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Congressman Mills sets optimistic tone in first of Hendrix convocations

One of Hendrix College's most distinguished alumni, the chairman of the Ways and Means Committee of the United States House of Representatives, told the opening convocation in the 1970 Inaugural Series at the college that as long as the quality of the present student body is maintained the institution will do its share in preserving the qualities that have made the nation great.

The Hon. Wilbur D. Mills of the Second Congressional District of Arkansas spoke on "The College and Public Service." He said, "Previously the liberal arts college has always served the public interest. Now, more than ever, such schools are needed to develop men and women of integrity."

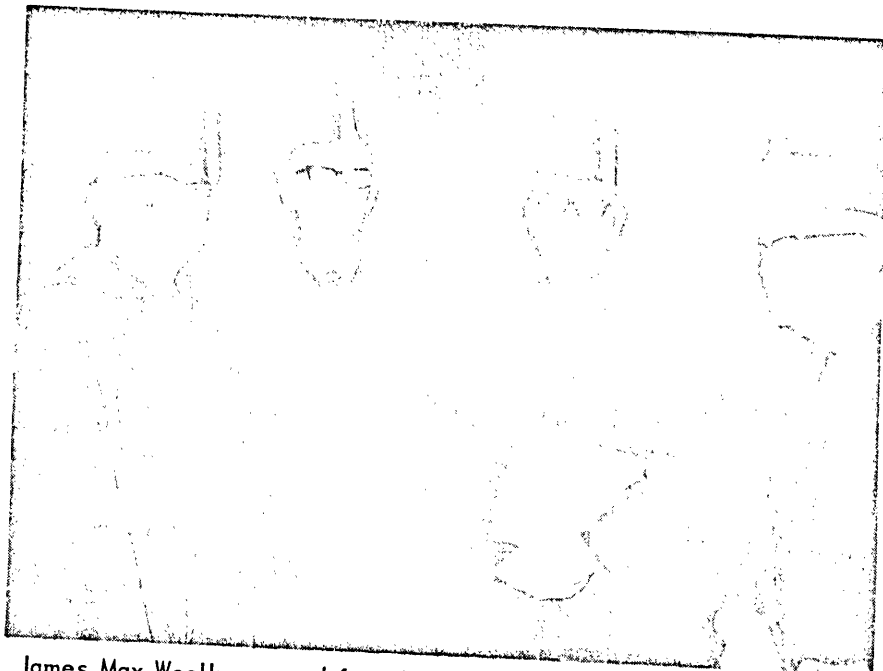
He said, "Much of the turmoil of our times has resulted from the corruption of values. Our challenge for today is not just to renew our allegiance to the values on which Hendrix College was founded, but to prove they have relevant meaning for our time."

Speaking of the great physical improvements that have been made in recent years at Hendrix, Congressman Mills said, "We can engage in just as exciting plans in the field of curriculum because of our size." He continued, "Hendrix offers a curriculum that is flexible and innovative. It has already proved itself a pace-setter in making the liberal arts curriculum exciting and challenging."

Referring to the approaching bicentennial of America, he said, "For two centuries we have been discovering and conquering America. Now is the time to rediscover the issues and qualities of life on which our nation was founded."

Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president, presented Congressman Mills. Following the address, the honorary degree of Doctor of Law was conferred on John N. Heiskell, editor

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James Max Woolly, second from left, and John N. Heiskell, right, were recipients of the honorary degrees of Doctor of Law at the Inaugural Convocation at Hendrix College, Monday, March 30. The speaker was Congressman Wilbur D. Mills, left. Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president is shown third from left.

RIGHT: The Hon. Daniel P. Moynihan, advisor to President Nixon on urban affairs, will be the April 7 speaker in the inaugural series of convocations at Hendrix College.



W. S. Simmons, left, chairman of the Board of Trustees, presented the building at the Service of Dedication of Henderson United Methodist Church, Little Rock, March 29. Others participating in the service, from left, Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Bishop Paul V. Galloway, the Rev. W. Darrel Bone, pastor, and the Rev. Roland Darrow, pastor when the church was built.

Wide range of issues to come before General Conference

ST. LOUIS, Mo. (UMI) — Many thorny issues will confront delegates to the United Methodist Church's General Conference when they convene here in Kiel auditorium April 20-24.

Approximately 950 delegates — equally divided between clergy and laymen and representing annual (regional) conferences throughout the world — will attend the denomination's highest law-making body.

Petitions on many topics are sent to the conference by United Methodist groups and individuals and are routed to one of 14 legislative committees by Dr. Charles D. White of Gastonia, N. C., secretary of the General Conference.

Bishops of the church are assigned to preside at plenary sessions. The conference builds its own agenda from day to day as business is brought forward.

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Among the issues that are almost certain to come before the conference are questions of re-ordering the church's priorities to improve conditions of blacks and other minorities, the war in Southeast Asia, pollution of environment, lowered voting age and greater recognition of youth on church boards and agencies, and a proposal to study the Plan of Union of the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union.

In other reports, the conference is expected to take a look at its Quadrennial Emphasis Program, one phase of which includes raising \$20 million for a Fund for Reconciliation, and to hear from its newly-created Commission on Religion and Race as to progress in eliminating racism and furthering integration in church structures.

The United Methodist Church is the result of a union of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and the Methodist Church consummated two years ago at a Uniting Conference in Dallas, Texas. Normally, both denominations have had the practice of holding their General Conferences at four-year intervals, but the 1970 General Conference was ordered primarily to check on progress of this union and other developments in today's fast-moving world. The 1972 Conference is scheduled for Atlanta, Ga.

The conference will also hear progress reports from quadrennial study commissions dealing with restructuring the church agencies and updating and unifying social principles and doctrinal statements of the two former denominations.

On Monday morning, April 20 at 9

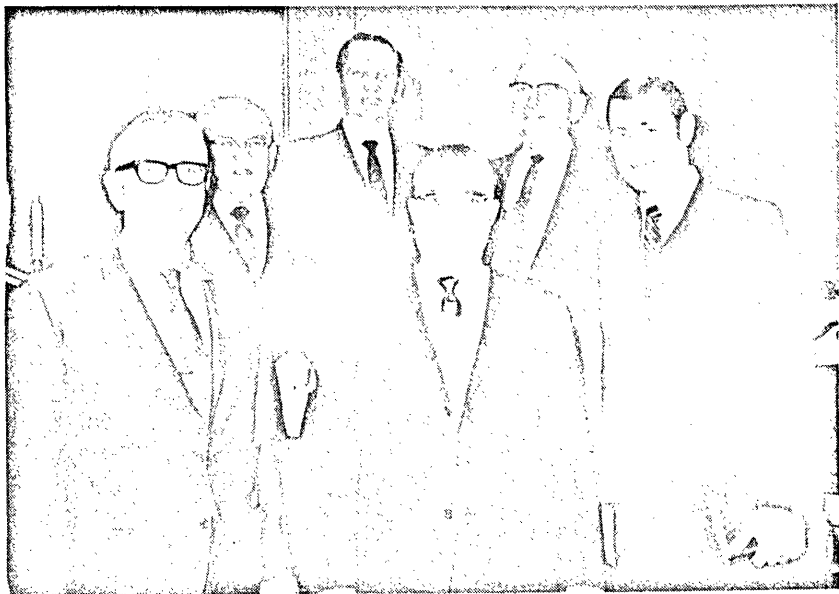
by Arthur West
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o'clock the conference will open with a service of holy communion, led by Bishop L. Scott Allen of Knoxville, Tenn. The episcopal address—a sort of "state of the church" document—will be read by Bishop J. Gordon Howard of Philadelphia.

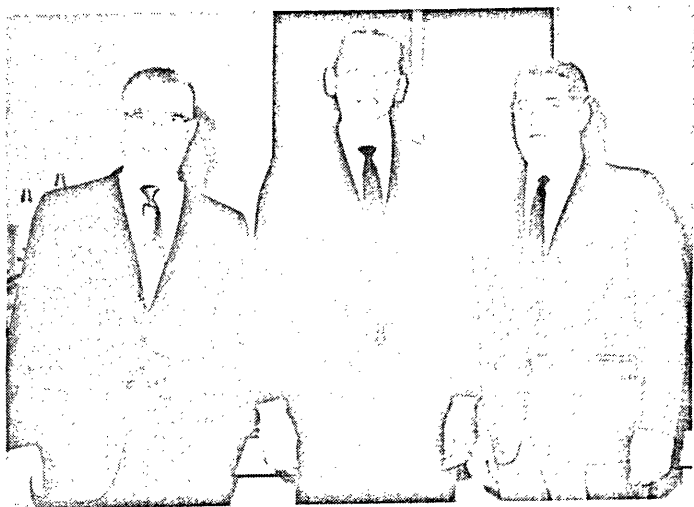
The church's Council of Bishops and several other general agencies will be in session just prior to the General Conference or during the same period.

Bishop Reuben H. Mueller of Indianapolis, Ind., will preside over the Council of Bishops but will relinquish the gavel to his successor, Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington, D. C., at the outset of the General Conference. Bishop Roy Hunter Short of Louisville, Kentucky, is secretary of the Council. Bishop Eugene M. Frank of St. Louis will be the conference host.

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Some of the ministers from Jonesboro and Paragould Districts at March 19 Spiritual Life Retreat held at Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro. FROM LEFT: Dr. George Ivy, Hot Springs First Church pastor and leader of the area on Spiritual Life of the Minister; the Rev. Marshall A. Bridwell, superintendent of Jonesboro District; the Rev. Bob Orr, Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley pastor and director of Evangelism in Jonesboro District; the Rev. Bill Watson, director of Evangelism, Paragould District; Dr. S. B. Wilford, superintendent of Paragould District; the Rev. Ralph Hale, Grand Avenue, Hot Springs, pastor and leader of Pastoral Visitation and Evangelistic Visitation section. (Mr. H. H. Fulbright of Searcy led the section on The Layman in the Pastor's Life.)



