



## Our Bishop's Letter

During the time that the General Conference meets in St. Louis, there will be some things said by certain persons or groups that will astonish us all and disappoint us. There will be a number of things with which I disagree completely. In the times in which we live, some have great principles and convictions that may be contrary to those held by others. The reason for this is due largely to our failures and shortcomings. On the other hand, some will use this as a platform for ideas that I think are both wrong and unwise.

We get the idea often that this is the total Church speaking. I hope that we can keep our balance and realize that the Church is in our local congregations, and that our Conference has both vision and judgment.

Some of our boards get "overproductive" in material they send out and ideas that they express. The more the Church centralizes itself the more the average person is left out in expression.

If we look at history we find the Church has a way of correcting itself as it continues its march toward doing the Will of God. While there may be things with which we disagree, we still need to be loyal and devoted to our work and to our Lord. Patience, understanding and forgiveness will give us qualities which will enable us to grow and give the Church a continued opportunity to service.

PAUL V. GALLOWAY

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## Moynihan discusses Administration shift from program to policy

"Everything is related to everything" was the phrase used by one of President Nixon's closest advisers in speaking of the present administration's shift from program to policy in the field of welfare and other human problems.

Daniel P. Moynihan speaking to the second in the series of inaugural convocations at Hendrix College said that "programs relate only to single parts of the system, while policy seeks to respond to the system in its entirety."

In his discussion the White House aide on urban affairs dealt specifically with issues in that area and in the

field of family assistance.

He said that President Nixon's proposal to overhaul the nation's welfare system is the most important social legislation in the past 40 years.

The speaker said, "The largest ocean of policy of the government should address itself to the question of income, which," he said, "is a great determinate of behavior, a first, fixed, clear determinate."

On Wednesday, April 15, the third speaker in the Inaugural Series was scheduled to be Bishop David Frederick Wertz of the West Virginia Area. At this convocation the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, pastor of First Church, Blytheville, and the Rev. John A. Lindsay, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff.

On Tuesday, April 28, the Honorable Robert W. Finch, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in the President's Cabinet will be the speaker for the Inaugural of President Roy B. Shilling, Jr. Dr. Shilling will also speak and reveal the long-range plans for Hendrix College for the next five years.

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## Second Annual Children's Choir Festival May 3

Nearly 200 children from about 20 churches in the Little Rock Conference are making final preparation for the Second Annual Children's Choir Festival to be held on Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m. at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock.

Mr. Richard Hoffland, associate professor of Music and director of Choral Activities at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois, will direct the combined choirs which have been rehearsing for the event for many months under the tutelage of their own directors.

Mr. Hoffland will also be guest clinician for a two-day workshop which will precede the Festival. Workshop sessions are scheduled for Friday, May 1, 7:30 p.m. and Saturday, May 2, 2:00 p.m. The sessions are open to persons of any denomination interested in working with children's choirs. Further information may be obtained from Mrs. William Elmore, Winfield United Methodist Church, 16th and Louisiana Sts., in Little Rock.

## DIRECTOR OF ANNUAL CONFERENCE RELATIONSHIPS MOVING OFFICE TO DAYTON

DAYTON, Ohio. (UMI) — The Rev. Gene W. Carter, director of the department of annual conference relationships for the United Methodist Program Council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO), will move here from TRAFCO's New York office this summer.

"Additional emphasis is being placed on the department of annual conference relationships," Dr. Spencer said. "Thus Dr. Carter will increase his contacts with annual conference program councils to assist them in creating viable communications systems to meet their needs."

Dr. Spencer said the move of offices would enable Dr. Carter to work more closely with other Program Council staff persons also related to the annual conferences.

## United Methodist women to assemble in Houston, May 7-10

NEW YORK (UMI) — Addresses by three women church leaders and a United Nations ambassador, a panel on "Toward an Ordered Society With Justice," a multi-media production and an amateur film festival are on tap for a national United Methodist convention in Houston, Texas, May 7-10.

About 10,000 women from all 50 states are expected to attend the 1970 Assembly of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild. The Assembly will bring United Methodist women together for inspiration, study, discussion and fellowship, and will focus attention on their work in missions, Christian social relations and other areas of church life. The women who will attend the Assembly are among 1,800,000 members of the Society and Guild in 38,000 local units. Theme of the Assembly is "Choose Life."

During the last 30 years, Women's Society and Guild members have given more than \$300 million through their organizations to missions and related Christian causes at home and overseas, and in addition have given about \$450 million for use in local

church and community programs. Emphases in the Society and Guild programs encompass missions, Christian social relations, spiritual growth, ecumenical relations, leadership development, and mission education and interpretation.

Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr., president of the Women's Division, is the highest national officer of the Society and Guild. She is scheduled to speak and give an official greeting at the Assembly May 8.

Scheduled for major addresses:

Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel, Washington, D. C., newly-elected president of the National Council of Churches (the first woman to serve in that capacity) and a long-time leader in ecumenical and civil rights activities. She will speak on "Women in the Scene" May 9.

Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, who as associate general secretary of the Women's Division is the chief staff executive of the Society Guild, and holds one of the top positions occupied by a black woman in any denomination. She will speak on "A Challenge to Shape the Scene" May 9.



Bishop Paul V. Galloway, third from left, and the Rev. W. L. Douglas, second from left look approvingly at the final figure for the Pension Endowment Campaign fund in the North Arkansas Conference at the meeting of the Executive Committee of the campaign on April 8. Sharing in the spirit of the victory were Dr. M. D. Deneke, left, chairman of the Conference Board of Pensions, and Dr. Frank Countryman, right, resident director of the drive.

# Editorial

## TWO VARIETIES OF MERGER BEING EXPLORED

Two groups of committees are working in the Arkansas Area studying the questions involved in conference mergers. We would like to attempt to clarify the tasks before each and the schedule on which they are working.

The first committees are those within the Southwest Annual Conference, the Little Rock Annual Conference and the North Arkansas Conference developing a plan under which the first may be merged with the one of the other two in which they are located geographically. These committees are making real progress in implementing the action of the General Conference and the constitutional action of the annual conferences of the church. These actions abolished the Central Jurisdiction and set the target date beyond which there should be no annual conference in the connection the membership of which would be based on race. These three committees are working toward the plan of merger which will be presented to the 1970 sessions of the conferences for action.

There are two other committees established by action of the 1969 sessions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences to explore the feasibility of the uniting of these conferences. These committees are expected to report their progress at the 1970 conference sessions, but their instructions are to prepare a plan of union for the consideration of the 1971 Annual Conferences. If these committees should find that it is feasible and desirable to recommend a single Annual Conference for Arkansas, this action would not be considered until next year. It could not be implemented until after the meeting of the South Central Jurisdictional Conference in 1972, because that body has to grant permission for such conference mergers.

It has come to our attention that there is some confusion among the United Methodists of Arkansas concerning the work being done by these two sets of committees. We would like to try to clarify some of these misunderstandings. We think it is imperative that every United Methodist in the state understand the challenges and implications of each group of committees now at work. Agreement or disagreement with the work being done in

either field should be based on knowledge about the particular area or merger under consideration. We also think it is essential that we understand the alternatives before each set of committees.

First, in the matter of completing the merger between the Southwest Annual Conference with the respective annual conference in which their churches and members are located, there is at the moment a variety of choices about which the representatives of the conferences have voluntary alternatives under the action of the General Conference. However, we are under a mandate of developing a plan and acting on it forthwith. The General Conference has indicated that where such mergers have not been voluntarily completed by 1972, that body would then develop the plan for these mergers. It is in the interest of the future well-being and good will of all United Methodists that we wholeheartedly support this year the plan developed by this group of three committees.

We have known for a number of years that the annual conferences of the former Central Jurisdiction would be a part of the other Jurisdictions in every way. True consideration of all the factors involved in such mergers are being prayerfully considered, and we hope to soon be releasing the details of this plan for your consideration.

In the other merger matter—totally unrelated in time and purpose to the question of the Southwest Annual Conference—the two committees were asked to do two things. First, they were to study the feasibility of the creation of a single annual conference for the Arkansas Area. Then, if a decision was made

that such a union was indicated, they were asked to develop a plan for submission to the conference sessions.

These two committees have been moving in a truly statesmanlike manner, recognizing that they have plenty of time for their considerations. We have attended some of their meetings in which, up to this time, they have been mainly listening to what Arkansas United Methodists have to say about the idea.

It is far too early in their deliberations to know either what their decision will be or what the details might be should they recommend such an action. However, two or three things can be said concerning their explorations. First, decisions made in the decade of the '70's concerning merger should be based on contemporary findings and not on actions or attitudes expressed in other days. Secondly, we are convinced from conversations we have had with committee members in both conferences that they are committed to the proposition that they will recommend a single conference for the state only when they see sound, objective reasons for such a finding.

Finally, we would plead with all our readers to give these committees their sympathetic understanding about their missions. When they are farther down the road their findings will be completely aired and discussed in these columns and elsewhere, voting delegates will have ample time to make their decisions.

Above all else, let none of us make decisions in one area of this merger based on feelings and reactions which belong in the other area.

*A.A.K.*

## The Editor's Corner



### RELIGIOUS COMMUNICATOR'S CONGRESS

Between four and five hundred persons with responsibilities for various phases of communication within the church participated in the first Religious Communicators' Congress on April 8-10 in Chicago.

This was the widest possible field from which to draw and, one found persons related to every kind of church communications present. More than 60 organizations cooperated in planning and implementing the Congress. Included were editors, denominational and college public relations people, and leaders responsible for various aspects of the task of radio, television and film production.

This writer feels that it was a privilege to be a part of this meeting. In years to come when more firmly established principles of communicating the gospel are recognized, this 1970 meeting in Chicago might well be called a landmark.

Like any great meeting of this sort the most significant memories are those of informal meeting and conversations. There is mutual undergirding in the discovery that almost every editor is concerned about declining circulation, increased printing costs and the spectre of a postal reform system in which second-class mailing privileges might disappear altogether.

The excitement of making new friends was almost lost in the worry over whether it would be possible to fly out of O'Hara Field as scheduled because of the air controllers' strike.

Proof that even religious communicators do not outgrow their taste for many of the same things that attract children came on Wednesday evening when our group went to the Museum of Science and Industry on Chicago's southside. We had a buffet dinner there and then were the only persons touring this gigantic permanent world's fair. You would have been amused to see the most sophisticated journalists standing for a half-hour watching a chicken being hatched or the most blasé television producer touring the full-size coal mine in the museum. The planners of that museum understand communications.

