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Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare Robert W. Finch will deliver the address for the April 28 inauguration of Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr., president of Hendrix College.

## HEW Secretary to speak for Hendrix Inauguration

The Honorable Robert W. Finch, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare in President Nixon's Cabinet, will be the speaker for the inauguration of Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr. as president of Hendrix College on Tuesday, April 28.

Following the address by Mr. Finch, Dr. Shilling will speak and present the details of a five-year plan for the college. Students, faculty members, members of the administration and trustees have been at work on this plan for months and its release will be one of

the high points of the inaugural occasion.

The inaugural ceremony will begin at 10:00 a.m. in the courtyard of the O. C. Bailey Library. An academic procession preceding the ceremony will include representatives of colleges and universities from across the nation. Business and government leaders will also participate in this final event in the month-long series of programs which have marked this important milestone at Hendrix.

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## Bishop Wertz at Hendrix convocation

In the third of the inaugural convocations at Hendrix College on April 15, Bishop D. Frederick Wertz of West Virginia said that "the condemnation and the challenge of the church college today may be its salvation."

Speaking on "The Challenge of Change in the Church-Related College," the West Virginia bishop who is a former president of Lycoming College in Pennsylvania told the audience that "the time has passed when the church college can get by on its name."

He said, "We must deal with issues using the most modern facilities. 'This is all expensive and some say the

church cannot afford it. The church can afford nothing less."

He said that church related higher education must be a community of learning. "On such a campus," affirmed Bishop Wertz, "no student must ever have the feeling that no one cares."

Following the address by Bishop Wertz the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity was conferred upon the Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, pastor of First

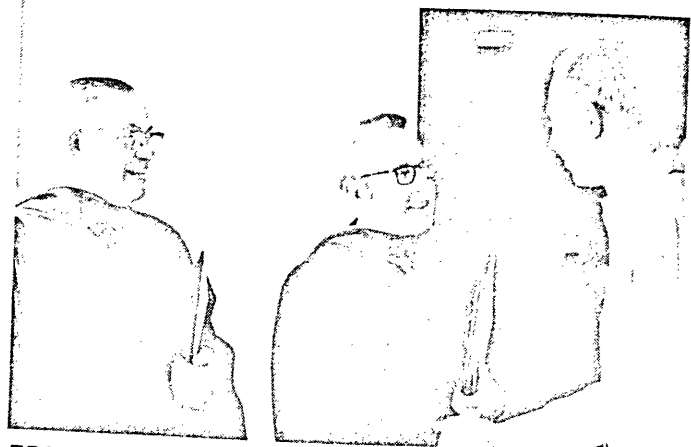
United Methodist Church, Blytheville, and the Rev. John W. Lindsay, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff.

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Bishop D. Frederick Wertz (left), speaker for the April 15 Convocation at Hendrix College visits informally with Dr. Roy B. Shilling Jr. whose inauguration as President of Hendrix College will occur on Tuesday, April 28.



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FROM LEFT: The Rev. Virgil D. Keeley, pastor of First Church, Blytheville, and the Rev. John A. Lindsay, pastor of First Church, Pine Bluff, recipients of honorary Doctor of Divinity degrees at the April 15 Convocation at Hendrix College, receive congratulations from unidentified well-wisher.

## Methodist offices in new locations

The offices of the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas and the files of the Little Rock Conference Commission on Archives and History were relocated this week as the occupants of the Methodist Headquarters Building at 1723 Broadway began their exodus from the building in accordance with their lease agreement with the owners of the building.

The new address of the Methodist Foundation is 209½ W. Second Street, Little Rock, Ark., 72201. The historical files will be kept in storage until the completion of the new office space at First Church, Little Rock.

The Program Council of the Little Rock Conference will be moving on April 25 to Suite 920 in the Rector Building, Third and Spring Streets, Little Rock, Ark., 72201.

The offices of the Area Treasurer will be located after April 23, on the ground floor of Winfield United Methodist Church, 16th and Louisiana, Little Rock. The mailing address of the treasurer will remain unchanged—Box 6009, Little Rock, Ark., 72206.

The last two offices to be relocated will be those of Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent, and The Arkansas Methodist. Moving day for both of these offices

will be May 2 when they will go to the Rector Building. Dr. Hozendorf's new address will be Room 910, Rector Building, Little Rock, Ark. 72201. The offices of The Arkansas Methodist will be in Suite 520, Rector Building, but their mailing address will remain the same—Box 3547, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

The telephone numbers of all offices will remain the same as they have been.