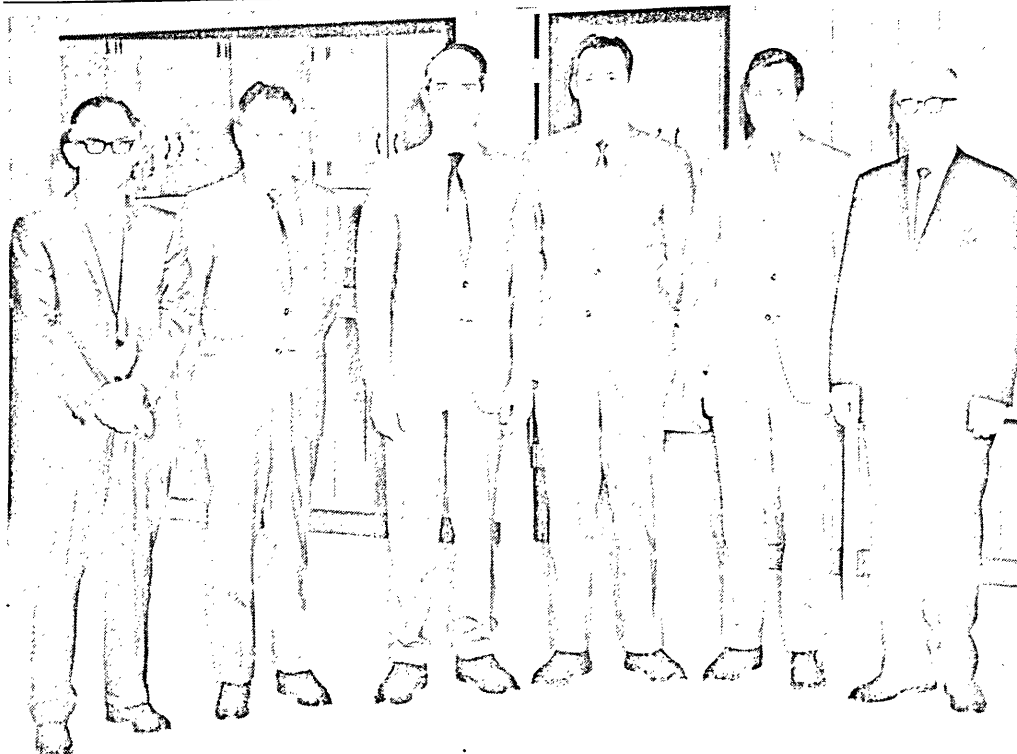
Host pastor Leonard Byers (right) is pictured with the Rev. Bill Watson and the Rev. Bob Orr at the Jonesboro and Paragould District Retreat.

Why should it be thought a thing incredible with you, that God should raise the dead? Acts 26:8

UM SERIES ON PROTESTANT HOUR

The radio stations in Arkansas where the United Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour may be heard each Sunday, beginning April 5 are:

Arkadelphia	KVRC	10:05 a.m.
Conway	KCON	3:00 p.m.
Dumas	KDDA	4:00 p.m.
Hope	KXAR	1:30 p.m.
Jonesboro	KBTM	7:30 a.m.
Mena	KEAN	12:30 p.m.
Nashville	KBHC	7:30 a.m.
Paragould	KDRS	4:30 p.m.
Pine Bluff	KADL	6:00 p.m.
Siloam Springs	KUOA	6:30 a.m.



Building Committee at Fairview UM Church in Texarkana and Pastor Winston H. Hudnall (right), pictured in the new fellowship hall and kitchen completed this year. Committee members (l. to r.): Charles Dillard, chairman, Clyde Cutts, Ray Hubbard, Ray Harris, Freddie Cox.



Representative students at Hendrix College leave the convocation on March 30 in which Congressman Wilbur D. Mills had affirmed that "as long as Hendrix College can graduate the quality of students I see before me we will preserve the qualities that made our nation great."

Hendrix

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of the Arkansas Gazette, and James Max Woolly, superintendent of the Arkansas School for the Blind. Heiskell, aged 98, has been editor of the Little Rock newspaper since 1902. Mr. Woolly has been superintendent of the Blind School since 1947 and has brought national recognition to that institution.

On Tuesday, April 7, the second speaker in the inaugural series will be the Hon. Daniel P. Moynihan, aide to President Richard M. Nixon, who will

speak on the implications of the urban crisis in America.

On April 15, the speaker will be Bishop D. Frederick Wertz, United Methodist bishop of West Virginia. On that date honorary degrees will be conferred on the Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Blytheville, and the Rev. John A. Lindsay, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff.

The inaugural address on April 28 will be delivered by the Hon. Robert H. Finch, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in President Nixon's cabinet.

Bishop announces appointments

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has announced the appointment of Dr. W. D. Lester, until recently a staff member of the General Board of Evangelism, as pastor of Wesley Chapel United Methodist Church, Little Rock. He succeeds Dr. J. Otis Erwin who was recently named president of Morristown College, Morristown, Tenn.

Dr. Lester served on the staff of the Board of Evangelism from 1952 until his recent retirement. He served at one time as superintendent of the Little Rock District of the Southwest An-

nual Conference.

Other recent appointments by Bishop Galloway are: the Rev. Ray Burrow, pastor at Joiner-Turrell, becomes the new pastor at Decatur-Centerton succeeding the late Rev. J. E. Linam; the Rev. Wilbert Feagan moves from Jasper-Valley Springs to Joiner-Turrell; the Rev. Lindsey Rolland of the Brightwater Parish is appointed to Jasper-Valley Springs; and the Rev. James D. Welch is the new pastor of Brightwater Parish.

Editorial

THERE WILL ALWAYS BE AN ESTABLISHMENT

One of the conclusions to which one may jump in these days when a great deal of criticism is being directed at "the establishment" is that there is a real alternative to having an "establishment." Only the most ill-advised and the unthinking critics of authority and organization can believe that if these as we know them were to disappear constructive progress could be made in any direction by unguided individual action.

There seems to be little doubt that radical restructuring is ahead in most areas of contemporary life. Thoughtful consideration is being given to this matter within the United Methodist Church. However, one still hears expressions from individuals—each with different motives we are sure—who seem to think that when the restructuring process is complete the result will be no structure.

Within both the Protestant and Roman Catholic families of Christians there are growing demonstrations of disenchantment with church authority and organization as they have been known. On one occasion Pope Paul VI accused his Roman Catholic critics of trying to overhaul that church in what he called "the form and spirit of the Protestant Reformation." Some architects of a new Protestant structure have been accused of following guidelines that originated at the Vatican. These evaluations accent the reality that rebuilding is underway, but should tell us just as definitely that what is happening should be left in the hands of remodelers and not a wrecking crew.

There will always be an establishment. To say this is in no sense to declare one's self as an inflexible defender of the "status quo." It is only to recognize a law as fundamental as the law of gravity. As someone has pointed out, the moment Robinson Crusoe found Friday's footprint on the beach he was forced to recognize that he could no longer be a "loner." From then on life would be organized—persons, when no more than two, had to be seen in relationship to each other.

This writer can recall from the earliest days of his ministry persons who dodged the invitation to take responsibility of church

membership by affirming "I believe in Christianity, but I don't believe one has to join a church to be a Christian." Theoretically and philosophically one may have agreed with such a statement, but practically this writer affirms that he has seen few persons who found ways of implementing their allegiance to Christ without becoming "yoke-fellows" with some other group of Christians.

One may not like the church as it is—and who of us does not have his own list of points at which it should be renewed? There are many who are aware of the need for renewal and restructuring of the church—it is not to those that this is directed. Only a few who do not read "the signs of the times" are standing flat-footed against these measures. We are all interested in what the Restructure Commission authorized by the General Conference of 1968 is doing. We will anxiously await their progress report to the Special Session of the General Conference next month, and more eagerly be involved in their recommendations for action at the 1972 General Conference. What we are deeply concerned about is that vocal minority that believes in "spiritual anarchy" and preaches the gospel that all organization is bad—that all authority is to be despised.

So many of those to whom we refer lack a foundation of history on which to stand. Elsewhere in this issue you will find a Sunday School lesson which speaks of the emergencies that arose in the Jerusalem Church shortly after Pentecost. Galilean followers of Jesus, caught in Jerusalem without a means of livelihood were thrown on the largesse of the first Christian family. Quickly it was seen that chaos could be avoided only by the creation of an official

body of leaders and the declaration of guidelines. Those officials and those guidelines have changed many times during the past 2000 years. None of the deacons who served at Jerusalem would feel at home in a charge conference at your church. This, however, would not give him grounds for shouting "down with the charge conference" or "death to the church."

One can no more believe logically that a spiritual relationship can be maintained with the Creator and his teachings without a participation in an organized body of followers than he can believe that education can be carried forward without schools or the nation defended without armed services.

The attitude we fear most among contemporary opponents of "the establishment" is that which seems to be saying "Let us destroy all forms of organization and leadership as now constituted. We have faith that out of the ashes will be born something better—something more to our liking." We do not question for a moment that the ferment of our time will bring drastic changes in the establishment wherever it exists. Nor do we doubt that desired change can not possibly come through "spiritual anarchy."

However, let us hasten to say that the time for defending the establishment of yesterday with paper-thin cliches is past. It is now time to show that we really believe in the establishment by contributing constructive suggestions for its undergirding and rebuilding.

There will always be an establishment.

A.A.K.

The Editor's Corner



THE SCARS OF CAMILLE REMAIN

Mrs. Knox and I visited the Camille-scarred coastline of Mississippi as we traveled to New Orleans for church meetings on a recent week-end.

We had not had an opportunity earlier to see the damage of the killer hurricane. Although heroic work has been done by the local residents and all of the emergency agencies which came to their assistance, it is obvious that it will be years before the Mississippi Gulf Coast returns to any semblance of normal living.

Having resided in this area for about a year during World War II we were quite anxious to seek out the spots we had called home to see if they had been destroyed. Those who served in this period will recall how often one changed his residence in search of something adequate. We were no exception, having lived in five different homes in less than twelve months. Only one appeared to be completely wiped out by Camille's ravages.

Most of the beachside homes remain still unrebuilt. We were told that difficulties with insurance within 1000 feet of the shore have caused this reconstruction to be delayed. Consequently one sees miles and miles of blank residential lots as he drives along what was left of the coastal highway. An exception is the Seashore District parsonage which appeared to be rapidly nearing completion.

Half of the highway was destroyed in most places and highway crews are hard at work trying to get this back in shape for the summer season. The same applies to most motels and restaurants—many are still out of service but appear to be far enough along that they should be ready for summer business.

A writer recognizes his inadequacies when he tries to draw an accurate picture of Camille's wrath.

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I can live forever with God. Trouble, illness, and death may come but my real self—my soul—will go on living in another existence with Almighty God. That is one of the plain meanings of Easter.—Seidenspinner

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The American Bible Society has launched an emergency appeal for funds to meet the mounting requests for Scriptures in Nigeria to replace those lost or destroyed during 30 months of civil conflict. In a letter to churches and individuals in the U.S., the Rev. John D. Erickson, executive secretary of the Society Ways and Means Department, said "The work of peace and reconciliation in Nigeria has just begun." He said, "Now with many obstacles removed, the Bible Society of Nigeria (only 4½ years old) can more effectively perform its mission."

A New York lawyer and expert in pornography and obscenity, Richard H. Kuh, has called for more specific and accurate definitions of what constitutes illegal material. He urged members of the House Judiciary subcommittee, who are now considering new anti-obscenity and anti-pornography legislation, to "deal squarely with the difficulty of accurate definition." Specifically detailed standards in the new laws would give prosecutors and judges guidelines by which they could act, he stated. Present definitions of "hard core" pornography are considered too vague and open to subjective judgment.