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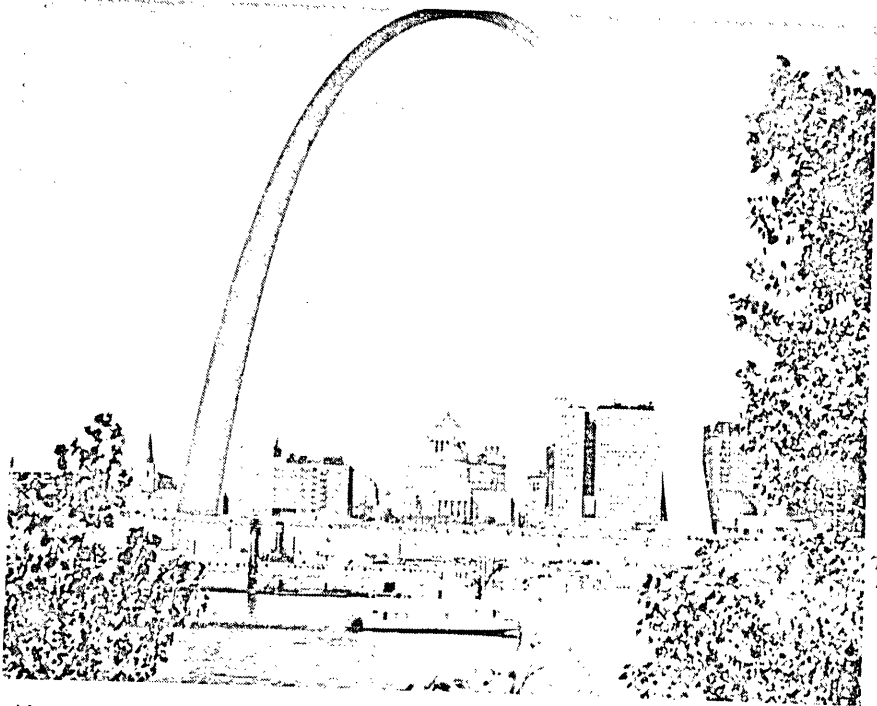
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Newest landmark in St. Louis is the nation's tallest national monument, the stainless steel Gateway Arch of the Jefferson National Expansion Memorial on the banks of the Mississippi River. Designed by the late Eero Saarinen, the arch towers to 630 feet. A capsule transporter in each leg takes visitors to the observation platform at the top. At the base of the arch is the Museum of Westward Expansion. (MI Photo)

## "Parish re-formation" pilot seminar held

**HAYNESVILLE, N. C. (UMI)** — The reasons, possibilities, operations and problems of "parish re-formation" were stressed here March 31-April 3 at a pilot seminar attended by some 40 representatives from a dozen annual conferences of the United Methodist Church.

The seminar sought to share the theological, sociological and administrative backgrounds calling for parish re-formation as well as skills gained to date. It included both members of area/parish type ministry staffs and district superintendents supervising or anticipating such programs, according to the Rev. Harold McSwain, director of the sponsoring Hinton Rural Life Center.

Bishop Edwin R. Garrison, reporting on the Council of Bishops' study of the parish system, said the denomination from 1968 to 1969 had a net loss of 164 full-time ministers, an increase of special appointments from 3,512 to 4,623 and a loss (the first time in many years) in the number of lay pastors.

This loss of leadership, plus the fact that many local churches are too small and have an inadequate concept of the church, points to the need for new forms of ministry, changes in the deployment of ministers and continuing education for ministers, said the bishop.

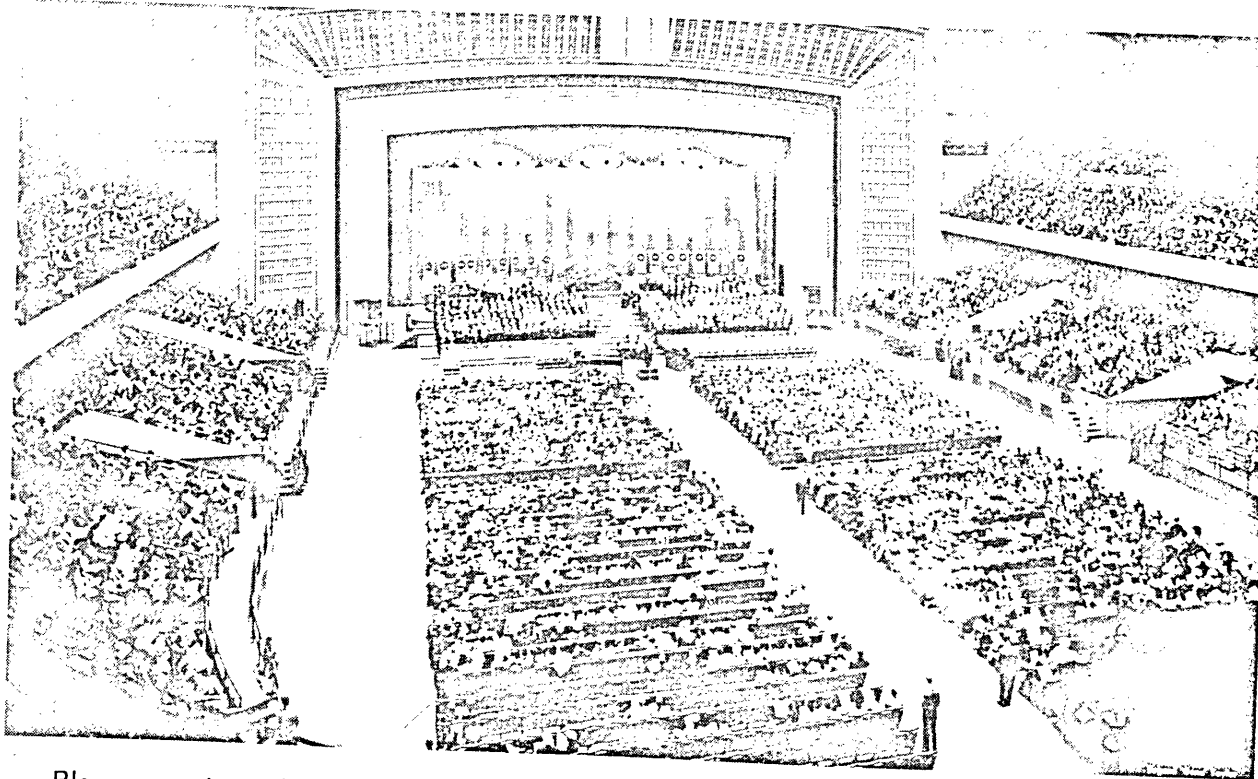
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## Kansas Conferences change meeting pattern

**TOPEKA, Kans. (UMI)** — Completely different types of annual meetings are planned by the two Kansas conferences of the United Methodist Church this spring, both for the same purpose—to find better ways of carrying on the business of the church and to get more participation from laymen of the local churches, according to Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka.

The Kansas West Conference will have two two-day sessions at First United Methodist Church in Wichita. The first will be held May 25-27, when ministerial and lay delegates will consider "where the money is going and why." The fall session will be held November 12-13 to consider priorities for 1971 and decide how the budget will be divided. The Kansas East Conference has lengthened its session to extend from June 8-12 at Baker University in Baldwin in order to give more opportunity for participation in the decision-making.

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Plenary sessions of the 1970 General Conference will be held in the Convention Hall of Kiel Auditorium, above. The hall can seat 10,500 persons and is air conditioned. The auditorium also includes a large number of smaller rooms for standing legislative committees. (MI Photo)

■ World Service giving down

## Fund for Reconciliation receipts above last year for same period

**EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)** — With one exception, contributions to the general and special benevolence and administrative funds of the United Methodist Church for the first quarter of 1970 are trailing the same period a year ago, according to figures released here April 6.

A report by Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the denomination shows that giving to the funds through March 31 ranged from 4 to 35 per cent below that for 1969. Sole exception is the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation which is 43 per cent above the first quarter of a year ago.

### W. Pa. first to reach Reconciliation goal

**DAYTON, Ohio (UMI)** — First annual conference to pay in full its adopted goal to the general portion of the United Methodist Church's Fund for Reconciliation is the Western Pennsylvania Conference.

The conference had set a goal of \$220,000 as its share of the general fund, and has now sent to the general church treasurer a total of \$220,069.36, according to information received here by the Rev. Raoul C. Calkins, executive secretary of the Quadrennial Emphasis.

In addition to its payment to the general part of the Fund, the Western Pennsylvania Conference is supporting 31 projects within that area from the Fund. (General plan of the \$20 million Fund for Reconciliation is for each conference to retain for use in that area one half of the amount it raises. The other half goes to support general projects under the Fund for Reconciliation.)

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The church's basic benevolence fund, World Service, is 9.31 per cent down from 1969 with a total through March 31 of \$3,040,374. Annual goal in this fund is \$25,000,000.

The report for benevolence funds, compared with a year ago shows:

**World Service** — \$3,040,374, down 9.31 per cent; **World Missions Advance Specials** — \$1,698,019, down 19.28 per cent; **National Missions Advance Specials** — \$468,611, down 4.40 per cent; **Overseas Relief Advance Specials** — \$337,825, down 22.01 per cent; **One Great Hour of Sharing** — \$64,059, down 15.20 per cent; **Fellowship of Suffering and Service** — \$55,393, down 35.66 per cent; **World Service Specials** — \$76,662, down 14.46 per cent; **Temporary General Aid** — \$99,648, down 19.32 per cent; **Fund for Reconciliation** — \$469,246, up 43.33 per cent.

The report for the Fund for Reconciliation means that about \$6,500,000 has been raised to date on the four-year goal of \$20,000,000.

In addition to the funds for which comparisons are available with a year ago, Dr. Brawner's report showed that in the first three months of 1970 a total of \$50,972 had been received for the Hurricane Camille relief appeal, \$306,631 for the quadrennial ministerial education fund, \$174,147 for race relations, and \$21,571 for Methodist Student Day. The \$50,000 for Hurricane Camille relief brings the total in that offering to more than \$1,840,000.

Three administrative funds were also reported on by Dr. Brawner. These include: **Episcopal Fund** — \$373,160, down 18.92 per cent; **General Administration** — \$167,521, down 22.27 per cent; **Interdenominational Cooperation Fund** — \$70,977, down 35.75 per cent.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Arctic Institute of North America has agreed to help remove tons of ice covering an object on Mount Ararat which some believe to be remains of Noah's Ark. Dr. Melvin G. Marcus of the geography department of the University of Michigan has been asked to serve as chief scientist of an excavation team that will begin work this summer. Explorers have long searched for the Ark, which according to Genesis came to rest "on the mountains of Ararat."

Foreign visitors in Rome may now hear the new Mass liturgy in their own native tongues. In a move to accommodate the large numbers of pilgrims and other visitors who come to the Eternal City, the Archdiocese of Rome has designated churches where Masses will be offered in such languages as English, French, Spanish, German, Polish, and Swedish.

Speakers at the annual meeting of the United Church of Canada (UCC) board of evangelism and social service charged that the Christian church has been so engrossed in the mechanics of internal structural change and external organic union that the real mission in society has been neglected. Although criticizing the "ecclesiastical garbage" of the church today, board chairman W. Clarke McDonald affirmed his faith in Christians themselves as a "body of committed people," and urged pastors to "make their preaching so relevant that critics would be cut off from their source of supply" and to deliver sermons "with one eye on the Scriptures and the other on the daily newspaper."

Increasing inter-marriage between Jews and non-Jews is a threat to the survival of Judaism in the U.S., according to Dr. Marshall Sklare, Jewish sociologist at Yeshiva University, New York. He asserted that among upper and middle-class Jews, the impression is held that "inter-marriage is the inevitable wave of the future" and "the most highly acculturated elements of American Jewry are now engaged in accommodating to it."

The Curriculum and Program Council of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has voted itself out of business. Its action came at the request of Dr. A. Dale Fiers, Disciples general minister and president. The change is being made so that new program planning processes can be developed. A proposed replacement unit will come before the denomination's General Board July 11-14 in St. Louis. The need for a new planning arrangement arose because of Church restructure voted in 1968. Other agencies will also be affected.

Conditions for Protestant minorities in Spain are developing entirely satisfactorily under the religious liberty of 1966, according to Baptist Pastor Jose Cardona, secretary of the Evangelical Defense Committee which represents Protestant interests with Spanish authorities. Many "associations" (as Protestant bodies are known under the law) out of reasons of conscience have failed to report annually on church registrations and membership as required by the Spanish government, pointing out that predominantly Catholic Spain has not required the Catholic Church to do so. According to Pastor Cardona those failing to register have been visited by Spanish officials who merely assured themselves that the records are available and have stamped them as being duly inspected.