The headquarters building, located at the northeast corner of 18th and Broadway in Little Rock, was completed in 1956. It was sold in the early part of 1964 to the Elizabeth Mitchell Home as part of long-range plans for a new headquarters building. Since then the offices have been rented from that institution which is located just east of the property. Sometime ago that home was merged with the Pulaski County Child Guidance Center and their united operation will occupy the 1723 Broadway building beginning May 1.

The Methodist offices will come together in the same building when the addition to First Church, Little Rock, is completed sometime next year.

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## BULLETIN from St. Louis

Reacting to the disruption of a Sunday morning worship service by a predominantly white youth group at the major downtown United Methodist Church, delegates displayed the jitters as they went into the opening sessions of the General Conference in Kiel Auditorium in St. Louis Monday, April 20.

However, no attempt was made to disrupt the opening Communion Service or the reading of the episcopal address which occupied the first half-day of the conference.

Reports in the corridor spoke of a possible executive session limited to delegates only, and of major additional financial demands that could be expected from black groups. The consensus in the press room and corridors is that both of these reports are well-founded.

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## Bishop Galloway to consecrate Youth Center

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will preach the consecration sermon for the new Youth Center at First United Methodist Church in Conway on Sunday, May 24. Construction of the facility is scheduled for completion not later than May 20, according to the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor.

The building will be available for meetings of pastors during the annual meeting of the North Arkansas Conference when it convenes at First Church Monday, May 25. The sessions will continue through Thursday, May 28.

Other improvements of the church plant, also nearing completion, include the remodeling of a portion of the main floor, enlarging and redecoration of the pastor's study and the church office, and revamping of the air-conditioning system. Generous gifts of money have been contributed by individuals to furnish the new Youth Center.

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## Year of study completed by Merger Committee

The Inter-Conference Study Committee on Merger submits the following report:

"In Stage I, we have engaged in a fruitful year of study considering the advantages and disadvantages of uniting the North Arkansas and Little Rock Annual Conferences.

In the conference year 1970, a Plan of Union will be drafted, requesting all the boards, agencies and commissions of the two conferences to make available information and lend assistance in formulating said plan whereby we fulfill the obligations of Stage II — which is to submit a possible Plan of Union to the conference sessions of 1971."

Stage II called for in the original resolution will have this Plan of Union before the church for one year for consideration, culminating in a vote in 1972 on the merger of the two conferences.

The Inter-Conference Committee on Merger is comprised of 20 ministers and laymen from both conferences, with Dr. Ethan Dodgen and Dr. Roy Bagley serving as co-chairmen.

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Though it is true that science presents no weighty evidence for life eternal, it is only fair to point out also that science has found no cogent reason for supposing that what is of importance in a man can be buried in a grave. The truth is that science cannot supply a definite answer to this question. Immortality relates to an aspect of life which is not physical, that is, which cannot be detected and measured by any instrument, and to which the application of the laws of science can at best be only a well-considered guess. — Arthur H. Compton: **The Freedom of Man**



Mr. David Rae Flynn, 25, a native of Warrington, England and former administrative assistant at Methodist Hospital in Memphis, has been elevated to the position of assistant administrator by Mr. C. Henry Hottum, Jr., administrator. Flynn holds a degree from the University of Texas at Austin and a Master of Science degree in Hospital Administration from Trinity University. He served his residency in hospital administration under the preceptorship of Mr. Hottum, is affiliated with various hospital administration organizations and has had extensive practical administrative experience.

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Raiji Rathod (right) is shown with his daughter Sheela Rathod, who is studying at Texas Women's University in Denton, Texas, and Mr. and Mrs. Joe Nelson and daughter Mrs. Mary Jo Rogers. The Nelsons are active in the Grand Avenue Church and have been strong supporters of Raiji for many years.

## Raiji Rathod returns for a visit

More than twenty years ago the Rigsby Church School Class at Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, began supporting a young man from India who was studying for the ministry. Since that time the congregation has broadened its interest in his ministry by providing \$2,200 to build a church in his District.

Early in April, for the third time in fourteen years, the Rev. Raiji Rathod

returned for a visit to Grand Avenue. He preached at the morning worship service April 12 and showed slides of the work in India that evening.

Today, Raiji is the Superintendent of the Ahmedabad District in India and also serves as pastor of a congregation of more than 1,500. The Rev. Ralph E. Hale is pastor of the Grand Avenue church.