During a weekly radio program, produced in Minneapolis, evangelist Leighton Ford declared "There is no simple answer to the drug problem. Proper legal control, proper medical treatment, proper social action are needed. But the ultimate solution must be in the spiritual dimension."

The Amish people have gathered an impressive ecumenical array of "public defenders" behind them in their fight with a Wisconsin circuit court over compulsory schooling of children. The National Committee for Amish Religious Freedom was established in 1967 and is headed by the Rev. William C. Lindholm, a Lutheran clergyman from Livonia, Mich. Its members are mainly clergy, scholars and lawyers. Attorney William B. Ball, defense lawyer, contends the state is giving the Amish an "impossible choice": They can send their children to a public high school whose atmosphere and teaching offend them; they can set up their own high school, which their religion forbids; or they can continue to pay fines. Whether the Amish way of life will survive is essentially in the hands of this nation's courts and men of the national ecumenical group that is fighting for them, an observer said.

"Project Prayer," a nationwide campaign led by Bloomington, Minn. Jaycees to secure voluntary, nondenominational prayers in public schools, has encountered strong opposition from the Minn. Civil Liberties Union (MCLU). Board members of the civil liberties agency claimed that "to allow non-sectarian prayers would be to compel persons to frequent a place where religious observance takes place, even though they might excuse themselves, thereby effectively establishing and officially recognizing some kind of civic nondenominationalism as state religion." Project Prayer Chairman Robert Laden said the Jaycees agree with many of the U.S. Supreme Court's decisions in the area of prayer in public schools, but asked, "What's wrong with silent or non-denominational prayer?" He said that a N. Car. public school has a room set aside for children who may want to pray. "If only those kids who wanted to participate voluntarily came, should that be considered unconstitutional?"

Two noted interdenominational religious journals—the New Christian of London and the Christian Century of Chicago—have accomplished an unprecedented trans-Atlantic merger, with the new partnership to begin June 1, according to an announcement in both publications. The arrangement is intended to expand international and ecumenical content, with the New Christian ceasing separate publication and its name added to that of the Century's on masthead and cover. The Rev. Trevor R. Beeson, an Anglican, will remain in London as full-time European editor; Alan Geyer, editor of Christian Century and president of the Christian Century Foundation, the magazine's publisher, will continue in both positions.

Father Morton A. Hill, S.J., a member of the 18-man Presidential Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, told a large audience in New Orleans "This is the year that decides if America will become another Sweden" in the sale of pornographic and obscene material. The U.S. Attorney for the Eastern District of Louisiana, Gerald Gallinhouse, pledged: "We are going to hit the smut peddlers in our 22-parish (county) jurisdiction hard, again and again, wherever they raise their ugly heads, with all the legal weapons at our command."

In a position paper, directors of Lutheran Church Women have asked the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) to endorse and "vigorously" implement proposals permitting the ordination of women. The 1970 biennial LCA convention will be asked to make constitutional changes accordingly. Such words as "man" or "young man" would be changed to "person" or "young persons."

The Synagogue Council of America has charged Russia with conducting "a cruel campaign to compel Soviet Jews to deny their spiritual links with the land and people of Israel." Rabbi Solomon J. Sharfman, the council's president asked "men everywhere" to appeal to Russian authorities "to permit those of its Jewish citizens who are drawn by profound spiritual attachment to be reunited with their brethren in Israel."

A new concept in religious instruction in New Zealand's state primary schools is being introduced. It is aimed at relating Christian principles more directly to everyday life. Representative of the major Protestant denominations, the New Zealand Council for Christian Education provides visiting teachers and lesson material for 30 minutes of religious instruction a week. Syllabuses provided hitherto have tended to follow the traditional pattern of teaching children a certain number of Bible stories; the new one emphasizes the lessons of the Bible and their relevance today. The council's Presbyterian secretary, the Rev. Margaret Reid, said "We want them (the children) to see that the Bible has something important to say about life today, about personal relationships, about how the world's resources should be used."

A lay-led, ecumenical effort to make "good neighbors" out of church-going people is budding in many American cities. The program called "The Fish"—symbol used by early Christians—originated in St. Andrew's Anglican church, Oxford, England, in 1961 when people who needed help placed a Fish card in a window. By late 1969 there were 200 Fish chapters in 30 states in addition to groups formed in West Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Switzerland, South Africa, Japan and the Cameroons. Main purpose of the effort includes the task of providing neighborly services to persons—driving the ailing to out-patient clinics, emergency baby-sitting, reading to the blind, housework for the sick, companionship for the elderly and referral service when professional assistance is needed. Another aim is to give church members opportunities to put their faith into action without becoming involved in organization-heavy, meeting-filled procedures.

Africans and Asians are expected to play an active part in the Baptist World Congress in Tokyo July 12-18, according to Mrs. R. L. Mathis, program chairman. Some 220 persons and groups from 65 countries will participate, she said. Among principal speakers will be Miss Angie Brooks of Liberia, president of the U.N. General Assembly, churchmen from Hong Kong, India and Taiwan. Dr. William R. Tolbert of Liberia and president of the Baptist World Alliance will preside. Americans who will be featured speakers include Harold Stassen, Billy Graham and Mrs. Coretta Scott King, widow of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

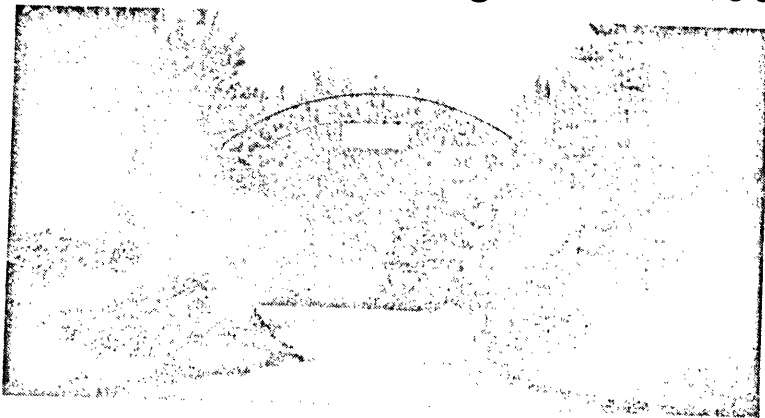
New headquarters of the 75-year-old World Student Christian Federation will be established in John R. Mott House in Geneva, Switzerland, the home of the World Alliance of YMCA and world YWCA. Contracts had been signed but construction had not begun when the "Y" offered space. Funds pledged to the WSCF building program will now go to pay rent in perpetuity, to purchase equipment for regional offices, pay for the planning of the building which was to have been constructed, and provide a library and lounge in the new headquarters. The late John R. Mott, also closely linked to the "Y" movement, founded the WSCF.

Pope Paul's appointment of Auxiliary Bishop Heinrich Theissing of East Berlin as coadjutor with right of succession to Auxiliary Bishop Bernhard Schraeder of East Germany was described by observers as "a clever move" by the Vatican to "steer clear" of political difficulties with the East German regime. For some time the government of East Germany has been pressuring the Catholic Church to break its ties with the Catholic Church in West Germany. Earlier East German government pressure forced a split in the format of the Evangelical Church in Germany.



WEST POINT, N.Y. — Every Sunday, cadets from the U.S. Military Academy at West Point put aside their military training and become Sunday School teachers. The future army officers staff a Christian education program for between 600 and 700 children of military and civilian personnel at the Point. For the cadets, the school is a needed relief from the "rugged business" of learning to be officers. Here, Cadet Phil Harris offers some art instruction to a little girl. (RNS Photo)

Aldersgate readies for new camping season



Conway camping program termed outstanding

It all started when someone at Conway suggested that a \$15 campership be sent to Aldersgate Methodist Camp in Little Rock to ensure an underprivileged child a camping experience.

In three years that campership has avalanched into a program that involves most of the members of First United Methodist Church in Conway working with and for the underprivileged of that area all the year.

That \$15 campership caused someone to wonder if Conway had disadvantaged children who could benefit from a Christian camping experience. That "it did and they could" was soon revealed. The year was 1967 and 34 youngsters had already been lined up for a day camp at State College of Arkansas which did not materialize. Arrangements were quickly made to transport them to Little Rock. Coincidentally, the 34 campers were comprised of 16 white, 16 black, and 2 yellow (Koreans). Daily attendance was almost 100%, and the parents requested another camp for the following year.

The Methodists soon found that more was needed than money. The Commission on Education requested volunteer workers for: **recruiting children, transportation** (from home to church where milk was served before boarding the church bus to Little Rock), **foods** (preparing and sacking lunches) **supervision** (youth and adults always accompanied them although Aldersgate counselors directed their program), **clothing** (adequate and appropriate with swim suits a necessity).

Further involvement of church members developed when the year-around needs of these children were revealed — needs pertaining to counseling, tutoring, and health.



These children are representative of the 48 who were transported by bus from Conway for a day camping experience at Aldersgate Methodist Camp last summer. The project was sponsored by the First Church of Conway.

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In 1969, Tommy G. Smith served as general chairman. The 48 campers were enabled to have the camp experience by committees of workers headed by these chairmen: Mrs. Jerry D. Poole, visitation; Mrs. Richard Russ, and Mrs. Max Daves, food; Mrs. Charles Coleman, supervision; Mrs. John Humbert, clothing; and Bill Townsend, finance (\$469 was raised).

This plan of sending campers with expenses paid is considered highly successful by the Conway people and also by the Aldersgate Camp Board of Directors, of which the Rev. J. Robert Scott is president.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has termed it "an excellent example of reconciliation on the local church level. Not only are underprivileged children given the opportunity of a Christian camping experience, but church members become involved and concerned about the children all year."

Ministers of the Conway First Church are the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, the Rev. Jon Guthrie, associate.

Aldersgate Memorials

ALDERSGATE CAMP MEMORIALS

IN MEMORY OF:

LEE CAZORT, SR.
by Mrs. W. G. Hearne
H. T. TRIBBLE
by Ed and Jean Jernigan
by Miss Mildred Scott
by Mr. & Mrs. John Buxton
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by Rev. & Mrs. E. D. Galloway
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by Mrs. Hazel Byrd
MAUDIE CATHERINE MOON DICKENS
by Ella Patty W.S.G., First United Methodist Church, Augusta, Ark.

IN HONOR OF: Campership

MRS. LUCILLE HEFLEY
by St. Paul Church, Little Rock
Wesleyan Service Guild

From Our Bishop

Dear Friends:

Mrs. Galloway and I have been interested in Aldersgate Camp for more than twenty years. While pastor at Winfield Church, our young people and adults went out to work at the camp and we have followed it with interest and pride.

I am delighted that there is an effort being made for scholarships, or camperships, for many of our neglected young people and boys and girls.

Aldersgate is one of the unique places in our Church and has done much to promote understanding, friendship, and Christian love. It has been the Gospel alive and at work.