The Vatican has given \$25,000 to a common Bible translation project involving Roman Catholic and Protestant scholars—a sum matching that raised by the United Bible Societies from Protestant Churches. The announcement was made by the Office for Common Bible Work of the Secretariat for Promoting Christian Unity. This is the first official Catholic financial support for the work which is an effort to prepare a revised text of the Hebrew Old Testament and the Greek New Testament from the best sources. These texts would then serve as the basis of common translations into modern languages.

According to an interview published in *Ethnos*, an Athens newspaper, Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras, spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy, has endorsed joint Holy Communion between Orthodox and Roman Catholic believers. The 84-year-old Patriarch, who lives in Istanbul, reportedly linked his favorable reaction to joint communion to the lifting of mutual bans of excommunication between the Ecumenical Patriarch and the Pope. The bans, put into effect in 1167, were abolished in 1965.

Under the Mormon Church's Indian Student Placement Program, thousands of Indian youths, 8 to 18, have left their reservation homes to spend a school year with a Mormon family. A spokesman said the youngsters, who come from the western U. S. and Canada, gain an education and experience in dealing with the "outside world" that would be impossible on most Indian reservations.

Lutheran and Reformed participants at a consultation on mixed marriage in Cartigny, Switzerland have proposed a formal dialogue with the Roman Catholic Church. The proposal, contained in a six-page document, was addressed to the Lutheran World Federation and the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. The issue poses a serious practical problem for Lutheran, Reformed and Presbyterian Churches and the Catholic Church.

Representative leaders of the evangelical churches reportedly filled the platform in a 12-day Portugal Crusade conducted by American Evangelist John Haggai. Anglican, Baptist, Brethren, Methodist, Pentecostal and Presbyterian leaders appeared on the platform at each meeting to observe and participate in the services. The Portuguese press, which has largely ignored activities of Lisbon Protestants, is said to have spoken warmly of the evangelistic effort.

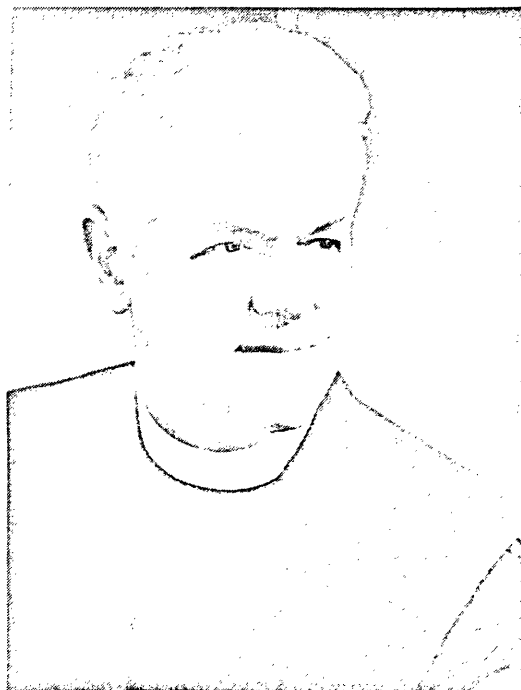
The contemporary "youth drug scene" must be considered in the larger context of the "addictive society," according to a statement on drug abuse adopted by the Executive Council of the United Church of Christ. Christians were told they should combat a climate allowing spiritual emptiness, discrimination, poverty, institutional failure and repression that so distort human personality that youth and adults are led to seek escape in drugs.

Dr. Malvin H. Lundeen, immediate past-president of the Lutheran Council in the U. S., forecast the merger of the American Lutheran Church (ALC), the Lutheran Church in America (LCA) and the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod within 20 years. Dr. Lundeen speaking at a "parish consultation extraordinaire" of the Minnesota Synod said the basic unit of the Lutheran Church of the future will continue to be the congregation, but that the entire Church will be decentralized and that the primary source of direction and order will be the regional unit rather than the national organization.

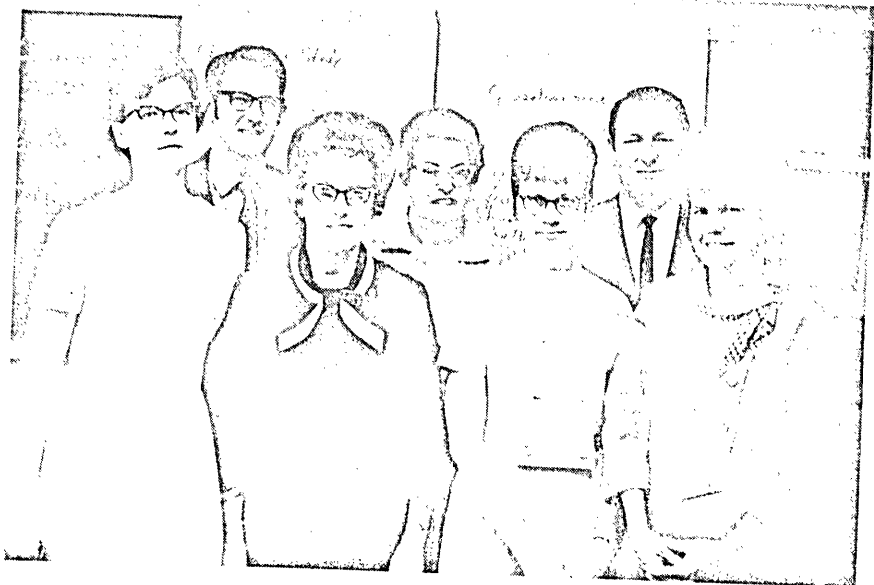
Increased cooperation among seminaries, and eventually some consolidations—will be recommended to the 1970 Convention of the Lutheran Church in America by the denomination's theological education board. Specific suggestions for each of the nine seminaries related to the LCA will be made as part of a review of a master plan approved in 1964, according to LCA spokesmen.

Metropolitan Nicodim, who heads the foreign affairs of the Moscow Patriarchate, has been in the U. S. for several weeks to participate in negotiations aimed at the establishment of an autonomous American Orthodox Church. The plan has been opposed by the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, which holds that only Ecumenical Patriarch Athenagoras of Constantinople (Istanbul) can grant autonomy. In a Jan. 8 letter to Patriarch Alexei of Moscow, the Greek Patriarch said he would not recognize an autonomous church set up solely by Moscow.

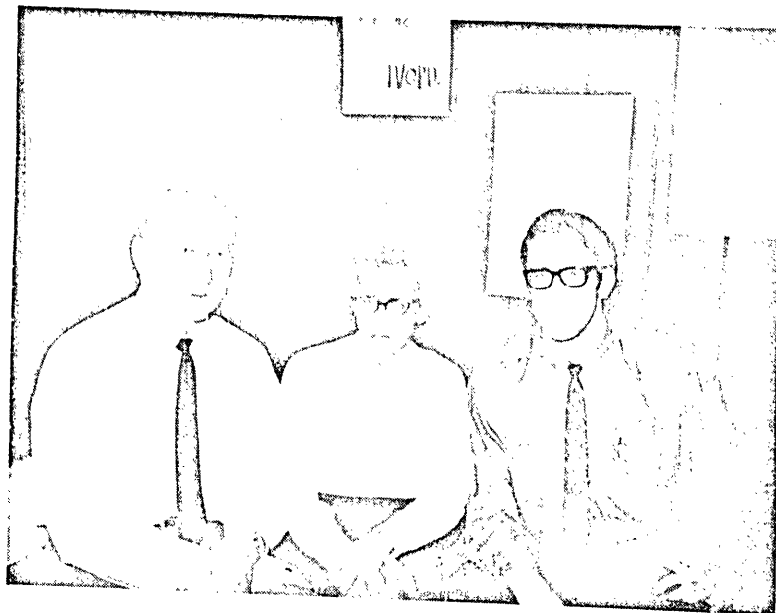
Commenting on a host of religious and world problems on a national TV program, the Archbishop of Canterbury said of the "permissiveness" now rampant in the world, that "a kind of freedom in seeing things and talking about things that we didn't used to see and talk about is inevitable. But I think that preoccupation with these things is altogether beyond what's really necessary or desirable."



NEW YORK — Episcopal Bishop J. Brooke Mosley (left), 55, deputy for overseas relations of the Episcopal Church, has been elected to succeed Dr. John C. Bennett (right) as president of Union Theological Seminary in New York. The president-elect is the first bishop and the first Episcopalian to head the interdenominational school founded in 1836. Most Union presidents have been Presbyterians. Dr. Bennett is a clergyman of the United Church of Christ. (RNS Photo)



Members of the Forrest City District Children's Council who met in West Helena to plan for a Child Guidance Workshop to be held Sunday evening, April 26 at First Church in Forrest City. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Ada Ewart and the Rev. William Haltom of West Helena, Mrs. Carl Huber of Elaine, Mrs. Ruben McClendon of Marianna, Mrs. Bill Lindsey of Caldwell, the Rev. Jesse Bruner of Elaine, and Mrs. Tom Higgs of Forrest City. The workshop is designed to provide guidance for church school and vacation church school workers and children's coordinators. The Rev. William Haltom is the Forrest City District director of Children's Work.



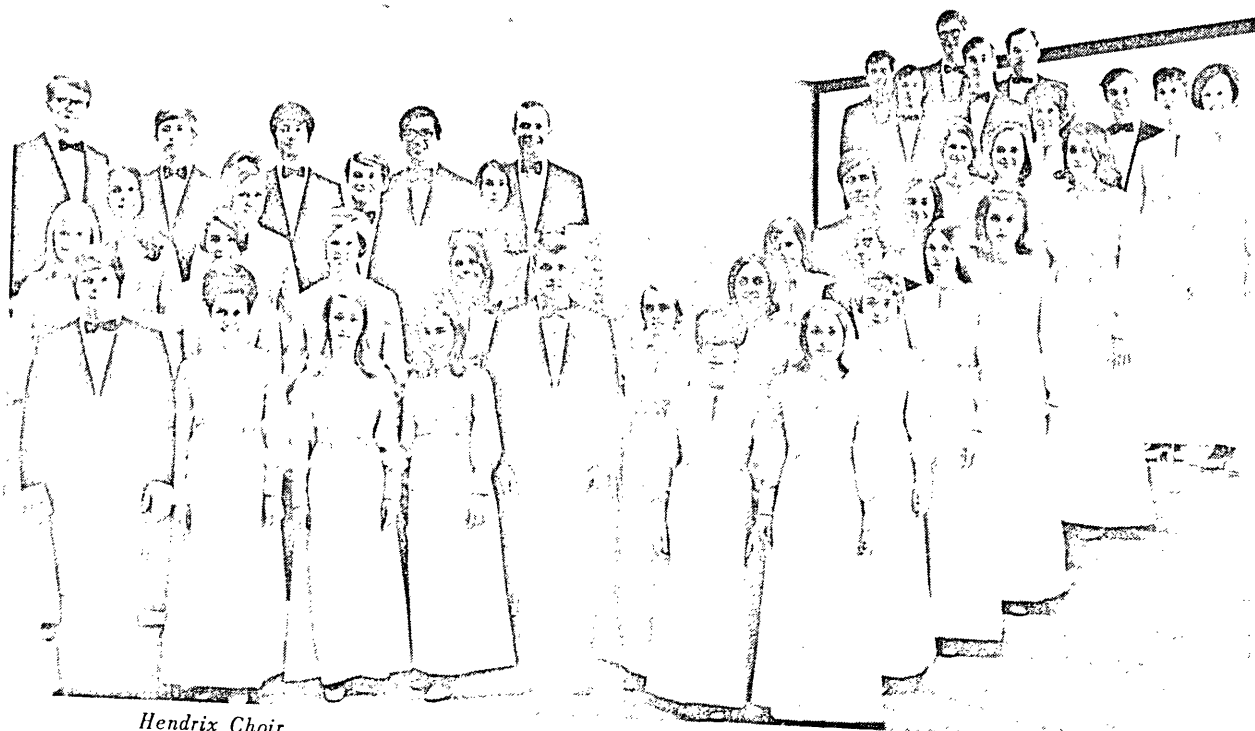
Officers elected at the Christian Educators of Arkansas United Methodist Churches' Workshop held March 31-April 2 at Mather Lodge, Petit Jean State Park. The workshop on "Creative Ministries" was led by the Rev. Melvin West, director of Creative Ministries, Missouri Area. The officers who will serve during the 1970-71 year are (l. to r.): Raymond Fisher, president, Frances McLean, secretary, and David Moose, vice president.