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## CAMDEN COUPLE SERVING IN OKINAWA

S.Sgt and Mrs. Waymon M. Greening, members of the Fairview United Methodist Church in Camden, recently accompanied a group of 75 senior high school students from Naha Air Base Chapel in Okinawa on a retreat to Japan. Sgt. Greening is on a tour of duty with the United States Air Force at the Okinawa base. The group is known throughout the island of Okinawa as "The Godsquad." While in Japan the student group visited Expo '70 and were invited to present a musical program at the Christian Pavillion.

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## ROBERT BURNEY WILSON

The funeral service for Robert Burney Wilson, 75, was held in First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, Monday, April 13. He had died on Saturday, April 11. Mr. Wilson was an active layman in his own local church and was for many years a member of the Joint Commission for the Arkansas and Louisiana Methodist.

He was a veteran of World War I and was a member of the El Dorado Rotary Club and the El Dorado Chamber of Commerce. He was the owner of the El Dorado House, a clothing store.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Albertine Miles Wilson; a son, Joe Wilson of Texas; a daughter, Mrs. Lynn Clary of Mississippi; two sisters, Mrs. C. H. Murphy, Sr. and Mrs. R. R. Brown, Sr., both of El Dorado; and 10 grandchildren.



## Robert Price receives Fellowship

Robert E. Price, graduate ministerial student at Duke University whose home is in Little Rock, has been named a George E. Norman Fellow at that institution for the 1970-71 school year. He will receive a grant of \$2,000 for the year.

He will be pursuing a Ph.D. degree in religion in the Graduate School at Duke, and will be concentrating in the area of Biblical Studies with a minor in Classical Studies. He is particularly interested in the Jewish background of the New Testament. The chairman of his dissertation committee is Dr. W. D. Davis, well-known New Testament scholar.

Robert is a graduate of Central High School, Little Rock, and of Columbia University and Union Theological Seminary in New York. He is already a student in the Graduate School at Duke and is serving as the acting public information director for the Duke Athletic Department.

APRIL 23, 1970

# Editorial

## APOLLO 13 AND NATIONAL THANKSGIVING

It has been estimated that the largest single television audience the world has ever known was that which watched as the crew of Apollo 13 returned from their recent near-tragic journey to the moon. This was in sharp contrast to the attitude expressed by many people a week earlier when the mission had "blasted off." Millions of people did not even bother to watch the beginning of the flight, taking the position that "if you've seen one, you've seen them all." This writer must confess that he found himself so busy in the yard on launching day that he did not see the blast-off.

However, it did not take long for the entire world to respond to the news that the crew was in trouble. Soon after the first abortive signs were reported from outer space every television viewer and every radio listener in the world forgot the brand of trouble about which he was worrying at the moment and became one with the members of the astronauts' families and the thousands of people at the Space Center upon which so much depended.

By the time the beautiful three parachutes were sighted above the carrier Iwo Jima in the South Seas and the vehicle came to rest in a perfect recovery landing every man, woman and child on earth was in the watching—and praying—audience. We are sure that despite the wide barriers that separated them politically, religiously and culturally billions of earth people whispered their equivalent of the Doxology when the astronauts were safe aboard the carrier.

Now there will be many "second thoughts" about the flight of Apollo 13, and we have a feeling that many who have not previously lifted their voices in criticism of the space program will be telling us that the "near-miss" of this flight proves something or other concerning the space program. We have already heard some commentators say that the miraculous recovery of this crew proves that we should send no more astronauts into space. This writer does not feel himself well enough informed to make any such judgment. However, he would like to make a few observations for the careful consideration of his readers.

First, it is our understanding that most of the hardware—the expensive dollars-and-cents expenditure — has already been manufactured and is on the ground at Cape Kennedy. Thus, the spectacular savings in tax dollars that an abandonment of the program now might be anticipated to bring would simply not happen.

Then, we are deeply concerned that there be no exploitation of these recent dramatic events in the ever-widening conflict between the advocates of two brands of patriotism in our land. We feel sure that the emotion-packed hours that characterized the last week will help to make this group of astronauts greater heroes in the thinking of many people than those who walked on the moon. In our book the astronauts are all heroes — even those who never make it away from Houston. We do hope that no one in the administration will use this human drama as the launching pad for a series of arguments against those who would criticize anything the government is doing. In other words, Apollo 13, should not become the toll of any group of extremists — not even those of a religious persuasion.

Because these events came so near to the date of Earth Day, April 22, when the spotlight of public opinion is being focused on the environmental problems that confront us, it will naturally elicit a number of observations calling the consciences of men back from the far horizons to issues that lie much closer to home. This can be a positive shift of priorities and one we should welcome.