I have enjoyed telling people across the Nation about this work, and I hope that we will all respond to its needs and great programs.

Sincerely,

Bishop Paul V. Galloway

FUNDS NEEDED NOW FOR SUMMER CAMPERS

Aldersgate Methodist Camp is in greater need than usual for scholarships for campers, according to Camp Director Ray Tribble, due to the cut-back in funds formerly received from county and state sources. Programs for the handicapped, the underprivileged, and for children from foster homes has been seriously undermined by the lack of funds from these sources.

A "campership" is usually designated as a \$15 scholarship to enable

a child to attend camp. The actual cost is less for day campers, but more for resident campers. These donations may be labeled as "memorial" or "in honor" gifts, if desired, and will be acknowledged by card and also in the **Arkansas Methodist**. Donors may be groups or classes or individuals from churches anywhere in the state.

The availability of the camp to any church group is pointed out by Camp Board President Robert Scott. He lists the following dates as still open for reservations by church groups or individuals:

ALDERSGATE CAMP 1970 DATES OPEN FOR RESERVATIONS

July 6-11 - Interfaith Resident Camp, 10-15 year olds, cost: \$24.50
July 13-17 - United Methodist "Southwest" Resident Camp - Junior and Senior High, cost: \$24.50
July 20-25 - Interfaith Resident Camp, 10-15 years, cost: \$24.50
July 6-10 - Little Rock District Day Camp, grades 1-6, cost: \$7.50
July 13-17 - Conway District Day Camp, grades 1-6, cost: \$7.50

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NEWS and NOTES

DR. FRED G. ROEBUCK, retired Methodist minister, preached during Holy Week in First United Methodist Church at Booneville. The Rev. Norman Carter is the Booneville minister.

A MEDIC ASK-IN at Ashdown United Methodist Church featured Dr. Jim Armstrong meeting with the Senior High UMYF and Dr. Robert Warren with the Junior High. The Rev. Carr Dec Racop, Jr., is pastor.

HAWLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH Choir presented the cantata "The Gospel Song of Easter" on Palm Sunday evening with Mrs. Ed Vinson directing, and accompanied by Don Taylor, organist. The Rev. Horace. M. Grogan is pastor of the Pine Bluff Church.

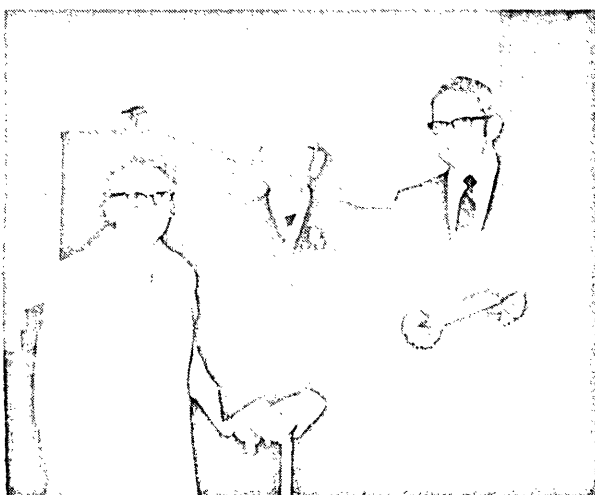
THE GRACE - CURTIS Sub-district UMYF met at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, Paragould District and elected the following officers: president, Charles Hesselbein of Griffin Memorial, Paragould; vice-president, Jim Keasler of Shiloh; secretary-treasurer, Jeanie Poindexter of St. Mark's. Mrs. Terrell Whiteside of St. Mark's is district counselor. The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is the pastor of St. Mark's and Griffin Memorial.

DAVEENE RANEY was among the top ten in the second year nursing class at Arkansas State University to receive scholarships from St. Bernard's Hospital in Jonesboro. She was a 1967 honor graduate of Newport High School and also has received scholarships from the North Arkansas Conference WSCS, and the International Order of Rainbow for Girls. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Raney and is a member of Umsted Memorial U.M. Church in Newport.

THE UMYF MEMBERS of Wyatt Memorial Church, Fort Smith, and their guests were honored at an Upper Room Banquet hosted by members of the Wesleyan Service Guild, March 26. A communion service followed the meal. The Wyatt youth group presented an Easter sunrise service and sponsored the breakfast following the service. The Rev. Tom Weir is their pastor.

P. K. KORNER

MR. AND MRS. ROBERT SELLIN have completed a course in Portuguese at Washington, D.C., and have been assigned by the Peace Corps to Brazil for 2½ years where they will direct the program. Mrs. Sellin is the former Kay Hooker, daughter of the Rev. Vann Hooker of Huntsville and the late Mrs. Hooker. She is a graduate of Hendrix College and has been directing the Peace Corps program in Columbia, S.A. Their new address is: Corpo de Paz, Caixa Postal 319, Goiania, Goias, Brazil.



MARKHAM CHURCH LWM TO BE THIS WEEKEND

Markham United Methodist Church of Little Rock is planning a Lay Witness Mission for Friday, Saturday and Sunday, April 3, 4 & 5. Ray Tribble is general chairman. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is host pastor.

Tommy Smith, head of public relations and recruitment at State College of Arkansas, Conway, will be coordinator. He is chairman of the Council on Ministry at First U. M. Church of Conway.

Twenty-four adults and ten youth are expected from several surrounding states.

Planned activities include Friday supper at the church, Saturday morning coffees for adults, noon luncheon for men at the Golden Host Cafeteria. for women at the church and for youth at Aldersgate Camp, and several meetings Saturday evening and Sunday morning.

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"ORDEAL OF CHANGE" STUDIED AT CROSSETT

The Council on Adult Ministries at Crossett's First United Methodist Church sponsored an informal study using **THE ORDEAL OF CHANGE** by Eric Hoffer as the basic text. This book is the Advanced Study for May, 1970. It examines the forces of change in today's world and the discontented revolutionists who are attempting to bring about a better world. Joe Bridgforth was coordinator for the study.

The Council on Adult Ministries also planned a reception honoring new members which was held on Sunday, March 22, in Fellowship Hall, following the morning service of worship.

Miss Olivia Bingham is Coordinator of Adult Ministries and Miss Mamie L. Adams is Director of Christian Education.

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New Life House

By Gene Efird, Director
Arkansas Release Guidance
Foundation

New Life House, sponsored by the Arkansas Release Guidance Foundation, has been moved to a newly purchased house at 1116 West 2nd Street in Little Rock. It was last located in a rented house which was very inadequate and which severely limited the program. The house is now being remodeled in preparation for the beginning of a new program which will have more professional staff members, and more volunteers who will do personal counseling with the house residents.

At present there is a need for persons who can help to supply labor and materials for the remodeling. Linens and other regular supplies are also needed.

New Life House, Also called "Half-way House" also needs your help in locating good houseparents who will work with our professional staff and volunteers. We are looking for a mature couple 45 to 60 years of age. They will do informal counseling with 10 to 15 residents, most of whom will be between 17 to 25 years of age. Some will be leaving Cummins or Tucker Farms. Others will be first offenders sent to New Life House as their only hope of escaping prison and of finding a new life. The housefather will do informal counseling with the boys much as if they were his own

sons. He will need to exert firm control and help the professional staff to enforce the simple rules of the house. He will be backed by a number of professional persons including psychiatrists. The housemother will cook the evening meal, plan and purchase food, do light housekeeping and informal counseling. A housemother usually becomes a major key in a program of this kind, because most men and boys who go to prison have an unusual respect for women. They often respond readily to her mere suggestion while resenting the requests of male staff members.

We would appreciate your inviting us to present a program before your congregation to tell about how you can help save lives through New Life House and the ARGF. We believe that your church will be inspired and strengthened by the witness of laymen involved in this work and by former public offenders who have been changed by Christ.

We also need your personal contribution and a special offering from your church. Perhaps you would like to take up an offering after our visit to your church.

Your help now can save many lives. Contact Rev. Gene Efird, P.O. Box 6155, Little Rock, Ark. 72206.

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.

April 5—Sunday	Matt. 24:42-51
April 6	Psalms 119:25-40
April 7	II Tim. 1:1-14
April 8	Heb. 10:11-25
April 9	Heb. 12:1-13
April 10	Jude 17-25
April 11	Rev. 2:1-11
April 12—Sunday	Psalms 19:7-14

THE BEEBE AREA United Methodist Laymen met with the Antioch church March 12. Following the supper they met in the sanctuary where the Eddie Price family and the Rev. Brady Cook and Miss Irene Cook gave some special songs. Elbert Barnett brought the devotional message of the evening. The Rev. Kelly Jones was host pastor.

PULASKI COUNTY JUDGE Frank Mackey was the speaker for the Methodist Men's Club dinner at Highland United Methodist Church, Little Rock, March 16. The pastor is the Rev. Bryan Stephens.

Ministers' wives fellowship

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Fayetteville District Parsonettes met Friday, February 27, with Iva McCormack in Siloam Springs. Bonnie Dark, president, presided and read highlights from "The Disciplined Heart" by Ruth C. Ikerman. Doris Clark, vice-president, told about a trip that she and her husband made in January to Lake Murray, Ardmore, Oklahoma, to attend a ministers' retreat. Executive officers of the Siloam Springs Women's Society served lunch for the Parsonettes at the church.

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FORREST CITY, DISTRICT

Twelve parsonettes of the Forrest City District met March 19 with Mrs. Mitchell Sanford at Hughes. As the guests arrived tours were taken through the lovely remodeled parsonage. Mrs. Berlon Davis presided over the business meeting. A skit, "Serenity of Soul," was presented by Mrs. Byron McSpadden, Mrs. Lynn Wade, Mrs. Harold Wilson and Mrs. Lon Brewer followed by a devotional by Mrs. Ethan Dodgen. The benediction was by Mrs. William Haltom. The next meeting will be May 7 at Helena with Mrs. G. B. Ames as hostess.

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MONTICELLO DISTRICT

The Monticello District Minister's Wives met February 19, in the home of Mrs. Ed Matthews in Fordyce. Special guest was Mrs. Paul V. Galloway. Following a Spring Fashion Show presented by the Matthews Dress Shop, Mrs. Matthews and her committee served lunch to those present.

March 19, the group met in Monticello with Mrs. Harold Davis. Mrs. Janie Ellington of Jerome, Arkansas, gave a demonstration on the proper use of makeup.

CONFERENCE WSCS TOUR

Seats still available for General Conference and Washington Tour. Write Dr. Earl Hughes, First United Methodist Church, Heber Springs, Ark. immediately.