## Hendrix Choir to perform in pre-inaugural event

Pre-inaugural events leading up to the April 28 inauguration of President Roy B. Shilling Jr. will include performances by the Hendrix College Choir. Under the direction of Mr. Robert McGill, associate professor of music, the choir will sing three selections in Staples Auditorium at 3:30 p.m. and 8:00 p.m. Sunday, April 19. "Lobet Den Herrn (Praise to the Lord)" by J. S. Bach is the first selection. It will be followed by "Chichester Psalms" by Leonard Bernstein and "Coronation Mass" by Mozart.

The soprano soloist is Julia Lansford, assistant professor of voice at Arkansas State University at Jonesboro. She was the area winner in the recent Metropolitan Opera auditions.

Ann Chotard, assistant professor of voice at Henderson State College, is the contralto soloist, and Mr. Harold Thompson, associate professor of music at Hendrix, sings the tenor solo part. A senior voice student, John Bangert from North Little Rock, is the bass soloist.



Hendrix Choir

An orchestra comprised of 24 players from Hendrix, State College of Arkansas, and outstanding musicians from Little Rock, will accompany the last two selections sung by the choir.

## Dr. Leon Smith coming to Little Rock

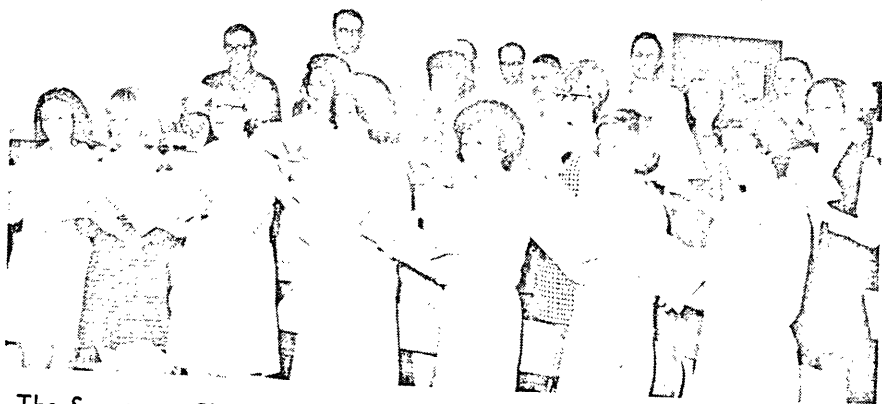
Dr. Leon Smith, staff member of the General Board of Education in the field of family ministries, will be speaking at Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, and also leading a district workshop on family counseling for pastors of the Little Rock District. The dates are during the last week in April.

Dr. Smith, who is well-known to Arkansas United Methodists because

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of his experience in the field of family life education, will preach at the morning and evening hours at Asbury Church on Sunday, April 26. He will speak each evening of the week through Wednesday, and during each day will be meeting with a number of separate groups within the church family.

In the workshop he will deal with what is happening in Family counseling, present day methods, up-dating counseling techniques, and will describe recent books in the field. A large part of the time will be devoted to a discussion of dealing with family crises.



The Sanctuary Choir of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock is shown rehearsing under direction of Mr. Richard Lines, the Antonio Vivaldi "Gloria" to be sung Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m. The work, which will be sung in Latin, will feature soloists: Mrs. David Murphy, contralto. Accompaniment will include a string quintet, two oboes, two trumpets and organ. Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, organist, will present a semi-recital in addition to the Vivaldi work. The Worship Commission of the church, at Woodlawn and Monroe Streets, is sponsoring the service which will precede the observance of National Music Week, May 3-10.

# NEWS and NOTES

DR. LELAND CLEGG, retired minister who lives in Magnolia, brought the messages in First United Methodist Church at Stamps, March 22-26. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is the Stamps pastor.

YOUNG PEOPLE OF GARDNER Memorial Church, North Little Rock, hosted a party at the Girls' Training School at Alexandria recently. Twenty-one youths, accompanied by eight adults, led in singing and games and served refreshments.

A VISIT TO CUMMINS Prison Farm was sponsored by the Women's Society of Winfield Church, Little Rock, April 14. The six-hour tour was conducted by a member of the staff of the State Department of Corrections.

DAN BLODGETT, superintendent of the Mississippi County Penal Farm and director of Civil Defense for that county, was the speaker at the March meeting of United Methodist Men at Lepanto. The Rev. Vernon Paysinger was host pastor.

RICHARD BUTLER, JR. explained CONTACT, the telephone program designed to help people solve personal problems, when he spoke to United Methodist Men of St. Luke Church, Little Rock. The Rev. Norris Steele is the pastor.

THE REV. WENDELL DORMAN, pastor of the Tyronza U.M. Church, was guest speaker when Hickory Ridge men held ladies' night in March. The Rev. Raymond Dorman, father of the speaker, is the Hickory Ridge minister.

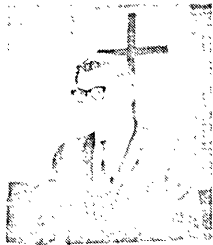
## CHILDREN AND YOUTH IN SPECIAL SERVICES AT DUMAS MEM., EL DORADO

Special Palm Sunday and Easter Services were held by the young people of Dumas Memorial United Methodist Church of El Dorado.

The 25 voice Children's Choir was presented under the direction of Mrs. Don Qualls and Mrs. George Parks, Palm Sunday. Special poems, scriptures, and prayers were given by members and the entire choir rendered an inspirational message in song.

The Easter Services were conducted by the UMY of the church under the leadership of Mrs. Bill Foster and Mrs. Veo E. Green. A timely drama entitled "The Retrial of Jesus Christ" was presented to the congregation. The UMY is composed of 13 members who meet each Wednesday evening at 7 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Foster are sponsors of the group. The officers are Mike Buckwalter, president; Jimmy Osborn, vice-president; and Shelia Brown, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Veo E. Green is pastor.

The Rev. Buddy Jester, Bradley minister, is shown in the pulpit of Cotton Valley, La., United Methodist Church where he was the Good Friday speaker.



COLLEGE HILL UNITED Methodist Men of Texarkana had as guest speaker at the March 30 supper meeting, the Rev. Bob Gentry, pastor of the Chapelwood United Methodist Church. He gave a report on the work of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) and the recent meeting which he attended as an observer. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is the College Hill pastor.

PROMINENT CHRISTIAN Athletes speaking in the Wynne United Methodist Church recently include Cliff Powell, All American Linebacker and a senior at the University of Arkansas, and George Kell, former Major League baseball player. Mr. Kell spoke at the Methodist Men's Father-Son fish fry. The Rev. Warren Golden is the Wynne minister.

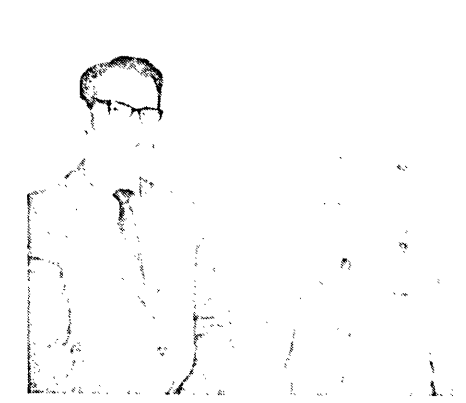
THE CENTRAL AVENUE UMYF of Batesville presented "Christ in the Concrete City" in First United Methodist Church of Batesville, April 5, and have been invited to present it in the Church of the Nazarene. Members of the cast included Cynthia Binkley, Marcia Buchanan, Linda Haskins, John Engles, Buddy Pierce and Steven Street. The play was directed by John Starks, Arkansas College student.

THE REV. GENE EFIRD, Director of Release Guidance Foundation for the rehabilitation of prisoners, was the speaker for Mabelvale United Methodist Men, April 6. George King presided. The Rev. Ben Hines is pastor.

## CUSTODIAN HONORED AT TEXARKANA

The membership of First United Methodist Church, Sixth and Laurel Streets, Dr. J. Ralph Hillis, pastor, honored their custodian, Edward Archie, Sunday, April 5, for 25 years of "faithful and responsible" service.

James S. Hudson, chairman of the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, presented him to the congregation and also presented him



Mrs. Sallie Wright, Missions Work Area chairman in the West Helena United Methodist Church, is shown with her pastor, the Rev. William Haltom, during the recent church-wide study on "Understanding China" which her group sponsored. The Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of the Program Council, was the teacher April 5-6.

ST. MARK METHODIST MEN of Camden heard the Rev. Tom Abney, Fairview Church pastor, speak on "The Methodist Ministry" at the March meeting. Bruce Calaway was program chairman; Searcy Harrell is president of the group. The Rev. Mike Clayton is their pastor.

THE LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Youth Retreat will be held at Aldersgate Methodist Camp on April 17 and 18.

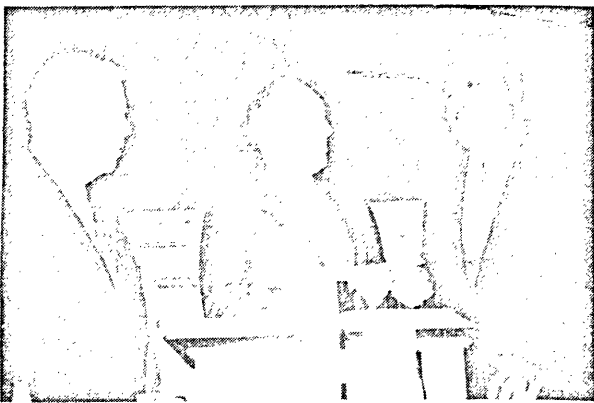
WESLEYAN GUILD MEMBERS of Stuttgart's Grand Avenue Church hosted a breakfast for high school senior girls and college girls home for Easter vacation. It was held in fellowship hall of the church on Saturday morning, March 28.

PARKIN METHODISTS studied "The Sermon on the Mount" under the leadership of the Rev. Vernon Paysinger, Lepanto minister, on three days in March. The series was sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Norman Haigh, president. The Rev. Gail Anderson is the Parkin pastor.

with a monetary gift.

Mr. Archie came to his position as custodian of the church on April 1, 1945, when Doctor Edward Harris, who is now pastor of First Methodist Church, Ferguson, Missouri, was pastor. A letter of commendation was read from Doctor Harris.

Mr. Hudson commented during his presentation that it had not been necessary for him to miss a Sunday from his duties during these many years.



At Texarkana First Church, Custodian Edward Archie, at right, was honored for 25 years of service. James S. Judson, chairman of Pastor Parish Relations Committee, is in center; Dr. Ralph Hillis, pastor, is at left.