Certainly nothing has caught fire in America like the emphasis

on the threats of the polluted environment. We know that the General Conference of the United Methodist Church now in session in St. Louis will be having a great deal to say about this. It would not be too reckless a prediction on the part of this editor to guess that on Earth Day, 1970 an innovative program will be approved by the delegates in St. Louis that will challenge United Methodists to see their responsibility in this realm of stewardship.

We who often condemn the communications media, and especially television, should take note that without such a tool we could not have been as closely identified with the events of these recent days. Some few say it would be a blessing to have not been so intimately related to Apollo 13. However, it is our conviction that the great majority feel something deep within them akin to thanksgiving and are so happy that they could be as close to the astronauts and their families as they were.

But let nothing divert our attention from the fact that the next priority item on the agenda of man concerns inner space. The skills and imaginations of the men who sat at the consoles of the computers in the Space Centers should give the lie to any suggestion that this problem is beyond our solution.

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### The Editor's Corner



#### RECOLLECTIONS OF A POLITICAL SUMMER

During the summer of 1930, after my first year in college, I worked in the abstract office of J. Robert Blair in my hometown of Paragould, Ark. Not only did I learn about the abstract business, but I received a good education in Democratic party politics.

Mr. Blair was the secretary of the Greene County Democratic Central Committee. He was out of the office a great deal helping the political campaign of a candidate for circuit judge, and it fell my lot to receive the filing fees and applications for candidates for county judge.

This was the first primary election following the 1928 Presidential Election in which Herbert Hoover had defeated Alfred E. Smith of New York. For a variety of reasons many Arkansas Democrats had "bolted" the party and refused to vote for Al Smith.

The 1930 effort to keep the party "pure" involved a pledge on the part of all candidates that they had voted for Mr. Smith and not for Mr. Hoover. I do not remember the exact wording of the pledge they were asked to sign, but it did present a real dilemma to some of them.

I suppose some of the party faithful in Arkansas, and perhaps Louisiana, are going through some of the same emotional reaction as persons who did not support the Democratic nominee for President in 1968 present themselves as candidates in the primaries.

Speaking of turmoil over the 1929 election, I suppose no one ever groaned over the choices confronting him as my dear father did. A Democratic faithful from way back in the 19th century, there was probably only one thing that took precedence over his loyalty to the party—and that was his commitment to the Eighteenth Amendment and his conviction that Prohibition was right. Frankly, I never discovered whether he voted for Mr. Smith or Mr. Hoover. I have a strong feeling that this was one election he missed.

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# NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The odds on the entire biblical book of Isaiah being written by the same author are only 1 in 100,000 according to computerized investigation by Dr. Yehuda Radday, a Haifa educator and linguist who contends that his data conclusively supports the long-held theory that chapters 1-39 and chapters 40-66 of the important prophetic book are written by different writers. The data was programmed for three computers—at Hebrew University, Aachen, Germany, and Haifa.

Young people from the First United Methodist church, Manhattan, Kans., participated in the first youth seminar conducted by Americans United for Separation of Church and State. In a two-day visit to the nation's Capital, the 40 students met with the staff of Americans United to discuss current church-state issues—particularly in Kansas—and the history of problems relating to religious freedom in the U. S. A spring and summer seminar series sponsored in cooperation with local churches and high school groups throughout the nation will be concerned with "contemporary problems of religious freedom."

Dr. Cecil Northcott, religion editor of London's Daily Telegraph, reports that the World Council Faith and Order Commission in an effort to bring about a fixed date for the Easter celebration has suggested two possible dates to its 235 Protestant and Orthodox churches. One proposal would fix Easter as the first Sunday following the first full moon of Spring. The second would fix the celebration on the Sunday following the second Saturday of April, or sometime between April 9 and 15. Protestants and Catholics, who both follow the Gregorian calendar already observe the same Easter day. The Orthodox churches, following the Julian calendar, observe Easter on the first Sunday after Jewish Passover.

Holy Cross Episcopal church, Castaner, Puerto Rica, has installed a facility believed to be a first in the world-wide Anglican Communion: an immersion tank. Immersion is a form of baptism approved but seldom used in Anglicanism. The permanent baptistry was first used on Easter when four youngsters were baptized by immersion. Vicar Sterling Rayburn said: "Our action is reinforced not only by conviction, but by the presence of three immersing churches in our community—Baptist, Church of the Brethren and Pentecostal."

Representatives of 93 coffee houses from across the nation, including 36 that are church-sponsored, attended a National Coffee House Conference in New York. The conference, sponsored by Coffee Information Service, coffee industry financed agency, attracted more than 225 young people and adult sponsors from 93 coffee houses in 27 states. A representative of a coffee house in Florida drew a distinction between a "Christian" coffee house and one church-sponsored. He said, "Most of them just discuss problems. We present Jesus Christ as the answer to problems."