CALENDAR

April 8-9—Church Women United of Arkansas, annual meeting, Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock
April 11-12—Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, Retreat, Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock

DISTRICT WSCS MEETINGS

DATES	DISTRICT	HOSTESS CHURCH
April 13	Hope	College Hill, Texarkana
15	Monticello	Warren
16	Camden	Asbury, Magnolia
17	Little Rock	Geyer Springs, Little Rock
21	Arkadelphia	St. Andrews, Arkadelphia
23	Pine Bluff	Gillett

The Districts will elect officers and approve the Pledge to Missions. A Team of Conference Leaders will conduct a Creative Leadership Workshop designed to help women understand and develop the potential for creative leadership. All members of the Women's Society will benefit from these sessions as they are not intended as officer training but rather as leadership training. Mrs. Edgar F. Dixon is chairman for the program of the workshops and will be the leader of the team which will be made up of women attending a Jurisdiction Creative Workshop in Kansas City conducted by Dr. Louis Mobley, Executive Director of Leadership Training for the IBM Corporation. Team members are Mrs. Russell M. McKinney, Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson, Mrs. William S. Arnold, Mrs. Alice Preston of the Southwest Conference, Mrs. E. T. Davenport and Mrs. Dixon.

CONWAY DISTRICT W.S.G. MET AT RUSSELLVILLE

The Conway District Wesleyan Service Guild met at the Russellville First Church Sunday, March 8.

Mrs. J. P. Burgess, district chairman presided at the two o'clock session. The hymn GUIDE ME OH THOU GREAT JEHOVAH set the tone for the theme WHICH WAY? Miss Madge Brown led the singing, accompanied by Miss Norma Davis. Mrs. H. D. Coffee former District President of the W.S.C.S. gave the invocation. Mrs. R. H. Fry welcomed the 78 guests, representing 13 Guilds. The Rev. John B. Hays, host pastor, gave the Meditation.

Mrs. Burgess recognized Mrs. Hazel Evans, president and Mrs. Lorena Jackson, treasurer of the newly organized Guild of the Mayflower United Methodist Church. Adkins was recognized as having had a growth of 44% during the last year.

The offering was used to purchase an acre of ground at Myers Ranch and provide Camperships for children attending Aldersgate's summer camp program.

Mrs. J. P. Burgess was elected to serve as chairman for the Conway District for the next two years and Mrs. Belton Russell was elected as secretary. Committee of nominations was: Mrs. Sybil Adams, Mrs. Glenn Hammond and Mrs. Seth James. Mrs. Earl Horton was in charge of the Installation.

Mrs. Truman Stevens, Conference Chairman of WSG gave the afternoon address "IN SEARCH OF LIGHT". Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, District Superintendent, gave the Benediction.

Little Rock Conference Guild to hold retreat at Aldersgate



Mrs. H. L. Georg

A prominent Methodist lay woman from the Kansas Conference will be the resource leader for the Spiritual Life Retreat to be held by the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Little Rock Conference.

She is Mrs. H. L. Georg of St. John, Kansas, a former president of the Kansas Woman's Society of Christian Service.

The retreat is scheduled for the weekend of April 11 and 12 at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock.

A native of Kansas, Mrs. Georg has a degree from Colorado State Teach-

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ers College, Greeley, Colorado. She has served on all levels of the Methodist Church and is currently on the General Board of Missions. She has served as dean of a Regional School of Christian Missions at Denver and at Mt. Sequoyah. She has served as choir director and as church organist, and for three years was a director at the Opera Workshop in Eureka Springs, Arkansas.

SECOND ANNUAL MEETING NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS
200 N. 15th Street

WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE

COMMITTEE ON PROGRAM

Mrs. Joe Crumpler, Chairman
Mrs. Howard Johnson
Mrs. E. L. Hunt
Mrs. Truman Stephens
Mrs. John Page
Mrs. Rod Thrasher
Mrs. James Nix
Mrs. Fred Davis
Mrs. Earl Hughes

FRIDAY, APRIL 10, 1970

8:00 A.M.—Executive Committee Breakfast — Fellowship Hall
9:00 A.M.—Registration — First United Methodist Church
10:15 A.M.—Organ Meditation — "Andante Cantabile" Widor
Mrs. J. Clib Barton, Organist
10:30 A.M.—Convening of Second Annual Meeting

Theme Hymn No. 209

Special Music—

Solo—"I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Handel
Mrs. Bryon Brown, Soprano

Vocal Duet—"The Lord is My Shepherd" Smart
Mrs. Tom Temple, Contralto
Mr. Rod Hocott, Tenor

Meditation Mrs. Howard Johnson

Greetings Dr. John Bayliss
Mrs. Douglas W. Parker

Organization

Roll Call Mrs. Rod Thrasher

Literature Mrs. John Page

Presentation of Program Mrs. Joe Crumpler

In Honor and In Memory Mrs. James Nix

In Remembrance Mrs. Earl Hughes

Missionary Education Mrs. Fred Davis

Election and Installation of Officers Mrs. John Bayliss

Benediction and Table Grace Rev. Charles Richards

12:00 Noon—Lunch

1:00 P.M.—Prelude—"Adoration" from the Holy City Gaiel
Mrs. J. Clib Barton, Organist

Theme Hymn No. 209

Meditation Mrs. Harold Eggenberger

Special Music

Solo—"In the End of the Sabbath" Oley Speaks
Mrs. Jim Kell, Soprano

Introduction of Guest Speaker Mrs. Joe Crumpler

Guest Speaker Mr. T. L. "Tank" Harrison

Benediction Rev. David Moose

"Meet Your Officers"

6:00 P.M.—Dinner—

Special Entertainment

John and Jo Ellen Copher

Mrs. Ben Watkins, Accompanist

Mrs. Ben Watkins, Organist

7:30 P.M.—Prelude—

Special Music

"He Comes to Us" Jane Marshall

Goddard Memorial United Methodist Church
Mr. Robert McDaniel, Director

Offertory—"Dona Nobis Pacem" Stephens

First United Methodist Church Handbell Choir
Miss Edna Earle Massey, Director

Introduction of Guest Speaker Dr. John Bayliss

Guest Speaker Dr. Charles Allen

Benediction Rev. R. C. Preston

Benediction Response Handbell Choir

Postlude—Psalm XIX Marcello

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 1970

8:45 A.M.—Prelude— Mrs. J. Clib Barton, Organist

Theme Hymn No. 209

Meditation Mrs. Edwin Outlaw

Special Music

"Song of the Bible" Toshiro Mayazumi

Listen !!! Mr. Rod Hocott, Tenor

"Where?" Miss Maryruth Nickels

Holy Communion Dr. John Bayliss

and Methodists Ministers of Fort Smith

Benediction Dr. John Bayliss

WESLEYAN SERVICE GUILD

April 11—12:00-2:30 P.M.—Registration

12:00-2:30 P.M.—Executive Committee Luncheon & Business Meeting

3:00 P.M.—Prelude Organist, Mrs. J. Clib Barton

Convening of Second Annual Meeting

Prayer Mrs. Truman Stephens, Conference Chairman

Theme Hymn—"Be Still My Soul" No. 209

Greetings Miss Anna Rose Miller

Presentations Mrs. Dalton Henderson

Roll Call Mrs. Glenn Hammond

Solo—"Song of the Bible" Toshiro Mayazumi

Mr. Rod Hocott, Director Youth Choirs

Introduction of Guest Speaker Dr. John A. Bayliss

Listen !!!—"Coming Forth" Dr. Irving Smith

Hymn—"Let Us Break Bread Together" No. 330

Communion Dr. John A. Bayliss, Rev. Archie Boyd

Rev. Elmus Brown, Rev. David Moose

Benediction Dr. John A. Bayliss

Browse in Literature Room

5:15 P.M.—Dinner

Toastmistress Mrs. G. C. Ragsdale

Invocation Rev. Archie Boyd

Listen !!!—We express our love to God and Country

Northside High School Mixed Ensemble

Miss Edna Earle Massey, Director

7:30 P.M.—Sanctuary

Listen !!!—Praise Through Music First United Methodist

Emma Cook Chimes

Meditation and Prayer Mrs. Julian Vogel

Guild Hymn—"This is My Song" No. 542

Praise Through Poetry Mrs. Irving Smith

Offeratory—Praise Through Bells Miss Edna Earle Massey

Director

Duet—"The Lord is My Shepherd" Smart

Mrs. Tom Temple, Contralto, Mr. Rod Hocott, Tenor

Praise Through Service Miss Maryruth Nickels

Benediction Mrs. Julia Freeman

SUNDAY, APRIL 12, 1970

7:30 A.M.—Breakfast—Holiday Inn Downtown

Invocation Rev. David Moose

Listen !!!—District Chairmen Speaking Mrs. Claude Woods,

Director

Business Mrs. Truman Stephens

Registration Report

Nomination and Election of Officers

Gratitude—Announcements

1971 Invitation

1970 Assembly Mrs. Lillie Burgess

Information—Dial MN

Special Music—"Be Still and Know that I am God"

Mrs. Artless Fowler

Long May We Remember Mrs. D. C. Neal

Meditation and Prayer Mrs. Howard Johnson

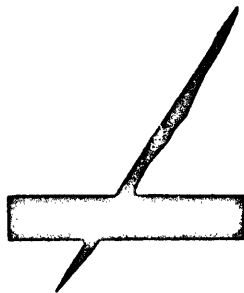
Benediction Miss Irene Forrest

CWU TEA

April 11 — CWU Tea at the Governor's Mansion, sponsored by the Business Women's Group of Church Women United.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR APRIL 12: The Church's Life as Witness

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Acts 2:43 through 6:7

MEMORY SELECTION: We are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him. (Acts 5:32)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons find in the life and work of the early church an inspiration and challenge that will make better church members of them.

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When one reads Luke's account of life in the early church he catches something of the joy and enthusiasm which characterized everything they did. Against the background of the tone and morale of the first Christians we see the mood of defeatism and pessimism which is found among so many church members and leaders today. With all of the improvements we have made in organizing the church during 20 centuries we must admit a great deal of the enthusiasm and dedication they possessed is gone.

One thing we notice about this Jerusalem church is that they did not have time to grow up. They were called on to make mature decisions far beyond their experience, and, for some, far beyond their dedication. The writer in Broadman's Comments says of this characteristic of the early church: "Herb Caen, columnist of the San Francisco Chronicle, has called San Francisco 'the city that never was a town.' The first followers of Jesus Christ may be described as 'the church that never was a mission.' It sprang into action with great vigor and aggressiveness."

Everywhere people today are calling for both redefinition and restructuring of the Christian church. One major movement would unite all churches that can find a common ground on which to stand. Many of those who are seeking to renew the church are persuasive in their presentations. However, some of them indicate by their statements that they lack both an historical perspective concerning the church and an understanding of what the church is supposed to do and be. Because of these misunderstandings and because of many radical suggestions concerning the future of the church, we need to look most carefully at the beginnings of the Christian church as described in today's lesson.

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THE POWER OF THE EARLY CHURCH

As we look for distinguishing characteristics of the early church we notice that it was a power-filled church. We read in Acts 2:43, "and many wonders and signs were done through the apostles." Dr. Charles Laymon gives a brief resume of this aspect of the early church when he says (International Lesson Annual): "The early church bore its witness through the life-changing events that occurred in its midst."