## 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 19—Sunday	Psalm 3:1-8
April 20	Psalm 4:1-8
April 21	Psalm 27:1-14
April 22	Psalm 91:1-16
April 23	Isaiah 30:15-21
April 24	Hab. 3:1-2, 13-19
April 25	Matt. 6:24-34
April 26—Sunday	I Sam 17:41-50

OVER THREE HUNDRED Crossett Methodists are involved in the preparations for the Lay Witness Mission which will be held the weekend of April 17-19. Thirty-five "Lay Witnesses" will converge on their church from Arkansas, Louisiana, Mississippi, Tennessee and Alabama, to share experiences with the Crossett congregation under the leadership of Co-ordinator Morris L. Adams, of Huntsville, Alabama. Mr. Adams, an architect, has been a co-ordinator of "Lay Witness Missions" from the very beginning of this venture in church renewal. Leonard Ponder is general chairman and Louis Burgess is co-chairman of the preparations. The Rev. Ferris Norton is pastor.

THE LEXA UNITED METHODIST Church held an Easter sunrise service. Breakfast was served by the ladies in fellowship hall following the service. Participants in the early worship were Cheryl Griffin, Alice Todd, Mrs. Robert Turner and Cathy Muscaline. The minister, the Rev. Charles E. Reed, brought the message at Lexa, and also at the Aubrey Church at 9 a.m. and at the LaGrange Church at 10:15 a.m.

"TELL IT LIKE IT IS," a folk musical about God, composed by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser was presented by the Youth Folk Group of First United Methodist Church of Wynne on April 5 at 7 p.m. This group is under the direction of Harry Fondren, Jr. Invitations have been received by the group to give performances in several other churches.

## P. K. KORNER

SARAH ELIZABETH KEITH, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Keith, was baptized during the Good Friday service by the Rev. J. William Watson, guest speaker in the Corning United Methodist Church. Mr. Watson is pastor of First U.M. Church in Paragould. Mr. Keith is the Corning minister.

REV. J. W. MOORE, Paragould, and a retired minister of the North Arkansas Conference, baptised his great-granddaughter, Heather Leigh Moore, in First Church, Paragould, on Easter. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William L. Moore. Bro. Moore baptised her father on Easter 27 years ago, and her grandfather Fred Moore, 50 years ago this Easter. The Rev. J. William Watson, pastor of the church assisted in the services.

## Scenes at Fort Smith

### SPEAKERS AT FORT SMITH INCLUDED:

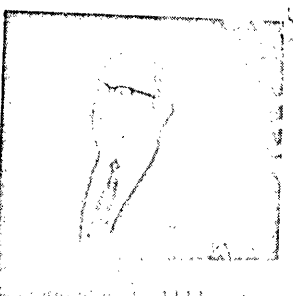


Group meetings for officers included this one for presidents.



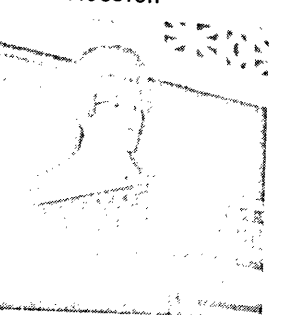
--- a welcome from Dr. John Bayliss, host pastor

--- a meditation by Mrs. Harold Eggensperger of North Little Rock

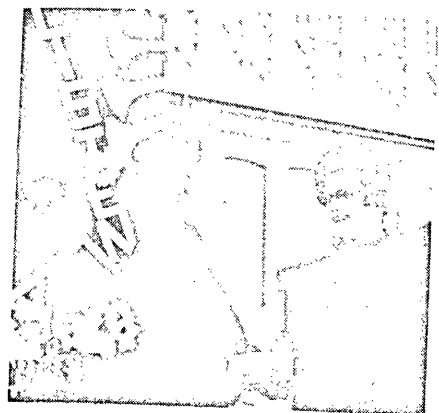


--- a witness by A.H. "Tank" Harrison Memphis Police Dept.

--- a major address by Dr. Charles Allen, minister-author of Houston



--- a devotional by Mrs. Edwin Outlaw of Russellville



Mrs. Gladys Hunt, left, was "pinned" by President Nobia Johnson upon Mrs. Hunt's retirement as chairman of Christian social relations. Banner in background depicts the meeting theme.



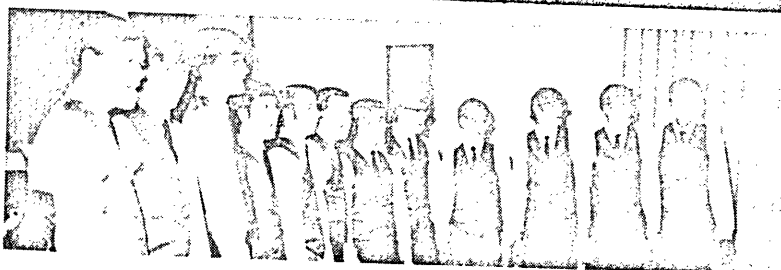
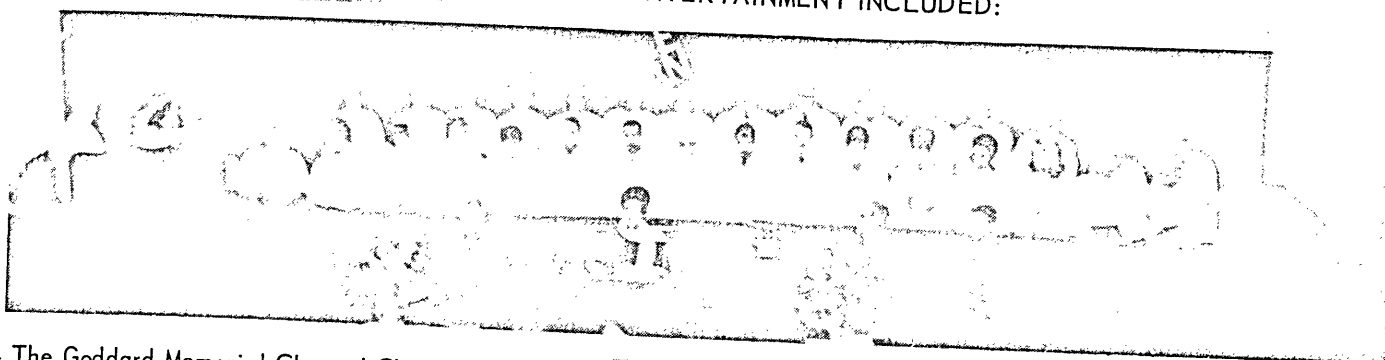
In turn, Mrs. Hunt, extreme right, asked guest missionaries Maryruth Nickels, left, and Edith Martin to escort her successor, Mrs. Roy Hudspeth, 2nd from left, for special orders.



--- The Goddard Memorial Chancel Choir directed by Bob McDaniel (above)

--- dinner entertainment by the Rev. and Mrs. John Copher accompanied by Mrs. Ben Watkins (at left)

--- The Northside High School Bruin Singers at the dinner for executives and guests



Seven officers were installed by Mrs. John Bayliss. Reelected to two-year terms were, from left: Mrs. Howard Johnson, president; Mrs. Joe Crumpler, vice-president; Mrs. Rod Thrasher, recording secretary; and Mrs. Earl Hughes (3rd from right). New officers are: Mrs. Roy Hudspeth, Christian social relations chairman; Mrs. W. H. Ford (at right), chairman of nominations; and Mrs. Hezzie Clark (2nd from right), nominations.



In the literature room are, from left: Mrs. W. S. King, Heber Springs; Mrs. Leon Woolbright, of St. Paul's, Ft. Smith; Mrs. H. E. Wright, West Helena; Mrs. F. A. Pothast and Mrs. J. F. Backstrom, both of Central Church, Fayetteville; and Mrs. Clint Burleson of West Memphis. Mrs. John Page, seated, is chairman of program materials.

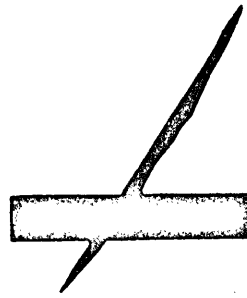
## WOMEN'S PAGE

### ENTERTAINMENT INCLUDED:



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR APRIL 26: Scattered to Witness

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Acts 6:8 through 8:40; 10:1 through 11:18

**MEMORY SELECTION:** We cannot but speak of what we have seen and heard. (Acts 4:20)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To gain a better understanding of the manner in which the gospel of Christ has managed to overcome barriers through the centuries; to lead members to catch a vision of the breadth of God's purposes for the world and to respond to the challenge as Phillip and Peter did.

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Many people are perturbed because the Christian church is the target of much criticism in our time. Some feel that the days of the church are numbered because there are many that disagree with its program and leadership. Christians who become "panicky" in the face of opposition reveal that they are lacking in a knowledge of the history of our faith. As Brer Rabbit said when Brer Fox sought to kill him by throwing him into a briar patch, "I was bred and bawn in a briar patch." So was the church, and we shall see in today's lesson that if persecutions had not come and scattered the Jerusalem-based church it might never have become a worldwide church.

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The gospel has demonstrated in many situations of persecution and opposition that it will not be weakened by such negative forces, but that opponents and critics have often shown that they were the most effective allies the church had, because in scattering the church from established citadels of security they have done the most to make it grow.

There are three main figures in our lesson — Stephen, the first Christian martyr; Philip, who carried the message to the Samaritans and to the Ethiopian eunuch; and Peter, who did battle with the champions of Judaism in the Jerusalem church but who saw the challenging light of the universal possibilities of the gospel in a house-top experience in Joppa.

If you read discerningly you will observe that between the 5th and 6th chapters of Acts there is obviously a sharp change of atmosphere. In the former chapter the church seemed to be in high favor in Jerusalem, while in the latter it appears that the common ownership procedure of the Jerusalem congregation had backfired. Also tension had built up among persons of Greek and Hebrew background in the congregation.

In almost every era of the church's life its proposals and challenges have made some persons feel that the faith was endangering the peace and stability of the community. These have usually concluded that the only solution was for the church to weaken its witness—hardly ever have they felt they might possibly change some of the actions or attitudes which Christianity challenged. As long as the views of Jesus were held by only a small band of Galilean pilgrims, the Roman rulers were prepared to be tolerant. But when the movement grew strong Rome saw it as a challenge to its power and so moved with strategies which they felt would destroy it. If they had only known the momentum their opposition would give to the church!

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### THE MARTYRDOM OF STEPHEN

Stephen, a Greek-speaking Jew, was one of the seven deacons chosen to handle the distribution of

the relief supplies in the Jerusalem church. However, he quickly revealed an unwillingness to settle for just that routine service. He quickly became the champion debater for the movement, speaking in synagogues whenever the opportunity was found. This was the zeal which led to his becoming the first Christian martyr.

In his defenses of the Christian gospel in the synagogues he met opposition. He found that there were two obstacles to his presentation: nationalism and traditionalism. Dr. Theodore P. Ferris says in Interpreter's Bible: "He was accused of blaspheming Moses; that was an offense against nationalism. He was also accused of blaspheming against God; that was an offense against religious traditionalism. The combined offense was serious enough to put him to death."

When he was finally brought before the Sanhedrin, Stephen made a remarkable speech in his own defense. He did not deal with the accusations brought against him, but delivered a warning, addressed to his accusers and judges, that the possession of the temple and the law, as it had not in the past, would not now insure the presence of God and the acceptance of the people by him. We read one of the strongest statements of this speech in Acts 7:51: "You stiff-necked people, uncircumcised in heart and ears, you always resist the Holy Spirit. As your fathers did, so do you. Which of the prophets did not your fathers persecute?"

We often think that Stephen met his death at the hands of a mob—that he was lynched. However, there is much more reason to believe that, since he had a formal trial before the Sanhedrin, he met his death on their order as a formal execution.

Luke makes an interesting literary bridge between the death of Stephen and the great missionary movement led by Paul when he wrote in Acts 8:1: "And Saul was consenting to his death."