A Chicago Sun-Times religion editor and former Protestant clergyman, Roy Larsen, told participants in a Lutheran liturgical and arts conference in Valparaiso, Indiana that the primary question of worship today is not "how" but "whom" shall be worshipped.

Brother Robert Giscard, monk from the famed Protestant monastery at Taize in southern France, warned on an "Encounters with Youth" dialogue that many young people, Catholic and Protestant alike, have received "only a religious formation of practices, of laws and moralisms. For the majority, this kind of religion is nothing and when they face the challenge of human reality, in the university or in some other areas, they realize the emptiness of this form of religion. Then they are confronted with a crisis of faith," he continued, "which must be met with a truly Christian answer of life that they had really never learned." Brother Giscard said "some remain in a vacuum, but others with a great desire to fulfill themselves move to a realization of the authenticity of Christianity."

During the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission's recent seminar—"Toward Authentic Morality for Modern Man"—held in Atlanta, Ga., Dr. William Pinson of Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary and Anson Mount, an executive of Playboy magazine debated the "Playboy Philosophy." Dr. Pinson said the Playboy outlook is vague, inaccurate, presents an inadequate view of humanity and treats women as "things and toys."

The New Mexico State Board of Education voted, 7-2, to give local school systems the option of introducing elective high school courses in religious literature. The board's action also asked the Department of Education to select instructional materials for the course and to set up standards for special training. The proposal was initiated by the N. M. Council of Churches. The Albuquerque Classroom Teachers Assn. passed a resolution endorsing teaching of the course and recommended that teachers be trained in suitable subject matter and techniques. The course will be based on readings in the Bible, the Koran and other writings of religious significance in Western civilization.

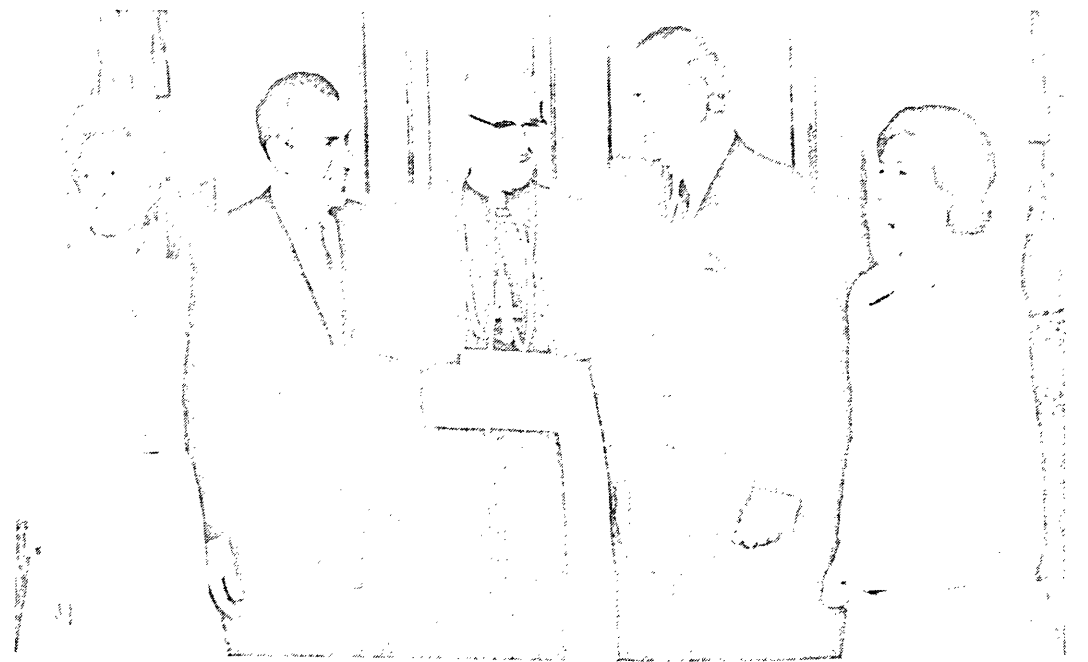
The American Bible Society will establish The Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Bible Fund as a tribute to the former President for his role in promoting religious faith in America. ABS officials explained that soon after the death of Gen. Eisenhower in 1969, the Society began to receive a "spontaneous outpouring . . . of unsolicited gifts in memory of this beloved soldier-statesman." The Bible Fund was envisioned as an appropriate means of distributing "Scriptures in his memory to the Armed Forces, to the areas of the world dear to Gen. Eisenhower, and to spiritually hungry people everywhere."