Not only did the church witness through power to perform the same types of miracles Jesus had done, but everything they did had a cadence of joy about it.

In addition to the apostles in general and Peter in particular, Stephen and Philip were also reported to have performed many miracles. Even Ananias, an otherwise unknown disciple is represented as the agent in the restoration of Paul's sight.

We can see in the wonders performed by the apostolic church that they were motivated as their Lord had been in the performance of his great deeds. They were not exhibitionists—they did not accomplish their signs and wonders to attract followers. They were moved by compassion. They extended their ministry to persons who were being callously passed over by the rest of the world. In this they set a fine example for Twentieth Century Christians. Everywhere fingers are being pointed at the churches because the members have repeated their creeds without performing their deeds.

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THE SHARING OF MATERIAL POSSESSIONS

"They had all things in common" (v. 44). The explanation of this is that many Christians sold their possessions and placed the money in the treasury of the church to be dispensed for all the needs of the people. Some of us shudder when we read this because we have been conditioned to think that this smacks of communism and we are opposed to that.

There is really no legitimate ground for the comparison of this experience of Christian sharing and the economics and practices of atheistic communism. For one thing this sharing of goods in the early church was done voluntarily. It also grew out of the immediate necessities. Most of the followers of Jesus were Galileans and they had followed him from their rural homes into the city. When he left them with orders to remain there and to begin their work there once the Holy Spirit had come upon them they had no resources upon which to draw and no means of livelihood.

It is to the credit of the apostles and the church in general that the needs were so quickly discovered and met. It was the appointment of a board or committee which was suggested as an answer to the need. They were to be responsible for a fair distribution of the alms of the church. And they became the first organization in the Christian Church. The seven men thus appointed have been commonly called deacons since the second century, and it has been the custom to regard them as the first incumbents of that historic office. But they were not called "deacons" by Luke, or by any other New Testament writer.

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JESUS AND MONEY

Just here we should emphasize the places occupied by organization and money through the long history of the church. First, we would point out that the naming of this first board or committee constituted the start of "the establishment" which many castigate today. However, let us never forget the basic truth discovered at Jerusalem—from the appearance of the first need there has had to be some kind of organization to meet it. Contemporary critics are very illogical in assuming that "the establishment" can be destroyed and at the same time the resources of organization be maintained. Like "love and marriage," you can't have one without the other.

Then concerning the question of money, Acts, and the rest of the New Testament for that matter, underscore the fact that economics has been a religious concern of the Christian church since its birth. We sometimes forget that Jesus had more to say about the use and misuse of money than almost any other theme.

Jesus regarded the possession of money as an opportunity for realizing the spiritual values of life. He taught that men could help bring in the Kingdom of God by a proper use of material possessions.

Dr. Laymon reminds us that the understanding of this emphasis is becoming complicated in our automated age. He said: "Cybernetics is the study of man in the new society that automation makes possible. We are just beginning to see its possibilities. The burdens of toil that wear men down and eat out their very hearts are being daily taken over by programing machines. The next generation will be more free to develop the inner life of the self than any that has preceded it in all history."

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THE CHURCH'S GROWTH

More remarkable than the wonders and signs performed by the apostles was the rapid growth of the new movement. "And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved" (v. 47). In the beginning the Christian movement was confined only to Jewish constituents and was tragically misunderstood by many as being limited to them. Jesus lost many of his followers when the true nature of his teachings became clear.

It is interesting to note that our material stresses that the church grew by the addition of those who "were being saved." We should note that salvation is a process rather than an accomplished fact. A person brought within the sphere of salvation has that process begun in him. Throughout our lives we must continue in the process of "being saved" or we will not be saved at the end.

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THE BOLDNESS OF THE APOSTLES

The second major portion of our scriptural material today emphasizes the spirit expressed by the apostles who, after being arrested and imprisoned several times within a brief period, affirmed, "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (4:20) When forbidden to preach, they said they could not keep silent. The message they had received had to be preached.

The compulsion to witness is the first prerequisite for a good Christian. A man talks about the weather because he has nothing else to talk about. He talks about Jesus because nothing else is worth talking about. This is the kind of compulsion which comes only to those who have felt the power of Christ at first hand. Dr. Theodore P. Farris says in Interpreter's Bible: "Like men released from prison after all hope has gone, they cannot refrain from telling others about it, especially others with whom they have been imprisoned."

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REDEFINING THE CHURCH

Every Christian who is alert to the times is seeking a redefinition of the church—its purpose and meaning. There are many erroneous answers to the question "What is the church?" There are many who are totally frustrated or completely lulled into an inactive witness because of misconceptions.

A very concise definition which we found in Broadman Comments says: "The church is a group of people who share a life together communicated to them by Christ." Out of this reality may grow many programs, projects and purposes; but none of these activities can obscure the basic reality of the church.

The early church—few in members, paltry in possessions, unimpressive in personalities — was heavily outnumbered by its enemies. But their strategy was always to press forward, because this was the command they had received from their Lord. Their confidence in him was the source of their victory.

Perhaps the greatest need of the Christian today is for courage born out of a fresh experience with our Lord. Each of us can have that experience if we are willing to pay the price of forsaking those things that are displeasing in his sight and of seeking to walk in close fellowship with him day by day.

APRIL 2, 1970

Book Reviews

by AAK.

H. C. Brown, Jr., editor, **THE CUTTING EDGE**, \$4.95, Word Books, 130 pp.

In this book 14 outstanding Christian leaders have undertaken answers to the many timely questions confronting other Christians in the field of ethics and government.

Each of the writers insists that God and faith cannot be confined within the four walls of the sanctuary—that the Christian and the church must move out to where the action is.

The questions discussed include: "The New Morality" by Dr. John A. Redhead, Jr.; "The Case Against Gambling" by Dr. Ralph A. Phelps, Jr.; "Alcohol in a Complex Society" by Dr. Ralph G. Turnbull; and "The Question of Church and State" by the late Dr. J. Wallace Hamilton.

Frances Avery Faunce, **THE NURSING HOME VISITOR**, \$2.45, Abingdon, 191 pp.

This is a handbook written by a person living in a nursing home—offering valuable suggestions concerning the visiting of patients. It also offers some revealing facts on what it's like to be one.

Miss Faunce, an experienced freelance writer most of her life, explains the need for visitors and for an understanding of the patients' point of view.

She also explains what is involved in moving into a nursing home and how such a home is organized and staffed.

Ken Anderson, **STAINS ON GLASS WINDOWS**, \$1.95, Word Books, 46 pp.

This is one of the most delightful little books we have seen. It ribs the conventional church member about

The book about package-deal politics, **The Selling of the President** by Joe McGinniss has reached this country. It is a strange story of how President Nixon is said to have been "sold" to the American public, and Mr. McGinniss pulls no punches in his expose of what he says happened.

The Gospel according to the salesmen, who undertook the Presidential campaign, is summed up by Mr. Nixon's chief speech-writer in the presidential campaign, Mr. Raymond K. Price. He said:

"It's not what's there that counts, it's what's projected. And it's not what he projects, it's rather what the voter receives. It's not the man we have to change, but rather the **received impression**. And this impression often depends more on the medium and its use than it does on the candidate himself."

The general impression is that politicians should not get mixed up with political campaigns—the business of campaigning is best left to the experts.

Inevitably, some people in Britain are already predicting in an election year, that this is the shape of things to come here. The new Prime Minister, or the same one again, they say, will be elected not on the basis of what he says, but on how it is said, not on what he does, but on what he doesn't do—wrong, image-wise.

If this is really so, there are things to fear. But is it? Whatever the me-

chanics behind the Nixon election one fact emerges. And that is that the man who has, so to speak, come out of a bottle, now appears to be much more of a reality than his image-makers seem to think.

He is not acting like an image, but like a man. Some of the statesmanship he has been showing makes the image-makers look plain silly. To their surprise, and perhaps to the surprise of many people throughout the world, President Nixon looks like a President, sounds like one, and acts like one. He bids fair to become of that great company who are remembered as men of a generation.

If he keeps his present form, he contradicts many of the suggestions that he was a paper-doll. He is no paper tiger, either. It is possible that he will be the President who sees the end of the Vietnam war. And if he does, he will turn his attention to the many and desperate needs at home with, perhaps the same political facility he has shown abroad.

There is hope yet. Perhaps the bright boys in the back rooms of the communications industry will not have had the last word—any more than they are really likely to have the last word on the British scene. All in all voters are men and women of common sense. They are really deluded by advertising which wants to persuade them that this or that detergent washes whiter.

S. Lawrence Johnson, **THE PIG'S BROTHER and Other Children's Sermons**, \$3.00, Abingdon, 128 pp.

This author has based many of this collection of children's sermons on personal experiences, and he has done a great job. If you are looking for a fresh collection of such sermons and stories you should get this book.

The author is a Congregational minister in Birmingham, Ala., and he has the ability to make you chuckle as he teaches. It will appeal to children of all ages and should be an invaluable resource for all ministers.

Skilled workers repair hurricane damage in Honduras

NEW YORK (UMI) — When the hurricane winds blew the roofs off and toppled the walls of several Methodist churches, and damaged an industrial training school on the southern coastal region of British Honduras September 3, 1969, little did the people realize that within less than eight months, there would be skilled workers from the United Methodist Church serving alongside them in their rebuilding program.

Through the efforts of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR), 32 volunteers—builders, carpenters, electricians, masons, plumbers, pastors—are devoting a total of two months to rebuilding Mt. Hole Mission Church and Industrial Training School. Plans are being developed for volunteers to return later to do a similar task at Coconut Garden Church, and French Harbor Church on Roatan Island of the Bay Islands off the coast of British Honduras.

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
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And they are least likely to be deluded in these days when the choice of leaders is such a grave matter.

One thing the Christian church must be able to do is to help men and women to see their role in the state system as more than mere puppets to be manipulated by astute ad-men. And, when you think about it, it is a bit of an impertinence to set out to sell what you think is an empty package to a gullible public, and then proceed gleefully to tell that very public how they have been taken for a ride.

No, it is not good enough. And maybe, after all, it is not true. Richard Nixon, the genie from an ad-man's ink bottle may yet prove to us all that he is more real than some people would like him to be. And that will be a victory for the man who marks his ballot paper.

New hymnology reference work compiled

One current and one retired faculty member of Southern Methodist University are among the three authors of a comprehensive new reference book on hymnology scheduled for March publication by Abingdon Press.