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### THE IMPACT OF STEPHEN'S MARTYRDOM

The pent-up feeling against Stephen was not dissipated by his death. It seemed only to fan the flames and the emotion of hatred was directed against Christians wherever they could be found. Dr. Arthur C. McGiffert, in his book *The Apostolic Age*, said: "There is no reason to suppose that the teachings and practices of Stephen differed in any way from those of his fellow-Christians and that his arrest was due to the fact that he was more radical than they."

The Christians were driven out of Jerusalem following the death of Stephen and were scattered abroad. There were two things to notice about that dispersal: (a) It was not something the people would have chosen. No one likes to be dispossessed or evicted. They must have thought at the moment that it was disaster. However, it was like the bursting of the seed pod of the faith; (b) once they had scattered they went about preaching. They used their extremity as an opportunity. If they could not preach Jesus in Jerusalem they would preach him somewhere else.

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### THE MINISTRY OF PHILIP

In verse 5 of chapter 8 we read: "Philip went down to a city of Samaria, and proclaimed to them the Christ. And the multitudes with one accord gave heed to what was said by Philip."

We do not know exactly what city of Samaria was visited by Philip, but we do know something about the Samaritans and the low regard in which they were held by the Jews: Regarded as a half-breed people because they were descendants of the alien people brought in after the conquest of Israel

by Babylon. They worshiped Jehovah, followed the law, and held many of the same customs as the Jews, but they were commonly hated and despised by their Jewish neighbors.

When Philip effectively witnessed in Samaria he broke down one of the major barriers that existed in the minds of his countrymen. Perhaps the greatest conversion described here was that which occurred in the apostles at Jerusalem. We read (8:14): "Now when the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had received the word of God, they sent to them Peter and John, who came down and prayed for them that they might receive the Holy Spirit."

After his effective missionary work in the north, Philip followed a divine order and went to the south to help break down another barrier—that of race. He went down on the desert road below Jerusalem and confronted an Ethiopian official who was reading the Old Testament as he rode along in his chariot. The far-reaching results of that conversation can still be seen in Ethiopia where a strong Christian church has existed from that time. In the Holy Land many of the sacred spots are administered by priests of the Ethiopian church.

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### PETER AT JOPPA

In the 10th chapter of Acts we read of the interesting experiences of Peter in Joppa. This was a crucial episode in the breaking down of the last barriers against carrying the Christian gospel to the gentile world.

Peter had gone to Lydda to heal a good woman named Tabitha. (Lydda is the nearest town today to Lod Airport which serves all Israel's international arrivals and departures.) He went from there to Joppa where he stayed for several days in the home of Simon the tanner. Staying in such a home was itself an act of barrier-breaking for Peter, because a tanner, dealing in his trade with dead animals, was classed as "unclean" by the Jewish law.

While in Joppa, Peter received word from a Roman soldier named Cornelius concerning a divine vision that man had seen. Peter traveled toward Caesarea with some misgiving because he was still not sure the fellowship should be opened wide to gentiles. It was in the night during that journey that Peter had the vision of a sheet coming down from heaven in which "were all kinds of animals and reptiles and birds of the air. And there came a voice to him, 'Rise, Peter, eat and kill.'" Peter protested that he had never eaten anything unclean, and the voice of God assured him, "What God has cleansed you must not call common."

This broke down the prejudice in Peter's own heart and he went on to Caesarea to minister to Cornelius, saying to him "Truly I perceive that God shows no partiality" (10:34). Thus was made one of the first Christians in Caesar's official family, but he was by no means the last.

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### THE POWER OF THE SCATTERED CHURCH

The strategy followed by the early church has something significant to say to the modern church. It was essential that the church be gathered for a time, as at Jerusalem, but there would have been no growth, no permanence, if the church had not scattered.

The church could have easily settled down in the comfortable environment of Jerusalem, made its peace with Judaism and been lost to history. We are grateful that pressures—both external and internal—help to shape the church's mission. Thus, the church's strategy developed in the environment of crisis. One of the commentators on today's lesson says, "Therefore, no church should trade a divine crisis for a superficial peace. Remember that the soaring eagle once huddled a nestling in the security of its first home and would have remained there unless its parents had driven it from safety into flight."

As various groups within the church examine proposals for restructuring, a suggestion that persists is the one that we may need two different types of church organizations in almost every community—one would be that gathered within the walls of a church for worship and program; the other carrying on its mission outside the church in the world. What is your reaction to such a proposal?



# Epworth Visit

by Dan H. Williams

(Second in a series of articles prepared by the editor of WESLEYAN CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE, Atlanta, Ga., following his recent visit in England)

The entire village of Epworth is of interest to the Methodist pilgrim in England, but his primary attention will be centered upon the Old Rectory. This, of course, is not the house in which John Wesley was born. It does stand upon the same site, using the same foundations, and is the one in which he lived as a boy.

February 9, 1709, a fire at night, one that some people think may have been deliberately set, swept through and destroyed the original house. Methodists everywhere are familiar with the story of how John, then only five years of age, was dramatically rescued from a window of the burning building. This was the experience that led to his later description of himself as "a brand plucked from the burning."

Later the same year, 1709, Samuel Wesley built the present house. Records show that it cost 400 pounds. At today's rates this is a relatively small sum, but it was a large amount for that time and place. It was especially so for a man plagued by debt as was Samuel Wesley.

Entering Epworth from Doncaster a visitor rides along the narrow street past Wesley Memorial Church, through the market square, past the Red Lion Inn and around a curve. Then a sharp left turn at the corner of the rectory garden and the house is on the left.

Those who know about such things describe the Old Rectory as an "imposing example of Queen Anne architecture." For those of us less informed it might be termed a large, impressive brick structure with an unusual number of windows, which total 50 in number. The small yard is neat and attractive, and the house itself does not appear to be its 260 years of age—a tribute to the skill with which it was restored.

For almost 250 years this building was the rectory of the Epworth Parish of St. Andrews of the Church of England. It fell into disrepair, and in 1954 it was purchased by the World Methodist Council. Work on its restoration began in 1956, and it was reopened June 29, 1957. Since then it has been visited by an ever increasing number of Methodists and others from many parts of the world.

The building destroyed by fire was described in a document dated 1607 as "consisting of five bays, built all of timber and plaster and covered with strawe thatche, the whole building being contrived into three stories, and disposed in seven chiefe rooms—a kitchinge, a hall, a parlour, a butterie, and three large upper rooms, and some others of common use."

When the present building was restored later additions to the original structure were removed; the main entrance door returned to the front from the left side; and windows opened where they had been bricked up because of the window tax of past years.

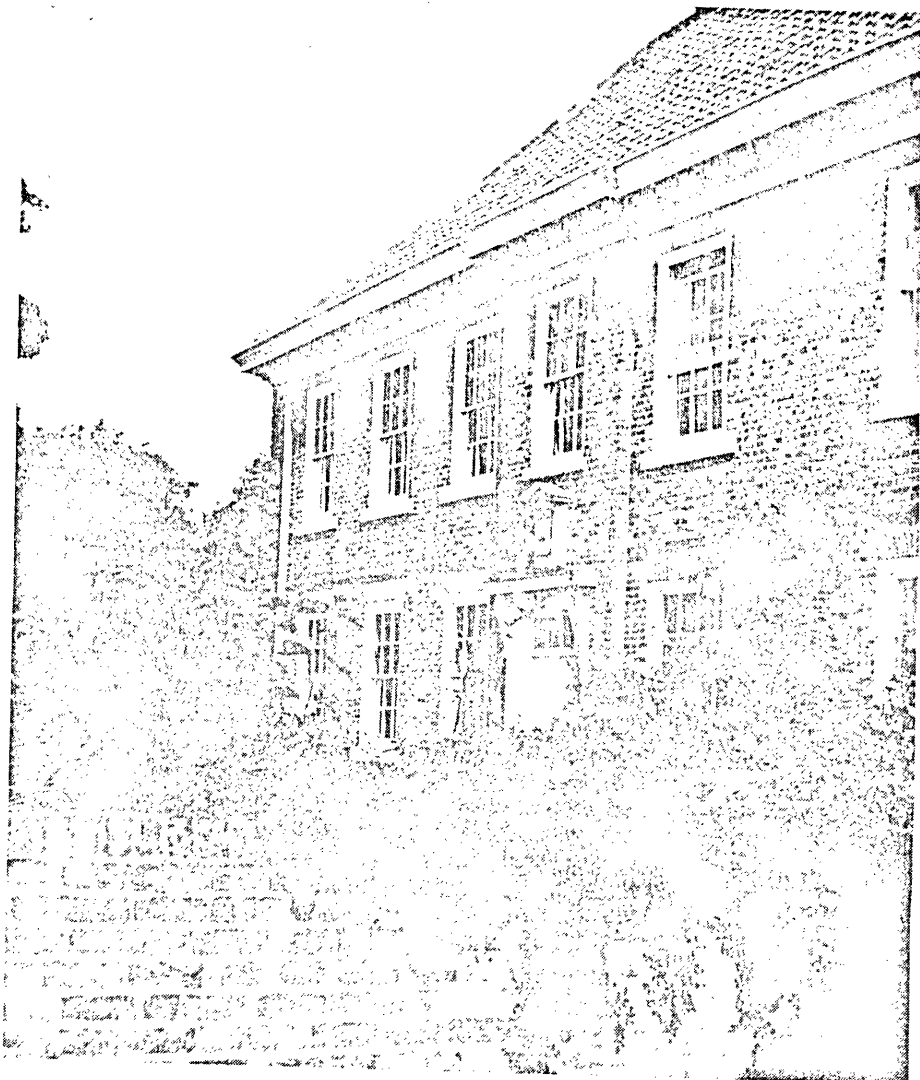
The entrance hall, really a large room, is in the center of the front of the house. Its dominant feature of furnishings is a massive carved side board that belonged to the Wesleys. It must be in its original place, for no other wall in the house is long enough for it. To the left of the entrance is the parlour where several of the windows have their original glass.

To the right of the entrance hall is the schoolroom, also adjacent to the kitchen. There, through an open door, Susanna could keep a watchful eye upon her children at their studies while she prepared meals for the family. Today small retreat groups meeting at Epworth use the former schoolroom for their sessions.

Those familiar with older parsonages in American small towns may be surprised by the size of this house. Including the attic floor it contains 16 rooms

Old Rectory  
at  
Epworth,  
England,  
John Wesley's  
boyhood  
home.

(Methodist  
Recorder photo)



and is stoutly constructed of solid brick and old ships' timbers. Today it has central heat and modern plumbing, but otherwise it must appear much as it did in 1709. Even some of the panes in the windows are of the glass made in those remote years.

On the second floor are bedrooms and what was Samuel Wesley's study, located over the kitchen. It is a relatively small room for the work he did here so many years. One of its windows faces the fields between the rectory and the parish church of St. Andrew. (The former study has been furnished as a bedroom, and this writer slept there while on his visit to Epworth.)

The third or attic floor contains some small bedrooms, one thought to have been John Wesley's when he was a boy. Also on this level is a huge, unfinished room known as "Jeffory's Chamber." Tradition has it that a ghost given that name haunted the rectory during the years it was occupied by the Wesleys.

The weekend in the Old Rectory at Epworth was

one of the high experiences of our pilgrimage to Wesley's England. Mr. Dobinson, warden of the Old Rectory, met us at the station in Doncaster. After a drive in the late afternoon with a gray November day we had tea in the Rectory with the Dobinsons and later dinner.

During the evening Mr. Russell, senior minister of the Epworth Circuit, called and visited with us for an hour or so. Then to bed in the former study where we slept soundly. If "Jeffory" was still about rattling his chains, we were unaware of his presence.

