant Radio-TV Center, Atlanta, Ga., by the Episcopal Church, the Presbyterian Church U.S., the United Methodist Church and the Lutheran Church in America.

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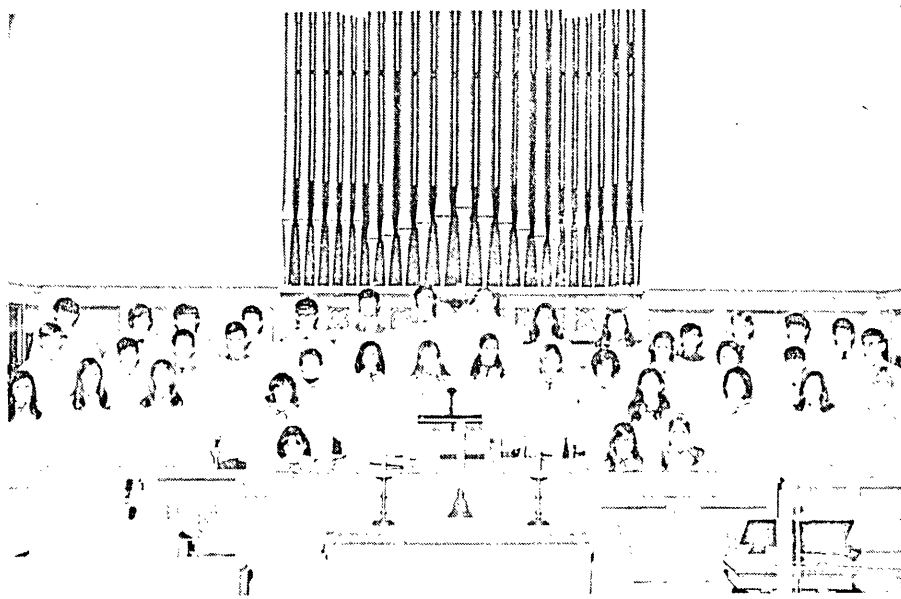
COMMISSION ON POPULATION GROWTH AND AMERICAN FUTURE CREATED

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — When President Nixon signed a bill to create a Commission on Population Growth and the American Future, a United Methodist representative was on hand to share in the achievement.

The Rev. Rodney Shaw, director of the department of population problems for the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns, was invited to the March 16 ceremony in recognition of support that had come for the legislation from the board and from some annual conference boards.

The law established the 24-member commission for two years to study anticipated population growth and public resources.

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The Youth Choir of Marianna UM Church pictured above presented the cantata "When Christ Arose" at the March 15 morning worship service. Mrs. Wilson Kell is the director and Mrs. J. A. McCutchen, Jr. is organist accompanist. The Rev. Clyde T. Parsons is minister.

by Barbara L. Mulkey

"What is Easter?" someone asked, and the reply was, "Easter is the truth that sets men free." Terese Lindsey, in "The Man Christ," wrote, "He built no kingdom, yet a King from youth He reigned, is reigning yet; they call His realm, The Kingdom of the Truth."

NO STONE

Their grief was changed to joy serene —
As they heard the holy angel say . . .
"The stone so great is rolled away,
He has risen indeed, this Nazarene!"

He triumphs now, in your life and mine.
With each bond severed, from death we climb.
Each stone is moved that crowds our way;
For no stone could hold Him back that day!

We sing glad songs as up we soar;
Our lives are free forevermore.
We're free, because His strength and power
Moved the stone, and left an open door!

—by Margie King

TO KNOW EASTER DAY

Is the living Christ locked in your heart
By a stone of hate and greed —
By a stone of prejudice and fear —
By a stone of your own selfish need?

If such is true, you cannot hope
To know an Easter Day,
Till you have heeded His plea from within
And have rolled these stones away.

—by Deener W. Wardlow



Religious Communication Congress scheduled

CHICAGO, Ill.—A Religious Communication Congress sponsored by more than 40 Jewish, Protestant and Roman Catholic organizations will be held here April 8-10 on the theme "New Dimensions in a Secular Age."

An estimated 400 professional workers in religious public relations, journalism, communications, radio, television, film, research, and publishing are expected to attend the Congress, first event of its scope ever scheduled.

In addresses, panel presentations, audio-visuals, workshops and field trips the participants will consider such topics as "Electronics and Religion," "Religious Media and the Politics of the 70s," "Ethnicity, Ethics and the 70s," "While Spires are Crumbling," "Talking With Friends—and Enemies," "The Gathering Storm Over the Churches," "Communicating Across Religious Frontiers," "New Dimensions in Religious Journalism," and worldwide Christian communications.

Sponsoring agencies for the Congress, first of its kind ever held, include the Associated Church Press, Religious Public Relations Council, American Jewish Committee, B'Nai B'rith, the Catholic Press Association, Canadian Church Press, United States Catholic Conference — Department of Information, Evangelical Press Association, Protestant Church-Owner Publishers Association, Religious Research Association, Inc., Religion in American Life, and a number of denominational and ecumenical news and public relations organizations.

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Broader Social Creed Suggested

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — If a sample of some 580 opinions means anything, United Methodists want their "social creed" to be shorter, stronger, broader and more usable. They also want it to speak to a multitude of issues of which the most urgent appear to be ecology (environmental stewardship) and population control, with a number of more traditional issues accorded a new emphasis in relations to these two.

This appears to be the general message, though not unanimous, from hearings in four of the church's five U.S. jurisdictions conducted by a special quadrennial study commission. The last hearing will be April 4-6 in Washington, D. C.

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CHURCH CONSTRUCTION SLOWING

NEW YORK (UMI)—Changing life styles, inflation and a new sense of priorities in the mission of the church have combined to produce a change in the skyline of suburbia in the decade just past.

The change: a relative scarcity of new church steeples. According to a report by the United Methodist Board of Missions' Department of Research and Survey, New York, a marked slowdown in church construction can be expected to continue into the Seventies.

MARCH 26, 1970