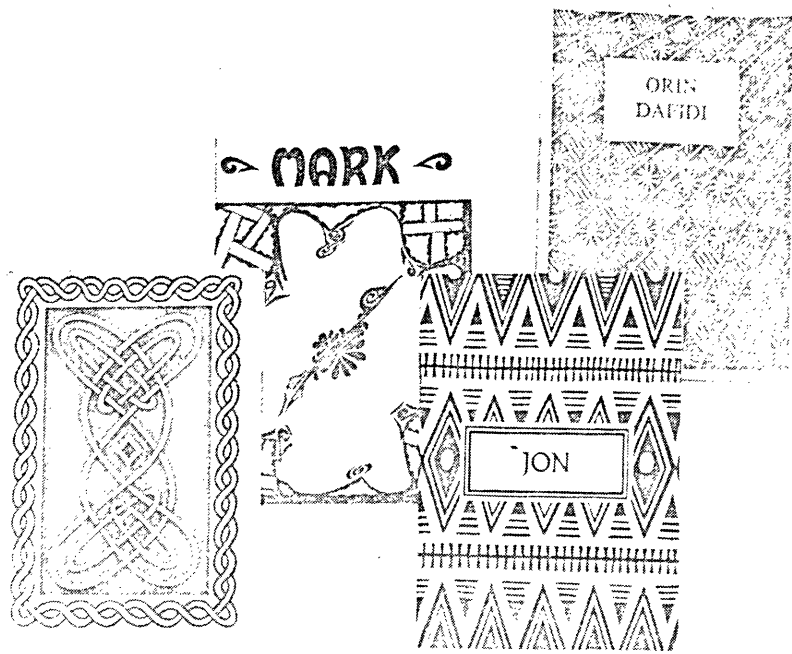
Companion to the Hymnal was jointly compiled by Dr. Carlton R. Young, SMU associate professor of church music; Dr. Fred D. Gealy, SMU professor emeritus of New Testament and church music; and Dr. Austin C. Lovelace, a Presbyterian minister of music and organ teacher in Denver. Consulting editor was Emory Stevens Bucke, senior editor of Abingdon.

The 768-page volume, product of five years of research, is the first companion to **The Methodist Hymnal** to be compiled since 1937. The new edition is based on **The Methodist Hymnal** published in 1966. Dr. Young was editor of the 1966 hymnal and Dr. Gealy served as consultant on liturgical music.

Dr. Young directs the Master of Sacred Music degree program offered jointly by Perkins School of Theology and Meadows School of the Arts at SMU. He also is conductor of the Perkins Seminary Singers.

Dr. Gealy served for 20 years on the Perkins faculty and also was director of the Seminary Singers. Earlier in his career, he taught at a theological seminary in Tokyo.

What we call rational grounds for our beliefs are often extremely irrational attempts to justify our instincts. —Huxley



NEW YORK — The American Bible Society has launched an emergency campaign for funds to replace Scriptures lost or destroyed during the 30 months of civil war in Nigeria. Needed in more than 20 languages are 250,000 Bibles, 55,000 New Testaments, 360,000 Gospels and other portions, and 1,000,000 shorter selections. Shown from left to right, are the Gospels of Luke (Hausa), Mark (Ibo), and John (Efik) and the Book of Psalms (Yoruba). Large numbers of Scriptures will be given away in the money-poor former Biafran area. (RNS Photo)

General Conference from page one

Dr. Murray H. Leiffer, a professor in Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill., heads the nine-member Judicial Council, the church's "supreme court." Mrs. Dwight P. Grove of Philadelphia is its secretary.

Dr. Ewing T. Wayland of Park Ridge, Ill., editorial director of general church periodicals, will serve as editor of the **Daily Christian Advocate**, the church's counterpart of the **Congressional Record**, which gives complete verbatim reports of the daily proceedings.

On Wednesday evening, April 22, a

dinner will be given in the Sheraton-Jefferson hotel to honor Dr. Charles C. Parlin of Englewood, N. J., long-time lay member of the conference and a past president of the World Council of Churches.

Dr. Carleton Young, professor of music at Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas, will serve as director of music.

A committee headed by a Lynchburg, Va., layman, A. G. Jefferson, has charge of general arrangements for the conference.

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Bishop says local churches need more say in where money goes

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—There is a growing demand across United Methodism for more local voice on how contributions to general benevolence funds will be allocated, the denomination's chief budgetary agency was told here March 17-18.

"Laymen are demanding more to say about how and where their money is spent," Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of Columbia, S. C., president of the Council on World Service and Finance, told the 34-member group.

"There is at present too wide a gap between the top leadership of the church and local congregations," the bishop said. "We need to give the local churches more option or more feeling they are a part of the process."

At present, allocations to the various agencies are made by the General Conference, the church's top law-making body, and these are then apportioned to the annual conferences and the local churches.

After a discussion in which several members of the council voiced strong support for the present system of apportionments, the group referred to its executive committee and staff for further study a recommendation that would change church law to permit a local church that had paid in full its World Service apportionment to reallocate to a particular agency up to 20 per cent of its giving.

Any changes in the present system would have to be voted by General Conference.

In other actions, the council reviewed the general financial program of the denomination and made additional allocations of funds to several agencies.

Included in the latter group is \$30,000 to the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, \$21,750 to

the Consultation on Church Union, \$10,000 to the Commission on Ecumenical Affairs, \$5,500 to the Commission on Worship, \$60,000 to the Division of Interpretation, and \$45,000 to the Board of Education. Most of these supplemental grants are for one year, although some are renewable annually for the remainder of the 1968-72 quadrennium.

In addition to the report of its general secretary and treasurer, Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, the council heard from leaders of several agencies. These included the Rev. Paul V. Church, general secretary of the Program Council, the Rev. Howard Greenwalt, associate general secretary of the Program Council for the Division of Interpretation, the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary of the General Board of Pensions reporting for the Council of Secretaries, and Dr. David W. Self, general secretary of the General Board of the Laity.

In another address to the session, the Rev. Ewing T. Wayland, editorial director of **Together** and the **Christian Advocate**, reviewed the work of the publications and several problems relating to it, including circulation losses for **Together**, the general periodical for families.

"Many of our readers simply disagree with the position of their church and blame **Together** for telling them what their church stands for," Dr. Wayland said.

The Rev. Merrill W. Drennan of Washington, D. C., was elected to membership on the council, filling a vacancy from the Northeastern Jurisdiction.

The council will hold its next session in St. Louis, Mo., April 19 in connection with the special session of the General Conference April 20-24.

New Selective Service director a United Methodist

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI)—The new director of the U.S. Selective Service System is a United Methodist layman with a wide background in church, education, politics and business. He was a draftee himself in World War II.

He is Dr. Curtis W. Tarr, 45, a Californian who for the past nine months has been assistant secretary of the Air Force for manpower. He was nominated March 12 by the President for the new position and was confirmed by the Senate, to succeed Lt. Gen. Lewis B. Hershey, in the job for 29 years.

One of the points reportedly behind his appointment was Tarr's experience with both campus life and the military. For six years prior to coming to Washington he was president of United Methodist-related Lawrence University in Appleton, Wisc.

The new director is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Tarr of Trinity Church, Chico, Calif. He and Mrs. Tarr helped to start the new Aldersgate congregation at Chico some 15 years ago and in the late 1950s he served as lay leader of the Shasta District in the Meth-

odist Church's California-Nevada Conference. He also was on the board of the conference's Fred Finch Children's Home in Oakland, Calif.

Now a slim 6-foot-6, Dr. Tarr was a student at Stanford University when drafted in 1942. After Army combat duty in Europe, he completed his studies at Stanford and earned a master's degree in business administration at Harvard University. Then he was an officer in the family tractor and equipment firm at Chico and a staff member of the Second Hoover Commission before returning to Stanford for a Ph.D. in history in 1962. There he served as assistant dean of the school of humanities and sciences. In 1958 he was a candidate for Congress.

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Dr. Harry W. Seamans, a United Methodist layman widely known for his work as coordinator of organization liaison with the U.S. Department of State, has retired after 25 years in the post.

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The Rev. W. Christoph Schmauch, New York, has succeeded the retiring Dr. Willard Uphaus as executive director of World Fellowship, Inc. Both are United Methodists.

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Members of Open Door Class at Fairview Church in Texarkana having refreshments at annual Valentine Party held in recently completed Fellowship Hall. Mr. Ogle Carpenter Jr., (5th from end on left) is teacher of the class. The Rev. and Mrs. Winston H. Hudnall, pastor and wife, (seated at end of table on left).

It's you

If you want to work in the kind of a church
In the kind of a church you like,
You needn't pack your clothes in a grip
And start on a long, long hike.

You will only find what you have left behind
There is nothing that is really new,
A knock at your church is a knock at yourself,
It isn't your church, it's you.

New churches weren't made by folks afraid
Lest somebody else goes ahead,
If everyone works and nobody shirks
You can raise a church from the dead.

And so, while you make your personal stake
Your neighbor will make one too,
Your church will be what you want it to be
It isn't your church, it's you.

—Dr. Frank L. Countryman



FUNERAL REMARKS FOR MRS. W. A. LANIER

by the Rev. Ben F. Jordan

Many years ago a very wise man extolled the virtues of a good woman by saying, "Her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband trusts in her. She does him good and not evil all the days of her life. She works with willing hands. Strength and honor are her clothing. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed. Her husband also, and he praises her. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman that fears the Lord, she shall be praised."

Obviously, Solomon was writing in his Proverbs about a different kind of woman. He may have known such a woman, but whether he did or not, he had an ideal worth considering.

The different kind of woman Solomon was writing about has time for God. The children of her household learn about God from her. They do not have to dig their information out of the rocks and the sands. They do not have to look for God in the starry heavens. For in the love and care of a godly mother, they see a likeness of Father God.

In the home of this different kind

of woman, members of the family talk about God in a natural and normal way, as they would discuss a friend they enjoy and love. **The kind of love expressed in a home like this is different.** It has a self-giving aspect to it—like the love of Christ on the Cross—love that would lay down its life for others.

W. E. Sangster in his book, *THE PURE IN HEART*, says that people who have a love like that have been caught up in a blinding realization of the love of God. Usually they have had an experience of the Cross in their own lives. And through the realization of what it means to live for others, their own love flames in response.

Surely it is true. We are caught up in the realization of God's love, and our own love blazes in response. Paul found God's love to be so great that he had to respond with a love of his own. "Who can separate us from the love of God," he asked, and then he answered, "No one can."

Occasionally we see a different kind of family whose love, each for the other, is like that. A husband is caught up in the realization of a wife's love,



and his own love blazes in response. Children are influenced by parental love, and their own love grows in response. Words cannot describe it, but we certainly see it and experience it in the gentle, loving care that members of this different kind of family have for each other.

There is so much good to be done and so few people to do it. Many could be of help, but only the few respond. This is why we thank God for people like Mrs. Lanier who give themselves to the highest they know and keep on giving themselves. This is why we pray to God to open our eyes to Christian concerns worth giving ourselves to.

When I think of her and people like her, I want to embrace as many worthy causes as it is possible for me to contain within my potentials. Surely, like her, we all want to be a part of the process by which this world becomes God's Kingdom.