Churches will make little impact on society of the future unless they begin to study the future, a scientist who is president of the Minnesota Chapter of the World Future Society told a conference of American Lutheran Church clergymen meeting in Minneapolis. Religious groups today "seem to be spending time rushing ahead to solve yesterday's problems tomorrow," commented Earl C. Joseph, chief scientist of the Univac Federal Systems Division of Sperry Rand Corp., St. Paul. Mr. Joseph said technological advances will bring new questions for the Church to answer.

Memorial events commemorating the 25th anniversary of the martyrdom of Dietrich Bonhoeffer, a major shaper of contemporary theology, were held at Union Theological Seminary, in New York, at Flossenburg, Germany, where he was hanged on April 9, 1945 at the hands of the Nazis, and in London, England. On the basis of letters from prison, short theological works and notes from his teaching days, Bonhoeffer has affected the course of contemporary theology in both Protestantism and Roman Catholicism.

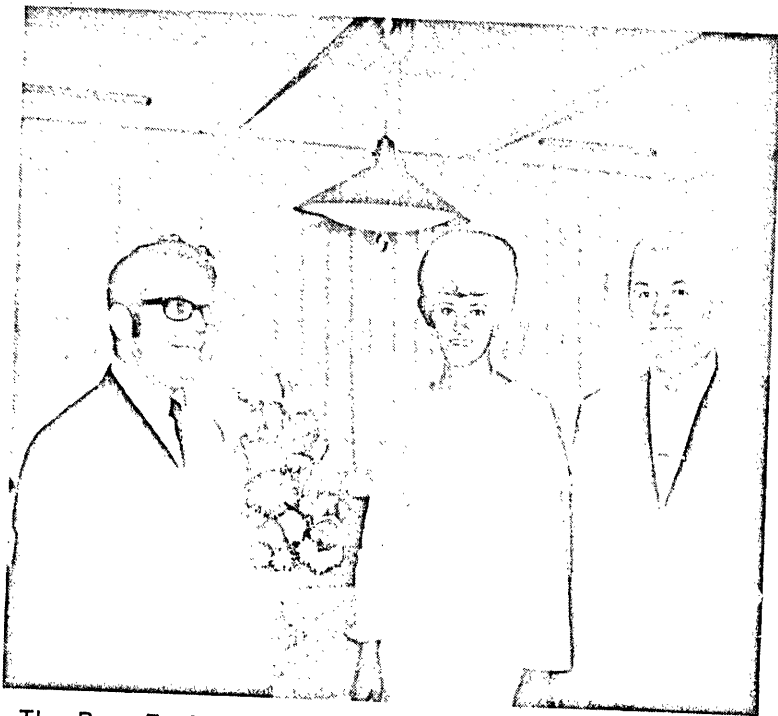
Western missionaries will need better qualifications in medicine, education and theology if they are to justify their presence in Asia from now on according to a prediction by an Australian Anglican prelate upon his return to Sydney following a meeting of the International Council of the Bible and Missionary Fellowship in New Delhi, India. Coadjutor Bishop Arthur J. Dain said "the Western section must have representatives in Asia, but they should leave actual proclamations of faith to the Asians."

The Watchtower Bible and Tract Society, a legal agency for Jehovah's witnesses has recently acquired the huge, ten-building complex of the Squibb pharmaceutical plant in Brooklyn, New York. The interconnected buildings where the Squibb company at one time employed some 800 workers are located at the foot of the Brooklyn Bridge. On Columbia Heights, up the hill from the newly acquired property are the administrative offices and missionary school, as well as the residence for more than 1,300 headquarters' personnel—all interconnected by underground tunnels and filling a major part of three city blocks. By the end of 1970, according to a recent edition of The Watchtower publication, 39 forty-ton presses will be in operation at the Brooklyn headquarters, in addition to large printing plants in Canada, England, Germany, South Africa, Scandinavian countries and Switzerland.



WASHINGTON, D.C. — President and Mrs. Nixon are shown with former President and Mrs. Lyndon Johnson and John Cardinal Krol at the White House. Cardinal Krol, Roman Catholic Archbishop of Philadelphia, led an ecumenical worship service at the Executive Mansion. The Johnsons were in Washington on a visit. (RNS Photo)





The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell (left), pastor of St. Paul UM Church in El Dorado, was host for an Open House held at the parsonage Sunday afternoon, April 12. Shown with him are Mr. George Price, chairman of the Administrative Board and Mrs. Price, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service. Mr. Connell, former associate director of the Little Rock Program Council, went to the St. Paul assignment in January.