The following morning, Sunday, Mr. Dobinson escorted us on a walk about the village and then back in time for him to leave for a preaching appointment. He is one of that remarkable group of unpaid preachers whose work makes possible regular services in many small churches, but that is another story.

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(Next: Oxford)

## Book Reviews

by AAK.

Bryan Jay Cannon, "I GIVE UP, GOD," \$4.50, Revell, 192 pp.

The author of the Church of the Covenant, Washington, Pa., shares with us 16 brief sermons in which he reveals that pastors, like parishioners, have personal trials and tribulations; they too wrestle with problems and doubts.

Out of his own search for answers, the author offers the readers practical, conversational ways to discover a new sense of free-

dom and life. Included are questions at the end of each chapter for group discussion.

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Thomas C. Oden, THE STRUCTURE OF AWARENESS, \$6.50, Abingdon, 283 pp.

Dr. Oden, a graduate of Perkins and Yale, and a former professor at both these institutions, in this his sixth book, deals with the general question, "What does it mean to be aware?" Certainly none of us can deny that this is a question that needs an answer.

Dr. Oden's effort to understand man's salvation in secular terms is addressed to all those who are passionately searching for deepened awareness — all who hunger to touch and taste human experience more fully.

One review says the book is for celebration of the now."

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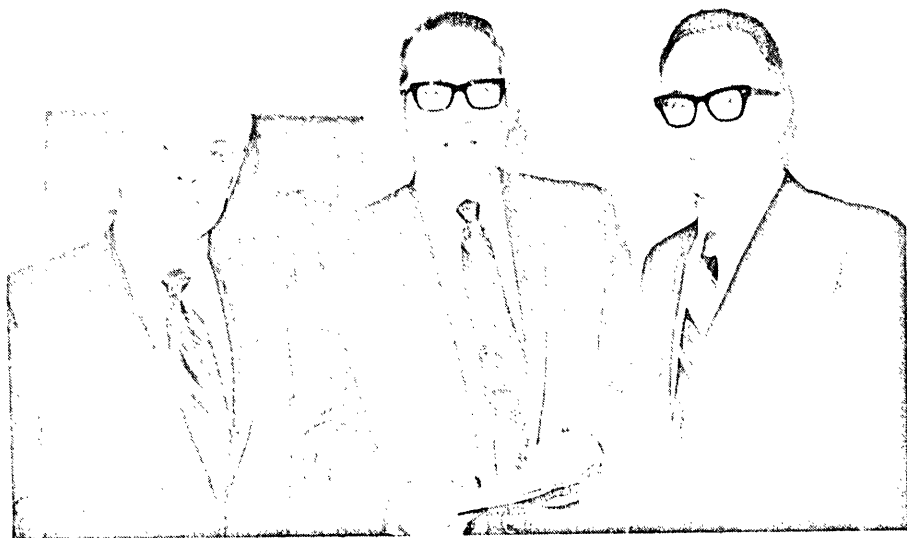
Daniel Seagren, LETTERS TO CHIP, 95 cents, Zondervan.

This inexpensive book is an excellent resource for those who are concerned with communicating from generation to generation.

They have a ring of authenticity about them, and a command of vocabulary which can be understood by all who are wrapped up in contemporary speech and fashion.

Paul S. Rees says in the introduction: "As a member of the parental 'alumni,' one whose privilege is doting on the grandchildren in place of disciplining children, I wish I had been as perspective with my growing children as these seem to be."

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Dr. Joseph D. Quillian, Jr. (l), and Dr. Jim Ward (r), both of the Perkins School of Theology, confer with the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, chairman of the South Central Jurisdiction Communications Commission, concerning a two-weeks Communications Workshop (June 15-26) being jointly offered by Perkins and five United Methodist boards and agencies.

## Multi-media Communications Workshop to be held at Perkins

Dallas, Texas — Five United Methodist boards and agencies are joining with Perkins School of Theology to sponsor a two weeks' workshop focusing on The Local Church as a Multi-Media Communications Center, June 15-26.

Dr. B. F. Jackson, executive director of the United Methodist General Board of Education's Section on Communication Processes and Learning Resources, and a pioneer in the field of cooperative communication training events, has called the workshop an "illustration of several United Methodist agencies coming together to share in the planning, financing and training for an important educational event."

The workshop may be taken for either one or two hours credit toward a graduate degree, or may be taken without academic credit.

Dr. Jim Ward, registrar for the Communications Seminar and Assistant Dean at Perkins School of Theology, has released the following description of the two weeks' workshop for the school's summer catalog:

"First Week — Exploration and interpretation of varied processes of market area communication . . . in the

communications industry, the fine arts, business management, government, the churches and among various subcultures. Visits off campus for observation of actual settings and means of communication and dialogue with persons responsible for them. Appraisal of these experiences and interpretation of their implications for the participants in the seminar. Practice in communicating with members of a subculture in Dallas.

"Second Week — Development of individual projects in particular problems or aspects of communications, stressing the application of insights gained in the seminar and practice of one's own skill as a communicator. Maximum opportunity for community exposure and involvement will be encountered during this second week."

United Methodist Agencies which share in sponsoring the event: the General Board of Missions, the Television, Radio and Film Communication Committee of the General Program Council, the Communication Commission of the South Central Jurisdiction and the United Methodist Communication Council of Texas.

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### SUMMER CHRISTIAN MISSION SCHEDULE

Dates and places for the Regional Schools: Upper Atlantic Region -- June 22-27 at Albright College, Reading, Pa.; South Atlantic Region -- June 22-26 at Lambuth College, Jackson, Tenn.; Midwest Region -- June 15-19 at Illinois Wesleyan University, Bloomington, Ill.; West Gulf Region -- June 14-19 at Mt. Sequoyah United Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark.; Pacific Region -- June 21-26 at Westminster College, Salt Lake City, Utah.

Workshops for local church Missions chairmen will be: Southeastern Jurisdiction Workshop -- July 24-26 at Lake Junaluska, N.C.; South Central Jurisdiction Workshop -- July 31-August 2 at Mt. Sequoyah United Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, Ark.

Summer missionary conference dates and places: Mount Sequoyah Ecumenical Mission Conference -- June 6-12 at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.; Prairie Mission Conference -- June 25-28 at Brandon, Manitoba, Canada; Rocky Mountain Mission Conference -- June 29-July 3 at Estes Park, Colo.; United Methodist Southeastern Mission Conference -- July 20-26 at Lake Junaluska, N.C.; United Methodist South Central Mission Conference -- July 27-31 at Mount Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark.;

Eastern Ecumenical Mission Conference -- July 27-31 and July 31-August 2 at Albright College, Reading, Pa.; Pacific Southwest Mission Conference -- July 31-August 4 at Asilomar, Pacific Grove, Calif.; Lakeland Mission Education Retreat -- August 1-2 at Lakeland College, Sheboygan, Wis.; Midwest Mission Conference -- August 3-7 at Northwestern University, Evanston, Ill.; Hawaii Conference on Mission -- August 6-9 at Makawao, Maui, Hawaii; Northwest International Mission Conference -- August 10-14 at Trinity College, Langley, British Columbia, Canada; Chautauqua Mission Conference -- August 23-28 at Chautauqua, N.Y.

Information about Conference and Inter-Conference Schools of Christian Mission is scheduled to be in the May issue of response magazine (published for United Methodist women by the Board of Missions).

## Spanish-speaking UM's to have new hymnal

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A new hymnal for Spanish-speaking United Methodists is expected to be published by 1973.

The Methodist Publishing House here will publish the hymnal in cooperation with a hymnal committee of the United Methodist Rio Grande Conference.

Readings from **The Methodist Hymnal**, the Service of Holy Communion, and other features will make it the most extensive hymnal in the Spanish language, according to the Rev. Alfredo Nanez, president of Lydia Patterson Institute, El Paso, Tex., and editor of the hymnal. A former executive secretary of the Rio Grande Conference Board of Education, Dr. Nanez has spearheaded efforts to publish the new hymnal.

Cost of the hymnal's production and distribution is to be borne by The Methodist Publishing House. Tentative plans call for a first printing of 25,000 copies which will be available from Cokesbury at \$3 each.

It is estimated that there are seven million Spanish-speaking people in the United States, of whom 32,000 are United Methodists in some 220 local churches. An additional 12,000 United Methodists live in Puerto Rico. United Methodism's largest program among Spanish Americans is the Rio Grande Annual Conference of Texas and New Mexico where there are 150 local churches, approximately 17,000 members, and 106 pastors.

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## Retiring Chaplaincy Executive Hailed

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — The difficulty and importance of holding on to "those values that are viable and yet not to be afraid of change" was stressed here March 9 in a tribute to the retiring executive of the United Methodist Church's chaplaincy program.

The Rev. John R. McLaughlin, head of the Commission on Chaplains and Related Ministries since 1956, was honored by some 200 guests at a dinner in Hotel Sonesta, sponsored by the commission. Dr. McLaughlin will be succeeded June 1 by the Rev. A. Purnell Bailey, Richmond, Va., pastor now serving as executive secretary-designate.

## Perkins profs active in Festival on the Gospels

Two Perkins School of Theology professors were active in the planning and presentation of the Festival on the Gospels which began at Pittsburgh, Pa. on April 6.

Dr. William R. Farmer, professor of New Testament, received the initial suggestion five years ago in Germany from sociologist-theologian Eugene-Rosenstock-Hussey.

Dr. Albert Outler, professor of theology, was instrumental in shaping the idea into a workable plan, which called for the selection and enlistment of 20 of the world's leading scholars to form the nucleus of the participants. The event with the theme "Jesus and Man's Hopes" is being held in conjunction with the 175th jubilee of Pittsburgh Theological Seminary, a Presbyterian-related institution.

Both Dr. Farmer and Dr. Outler are delivering major presentations as a part of the program.

The 60 invited participants in the Pittsburgh festival are from England, France, Italy, Greece, Belgium, Germany, Switzerland, the Netherlands, Sweden, India, Nigeria, Canada and the U.S.

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## VOLUNTEER TEAMS WORK IN CARIBBEAN AND BOLIVIA

NEW YORK (UMI) — Workers from four annual conferences are giving assistance this spring in the Caribbean and Bolivia.

A group of 32 volunteers from the Western North Carolina, South Carolina, Baltimore and Montana conferences are working through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief to rebuild the Mt. Hole Mission Church and Industrial Training School heavily damaged by a hurricane that hit the southern coastal region of British Honduras in September. Coordinators for the team are the Rev. Joseph Ervin, Lincolnton, N. C., and Bill Richardson, a Seneca, S. C., construction engineer.

In the other project, an 18-member medical mission team from the Western North Carolina Conference left March 30 to spend three weeks in Bolivia. Coordinator of the project is the Rev. William B. Bobbitt, Jr., Maiden, N. C. It is the fifth medical mission team he has accompanied.

## Summer Mission Training events announced

NEW YORK (UMI) — Mission education, involvement and action are planned as major components of more than 100 conferences, schools and other gatherings in which an estimated 26,000 United Methodist leaders throughout America — on the national, regional and local levels — are expected to participate.

In preparation for the summer conferences and the Cooperative Schools and Mission Study Weekends, a Spring Training Event was scheduled for April 6-9 at the Marydale Retreat House, Erlanger, Ky. Purpose of the Event, according to planners, is to provide training that will lead to certification of teachers in Cooperative Schools and Weekends, to be attended by both

men and women. The prospective teachers will be for the mission study themes, "How The Word Gets Around" and "The Americas: How Many Worlds?" About 100 persons are expected to attend.