I don't know anyone with a greater investment in God's Kingdom than that of Mrs. Lanier and her husband. Two sons in the pastoral ministry, a daughter the wife of a minister, two other daughters equally devoted to the church and active in it, along with their families. Grandchildren and their children—all of one accord when it comes to what really matters in life—the basic Christian concerns that make life worth living.

Add to this what should have been mentioned first—a devoted companion and husband walking with her through sixty-one years of married life—the two of them sharing it all together—as much one mind and one heart as two people can be in living for each other and yet opening their lives to let other people in.

This is responsible stewardship—the kind of stuff God's people are made of. The different kind of person I'm talking about today knows the influence of Christian faith and practice. Nothing is so important as this representative capacity we have to identify ourselves with causes and concerns so that when people think of us they think of what we stand for. When we think of Mrs. Lanier, and when we think of her husband and their family, we think of what they stand for and the list grows long as we try to add it all up.

The different kind of woman Solomon was writing about strengthens our faith in eternal life and our hopes for a blessed immortality. I think I would believe in life beyond the grave even if I had not read the Bible proofs for it. I would believe because of people I have known whose lives testified to me of the importance of goodness and the reality of immortality.

I have discovered that the people I've known who give the most to life, the people who inspire us the most are

those who always live as if they believed they will live forever. Such folks are not too concerned with what others call defeat. They seem to assume that there are many things worse than death. And this is the kind of faith that stands against anything.

Mrs. Lanier's strong faith in eternal life makes this a different kind of day for us. Through our tears and saddened emotions, there emerges a note of joyous optimism sustained by the assurance that "blessed are those who die in the Lord. Their works follow after them, even to their children's children." Surely we are witnessing here the crowning event of her life, entry into the eternal Kingdom of God.

We have no greater assurance than that which says "eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither has it entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love Him."

One of my favorite poets in Tennyson. Over many years he developed the kind of faith Solomon wrote about and we have talked about in this service. Life was nearly over for Tennyson but he had no fear. One day he was thinking of those lines which John Donne had written—"Death, be not proud . . . One short sleep past, we wake eternally, and Death shall be no more." And Tennyson thought of the narrow strait that separates the Isle of Wight from England. Many times returning home he had seen the beautiful sunset, heard the evening bells, the "moaning of the bar." The end of this life would be like that, he imagined—a brief crossing in the twilight, the moving tide, the evening star, and then home!

Sunset and evening star
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of
the bar,
When I put out to sea.

But such a tide as moving seems
asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out
the boundless deep
Turns again home.

Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark.
And may there be no sadness of
farewell,
When I embark.

For though from out our bourne
of Time
And place,
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to
face
When I have crossed the bar.
—Amen



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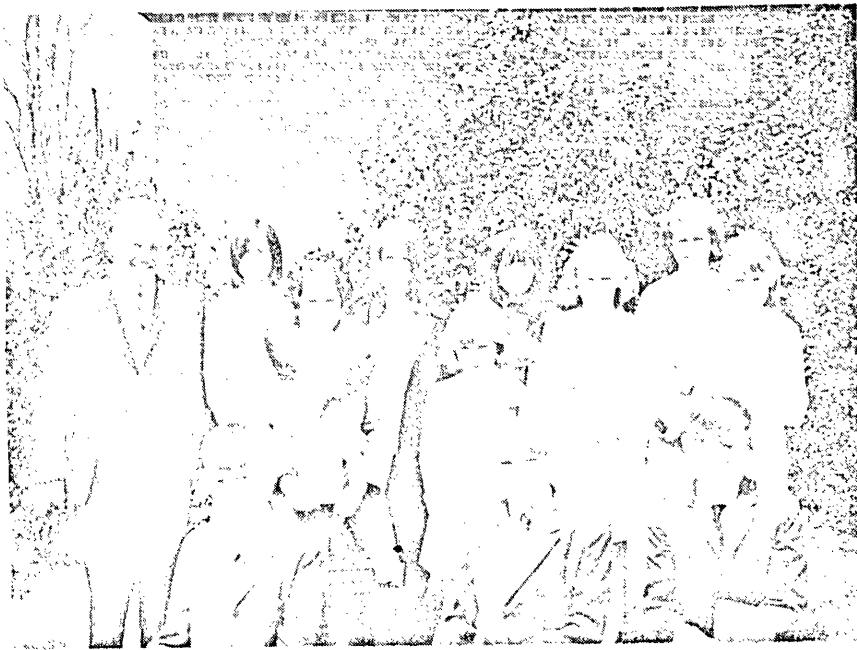
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The Rev. Ben G. Hines, pastor of Mabelvale UM Church, pictured with the eleven young people in his membership training class who were received into the church on Palm Sunday. Each new member received a pew Bible.

MRS. REX B. WILKES

Mrs. Fay Stauffer Wilkes, 86, widow of the late Rev. Rex B. Wilkes, died on Monday, March 23 in Little Rock. The funeral service was conducted on March 24 by Dr. Joseph E. Taylor and Dr. Robert B. Moore.

She had been a member of the Methodist Church for 80 years and served with her husband in pastorates in Texas and Arkansas for 41 years.

Survivors are two sons, the Rev. Rex B. Wilkes, Jr. of Baltimore, Md. and Clarke C. Wilkes of Little Rock; a daughter, Mrs. Ray Ted Wilkes Gibson of Little Rock and seven grandchildren. Another son, Dr. Jack S. Wilkes, vice-president of Southern Methodist University, died last fall.

Pallbearers were Paul Lawhon, Allan Phillips, James Hubbs, Ed Lovett, J. L. Armstrong, Dr. Sam Richmond, A. G. Toland and Charles Fontaine.

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BULLETIN

Word has been received of the death of the Rev. Roy Black, former member of the North Arkansas Conference, in Bixby, Okla. on March 15. He was residing in a nursing home there.

BISHOP WUNDERLICH INTERIM ADMINISTRATOR IN NORTH EUROPE AREA

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI)—Bishop Friedrich Wunderlich, retired episcopal leader of the United Methodist Church has been chosen by the executive committee of the Council of Bishops to administer the Northern Europe Area, with offices at Stockholm. He succeeds Bishop Odd Hagen, who died several weeks ago.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Council secretary, said that Bishop Wunderlich, who lives at Frankfurt A/M Main, Germany, will administer the Northern Europe Area until a successor is chosen at a meeting of the Northern Europe Central Conference this fall.

Included in the Northern Europe Area are the following conferences: Baltic and Slavic Provisional, Den-

PAM MOONEY, a student at Hendrix College of Conway, was welcomed to the First United Methodist Church of Harrison with a "Get Acquainted" party on March 20. About 35 members of the Senior and Junior High Youth were present to meet Miss Mooney and enjoy the games and refreshments. An organ major at Hendrix, she will assume the duties of Youth and Choir Director of this church during the coming summer. The Rev. Bill Connell is pastor.

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RIAL ADVERTISERS RECOGNIZED

NEW YORK (UMI)—Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., episcopal leader of the New Jersey Area of the United Methodist Church, presented awards on behalf of Religion in American Life (RIAL) to organizations in the field of advertising at RIAL's 21st anniversary dinner March 10 at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel here.

Representatives of 11 groups related to the Advertising Council received plaques from Bishop Taylor, RIAL president who said that "the advertising industry not only sells products but also turns over its vast resources to the promotion of many vital public causes."

The dinner was attended by 740 leaders in business, advertising and religion.

The executive vice-president of RIAL is the Rev. David W. Gockley of New York, a United Methodist minister. The United Methodist Church supports the interfaith RIAL program through an annual contribution of \$35,000 from the General Administration Fund.

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How vast is eternity!—It will swallow up all the human race; it will collect all the intelligent universe; it will open scenes and prospects wide enough, great enough, and various enough to fix the attention, and absorb the minds of all intelligent beings forever.—Nathanael Emmons

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mark, Finland Provisional, Finland-Swedish Provisional, Norway and Sweden.

DUKE DIVINITY SCHOOL WILL GET \$1.48 MILLION ADDITION BY '71

DURHAM, N.C.—Construction of a long-awaited addition to the Duke University Divinity School will get under way on March 23. It has been estimated that the facility will cost around \$1,481,000.

The Department of Physical Planning at the university announced that the three-story, 35,000 sq. ft. building which will connect with existing Divinity School structures is expected to be completed by June 15, 1971.

The building will include an audiovisual center for preaching and the communicative arts, seminar rooms, classrooms, a Christian education laboratory center, a continuing education suite for returning ministers in short-term residence for refresher study, and faculty and administrative offices.

To be finished in 'laid-up' rather than pre-fabricated Hillsborough stone slabs, the new building will be similar in exterior appearance to nearby existing structures—both old and new—including Duke Chapel, Perkins Library, and the Divinity School's new library adjoining Perkins and old Gray Building.

Dean Robert E. Cushman said that the prospective addition "represents a third phase of long-range planning for

TEXAS CONFERENCE APPOINTMENTS FILLED

Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland, the Houston Area, has announced the following appointments, growing out of the death of Dr. Alfred H. Freeman, pastor of St. Paul Church, Houston:

Dr. Charles W. Williams, pastor of Memorial Drive United Methodist Church, Houston, will be the new pastor of St. Paul's Church, Houston; Memorial Drive Church will be filled by the Rev. Asbury Lenox, who has been pastor of Grace Church, Baytown.

Dr. Lamar L. Clark, program director for the Texas Conference for six years, will be the new pastor of Grace Church. His successor as program director has not been named.

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Urgent Relief Needs Continue

NEW YORK (UMI)—The desperate need for funds to aid the hungry, the sick and the destitute in stricken eastern Nigeria (formerly Biafra) continues, according to Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR).

adequate facilities which has extended over a period of twelve years."

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

Martin Luther prayed, "Enable us to rise above ourselves to Thee, and from Thee to move below ourselves in love, and always to remain in Thee, and in love."

LOVE

To touch one life and watch it bloom and flower,
To watch it grow in grace, and faith, and love —
To know that God is here and has the power
To lift our minds and thankful hearts above.
To catch a glimpse of something bright, eternal —
It lifts my heart and makes my soul to sing.
To touch a heart and bring it close to heaven —
Is truth on earth, and God's immortal spring.

—by Betty Heidelberger

A PERFECT GIFT

I wanted to take a perfect gift
To a friend whose spirits needed a lift.

I made some jelly — but it did not jell;
I made a cake — but it sort of fell.

So I picked a rose and put on a smile
And I went to visit my friend awhile.

She thanked me for the time I spent;
Said it helped her more than fine gifts sent.

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I wanted a perfect gift for my Lord,
But my days were filled with fret and discord;

There were stumbling blocks all along the way
Which kept me from taking time to pray.

Then I realized I must make a start —
So I brought Him an humble and contrite heart.

And my Lord, reaching down His hand to lift,
Said, "This, my child, is a perfect gift."

—by Geneva I. Crook