Staff members for the April 6 Monticello District Vacation Church School Workshop held at Crossett UM Church. FROM left: the Rev. Sam Jones, Mrs. Jimmy Pylate, Mrs. N. J. Garrett, district coordinator of Children's Ministry, Miss Mamie L. Adams, Mrs. Jamie W. Turner and Mrs. John L. Tucker, Little Rock Conference director of Children's Work. This was the first of six district workshops to be held in the Little Rock Conference. The Rev. Ferris W. Norton was host pastor.

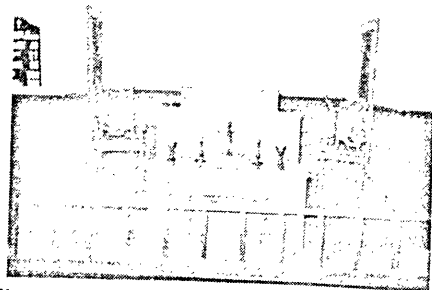
### GROUPS DRIVE 90 MILES TO SERVE SUPPERS TO LAY WITNESSES

When the Fisher-Weiner Charge, Jonesboro District, held a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of April 10-12, two groups from North Little Rock churches traveled 90 miles to serve the Friday and Saturday suppers and wash dishes to enable local members to participate in the mission.

The Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, of which the Rev. Roy Poyner is pastor, sent workers on Friday. Rose City - Beacon Church members drove the same distance Saturday evening for the "labor of love." The Rev. Calvin Mitchell is their minister.

Bill Woodsmall, a member of the Washington Avenue Church, was coordinator for the mission, and Lee Davidson from State College of Arkansas at Jonesboro was the youth coordinator. The mission had 17 visiting adult witnesses and 10 visiting youth witnesses.

The Rev. John Lee is pastor of the Weiner and Fisher Churches.



The New Bethel Church in Prairie County has just completed a remodeling program in the sanctuary. The new pulpit, communion table, clergy chairs and cross are shown. Carpet in red mingled with black has also been installed. An acolyte program is being initiated for the morning worship services with Mrs. Duke Morton directing it. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is pastor.

### CHARLES A. WELLS TO VISIT LITTLE ROCK SUNDAY



Charles A. Wells, news analyst, illustrator, and publisher of note, will be the speaker at the final session of the mission study at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, on Sunday, April 26, at 7 p.m. His widely circulated newsletter "Between the Lines" furnishes condensed and highly selective reports on issues and trends of importance.

Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church, discussed "Reconciliation in a Broken World" at the opening session of the Pulaski Heights Church-wide study, April 5.

"Conflict in Drama" was featured on Sunday evening, April 12, as 11th and 12th grade youths under the supervision of Mrs. Mattie Mae Rice presented three skits. Mr. and Mrs. Bob Sells directed groups in "The Glass Wall," "Thunderbird," and "Social Trip."

Miss Lenita Wixson, former US-2 from Fisher, Arkansas, who is now a teacher at Boyland-Mather Academy, Methodist Mission School for Negroes in South Carolina, was the speaker at the April 19 session.

### "GLORIA"

a choral work by Antonio Vivaldi, Italian composer, will be presented by the Pulaski Heights UM Sanctuary Choir, under the direction of Richard Lines, on Wednesday, April 29 at 7:30 p.m., at Woodlawn and Monroe Streets in Little Rock. Accompaniment will include a string quintet, two oboes, two trumpets and organ. In addition Mrs. Robert Shoemaker, organist, will present a semi-recital.



### JEWELL EFIRD NURSERY DEDICATED AT ST. PAUL

The Jewell Efird Nursery was dedicated in St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, April 5.

The late Mrs. Ernest Efird was memorialized "for her loving, faithful and continuous service in supervising the nursery on Sunday mornings, beginning in 1938 and ending in 1969."

Participants in the service were Frank Dean, chairman of the Council on Ministries, Emmett Darr, lay leader, Dr. Thayer Hendrickson, chairman of the Administrative Board, the Rev. James R. Scott, minister, and the Rev. Gary Goldman, associate.

A permanent nameplate was affixed over the nursery door following the morning worship.

Family members present for the ceremony were her husband, Ernest Efird, daughter, Jo Anne Efird of Charlotte, N.C., son, the Rev. Gene Efird of the Arkansas Release Guidance Foundation, and his wife and children.

Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Smelley are serving as directors of the entire study.



Mrs. Allen

### LR First names education assistant

Mrs. Vicki Allen of Conway will assume the duties of Education assistant at First United Methodist Church in Little Rock on May 1. She is the wife of Dr. Harold Allen, professor of German at Hendrix College in Conway.