The nationwide program of summer mission education and cultivation is being sponsored and planned by two units of the Board of Missions — the Women's Division and the Joint Commission on Education and Cultivation. In some cases, sponsorship and planning are shared with other United Methodist agencies, with other denominations and with ecumenical agencies such as the Department of Education for Mission of the National Council of Churches.

## MRS W. R. SHACKELFORD

Mrs. W. R. (Debbie) Shackelford of Texarkana, died on Easter, March 29 in a hospital in Austin, Texas. Funeral services were held at the Fairview United Methodist Church, Texarkana, with the Rev. Winston H. Hudnall, pastor officiating. Burial was in the Weir Cemetery in Okolona.

Survivors include two sons, W. Rupert Shackelford of Austin, Tex. and Ralph Shackelford of Oklahoma City; two grandchildren, Carol Shackelford of Austin, Tex. and Robert Shackelford of Okolona, Ark.; one sister, Mrs. Ethel Park of Oklahoma, and one brother, A. M. Weir of Texarkana.

Mrs. Shackelford was born at Okolona in 1880, had made her home in Foreman, Ark. for a number of years, later in Ardmore, Okla., and then moved to Texarkana in 1946, where she has been a member of the Fairview Church for 24 years. She was a regular attendant at Okolona Camp meetings.

She was active in the work of Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild on local, district and conference levels. She had received life memberships from her local society and the district WSCS.

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## SPECIALIZED TRAINING GIVEN ARKANSAS WOMEN

Seven Arkansas women were among the 400 attending a national leadership training meeting sponsored by the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions at Cincinnati, April 2-5.

The Little Rock Conference sent four: Mrs. Fred Arnold of Dumas, Mrs. John D. Christian, Little Rock, Mrs. Coy Icenhower and Mrs. Charles Gardner, both of Texarkana.

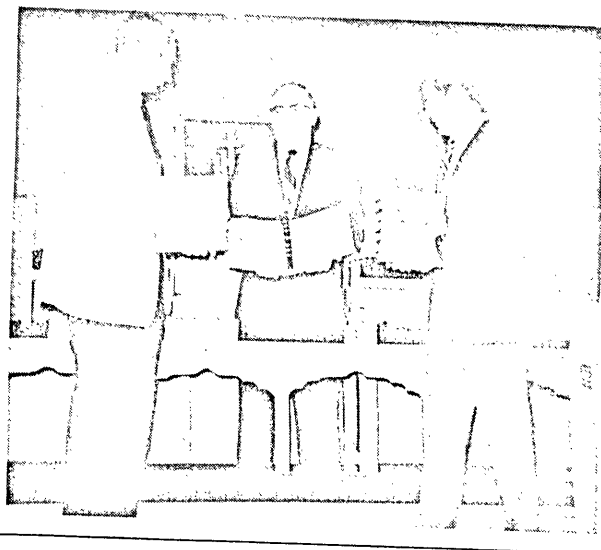
Mrs. G. G. Throups of Pine Bluff and Mrs. C. G. Washington of Fort Smith represented the Southwest Conference.

Mrs. Fred Davis of Horseshoe Bend attended for the North Arkansas Conference.

The "Joint Training Event" was designed to help leaders be more effective in their offices. Opportunity was also provided for individual enrichment in a "learning center," featuring tape-recordings, films, other audio-visual media, and individual resource persons.

Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebraska, president of the Women's Division, and Miss Doris Han-

The Rev. Claude Clark, pastor of Tigert Memorial UM Church in Hot Springs officiating in a service of dedication of 75 new Methodist Hymnals during Palm Sunday service. The hymnals were given as memorials and in honor of loved ones and friends of the congregation.



About 6,000 teens were expected at a "Share-In" in Richmond, Va., April 11. The rally was sponsored by the Virginia Annual Conference Board of Laity.

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dy, Pittsburg, Pa., vice-president, presided. The Division is the national policy-making body for about 1,800,000 Society and Guild members in 38,000 local units.

Asbury Bi-centennial to be celebrated at Junaluska

Lake Junaluska, N. C., has been selected as the site of the Francis Asbury Bicentennial Celebration September 3-6, 1971. The Rev. William K. Quick, Durham, N. C., has been named chairman of the planning committee. The celebration will mark the arrival of Asbury in America in 1771.

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## Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas

(List of memorials and other gifts for month of March continued)

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by Cavanaugh Methodist Church

by Rev. & Mrs. John O. Alston

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## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

In her poem "Prayer In April," Sara Henderson Hay wrote, "God grant that I may never be a scoffer at Eternity - As long as ever April brings the sweet rebirth of growing things . . ."

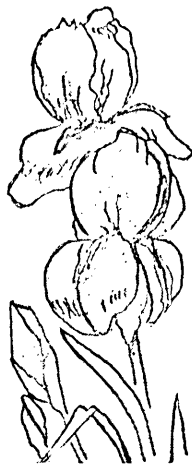
### LILACS OF SPRING

Spring has come again  
To this happy little town,  
And lilacs bloom by this fence of mine . . .  
Spring has come again,  
And lilacs bloom along the lane.

When these blossoms are brushed by His hand, divine,  
Fragrance emitted gives the tired eyes a shine . . .

Now that time of year is here -  
The lilacs of spring have come again.

-by Etta Caldwell Harris



### THOUGHTS OF WORTH

Our joy in faith fulfills desire  
and floods the soul with marveling,  
When One who rules the heavens gives  
new life to hyacinths in spring.

Our joy in faith emerges from  
belief in One who made the earth.  
It broadens minds of worthy men  
with spiritual thoughts of worth.

-by Remelda Gibson

THE JUNIOR HIGH UMY at First United Methodist Church in Crossett had a study retreat at Lake Chicot State Park Saturday and Sunday, April 4 and 5. REALLY LIVING was the Week End Pac which dealt with freedom and responsibilities. A special feature was the life story of Mary McLeod Bethune told through a color film-strip. Fourteen young people participated in this learning and fun experience. Mr. and Mrs. Wirner Harris and Miss Mamie L. Adams were counselors for the group.

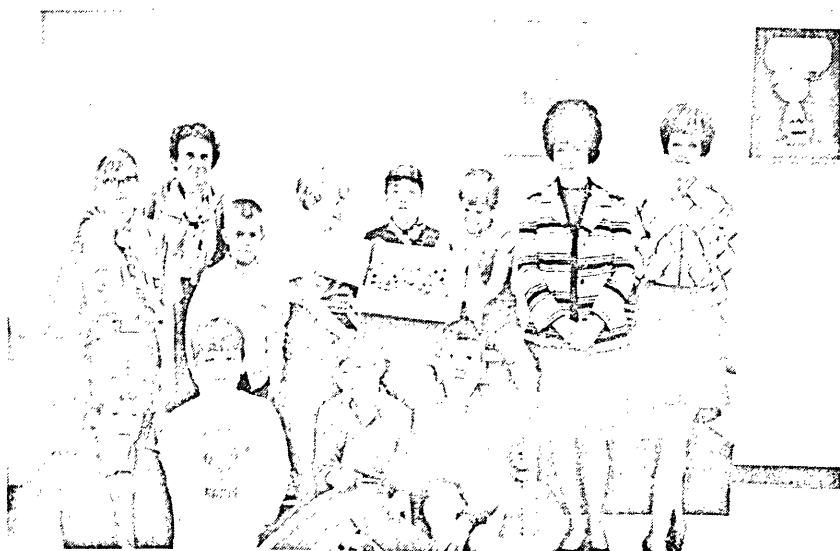
### Consulate Closing Backed

NEW YORK (UMI)—The United Methodist Board of Missions, through its executive for Central and Southern Africa, has supported the action of the U.S. Government in closing the American consulate in Salisbury, Rhodesia, as of March 17.

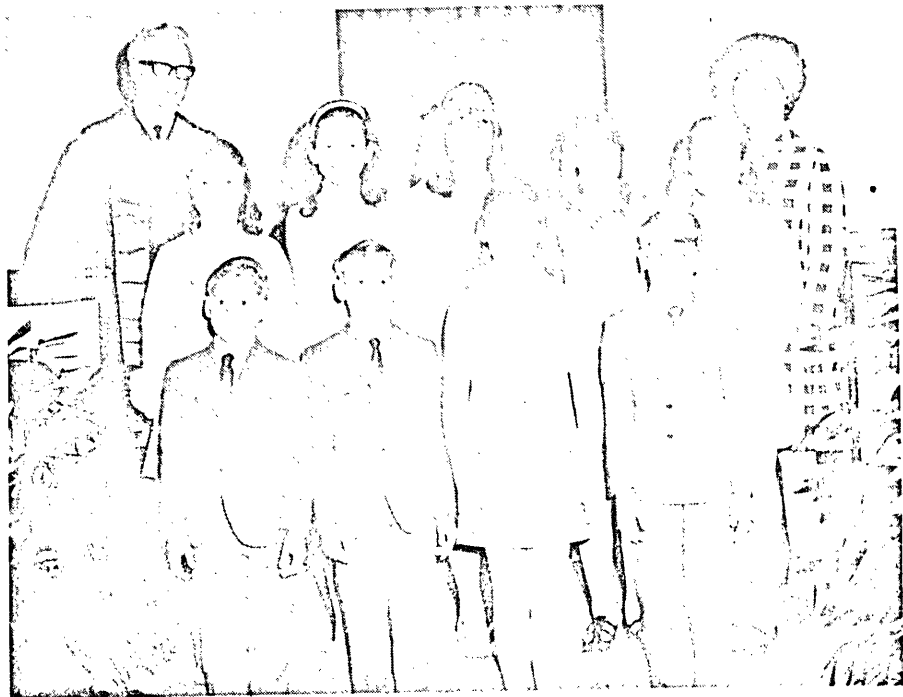
In a telegram to Secretary of State William P. Rogers, the board also said that "we hope that this is an indication of our Government's stand in relationship to the rights of the majority in Southern Africa."

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Cub Scouts from Dens 5 and 6 of Cub Pack 203 with Easter cup cakes they presented to the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas in Little Rock. Den Mothers, Mrs. Mary Thompson, Mrs. Shirley Lawrence and Mrs. Margaret Pickard are shown with them.



Membership Class of the St. James United Methodist Church in Little Rock, confirmed as Full Members in Palm Sunday services, March 22, shown with Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., pastor and Mrs. Garnier K. Puryear, class sponsor. St. James Church received its charter on April 6, 1969 and is presently in the initial phase of building construction at a site on Pleasant Valley Drive in west Little Rock. Services are now held at the Methodist Children's Home chapel.

WILL DUBLIN HAS RESIGNED as educational assistant at First United Methodist Church, Batesville, effective April 30, and will take a similar position at First United Methodist Church of Lake Charles, Louisiana. He has been working with the Rev. Arvill Brannon.

THE REV. J. W. MOORE of Paragould requests: "I need the following Journals of the Old Arkansas Conference: 1904, 1905, 1908, 1910, and 1911, to complete my set from 1890, until the White River and the Arkansas Conferences were united in 1914. I will pay a reasonable price for them."

THE OVER FIFTY CLUB of Arkadelphia had over 50 people attending the March luncheon held at First United Methodist Church. Mrs. Earl Ball presided. Plans were made for the scenic bus tour to Wilhelmena Park near Mena, April 9. Dr. Fred Harrison was host pastor.

BILL KENNEDY, song evangelist from England, has been guest soloist and song leader for the past five Sunday evenings during special emphasis services at Oak Forrest Church, Little Rock. The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft is pastor.

Two boys from the Terry Bell Choir at Methodist Children's Home take time out for a "listening session." Many worship services and concerts in which the choral groups have taken part have been recorded. The recorder is used as an educational tool in the new music room. Many enjoyable hours of listening and learning will come from this recording device.