Mrs. Allen was born in Sheridan, Wyoming, and after her marriage came to the University of Arkansas where her husband completed his Ph.D. degree. They spent a year of study at the University of Hamburg, in Germany, coming to Hendrix in 1963. She has served as Education assistant at First Church in Conway since 1967, and graduated from Hendrix in 1969. The Allen's have two children—Brad, 11 and John Jack, 5.

Mrs. Allen is a certified youth laboratory leader for middle and senior high school youth. She will be the director of the Laboratory Enterprise for the South Central Jurisdiction next summer, and will be on the staff of the Regional Youth Rally at Mt. Sequoyah.

# NEWS and NOTES

DR. ETHAN DODGEN, Forrest City district superintendent, preached at the Aubrey Church at 9 a.m. April 5, and at the Lexa Church at 11 a.m. After a pot-luck dinner served at the Aubrey School lunchroom, the Charge Conference was held. The Rev. Charles E. Reed is pastor of the Aubrey, LaGrange and Lexa Churches.

MR. AND MRS. BILL CORNWELL, members of Center Church on the Dierks Charge, celebrated their Golden Wedding anniversary Sunday afternoon, April 12. Friends had a reception and gifts for them in the Center Church. Their pastor, the Rev. Charlie V. Mashburn, had a "This is Your Life" program for them.

THE REV. JAMES BARTON, pastor of Grace United Methodist Church of Searcy, preached Holy Week services at the Quitman United Methodist Church where the Rev. Otha Strayhorn is pastor.

"WHAT HAPPENED AT DAYTONA BEACH" was presented in First Church, Jonesboro, by five Arkansas State University students during the Sunday-at-Six service, April 12. Mika Brown, Danny Thomas, Pat Brown, Mike Clary and Janie Brummett were participants in "Operation Sunshine," designed as a Christian mission to college students the weekend of Easter. The trip was financed in part by classes and individuals of the Jonesboro Church of which the Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

A PULPIT EXCHANGE in Rogers was in observance of Consultation on Church Union Sunday, April 12. Participants were the First Presbyterian, St. Andrew Episcopal, First Christian and Central Methodist Churches. The Rev. B. Ernest O'Donnell, Christian minister, and the Rev. Charles McDonald, Methodist minister, exchanged pulpits.

SISTER MARY DEBORAH, administrator of Mount St. Mary's in Little Rock, told about the changes that are taking place in the Roman Catholic Church, when she was guest speaker in the Jacksonville United Methodist Church, April 5. The Rev. Bob Edwards was host pastor.

THE LEPANTO UNITED Methodist Church will have a church study April 26, 27 and 28 with Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro as guest teacher. The study is sponsored by the Commission on Missions in cooperation with the Women's Society. Mrs. T. B. Goldsby is chairman of the work area of missions. The Rev. Vernon Paysinger is pastor.

ROBERT SARVER, superintendent of the Arkansas Penal System, was the speaker for the April 21 meeting of United Methodist Men in First Church, North Little Rock.

THE YOUTH FELLOWSHIP of Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, held a planning retreat at Mt. Magazine, April 11 and 12. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Mixon are counselors for the group. The Rev. John Workman is their pastor.

WEST MEMPHIS SENIOR HIGHS of First Church, under the direction of Wylie Tate, have assembled a program of music featuring guitars, folk and pop music, a comedy routine, duets, solos and a chorus. They have presented the program for the Bethel Class, for United Methodist Men, and in nursing homes. The Rev. Clint Burleson is their pastor.

MRS. MATTIE MAE HARDAWAY has assumed the position as educational assistant in First United Methodist Church of Texarkana. She will be working with Dr. Ralph T. Hillis, pastor.

## P. K. KORNER

STEPHEN PATRICK DICKINSON, son of Patricia Rose and Anthony Wayne Dickinson of England, Ark., was dedicated in infant baptism in the Okolona Church April 5 by his grand-father, the Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr.

NANCY RACHEL PETERSON was born to Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Peterson of Houston, Texas, March 25. Mrs. Peterson is the former Sarah Bagley, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Roy Bagley of the Camden District. Mr. Peterson is political cartoonist with the Houston Chronicle.

## 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 26—Sun. ....	I Sam. 17:41-50
April 27 .....	Dan. 1:1-17
April 28 .....	Dan. 3:13-28
April 29 .....	Dan. 6:10-23
April 30 .....	Acts 4:5-21
May 1 .....	Acts 4:23-31
May 2 .....	Acts 6:8-11, 7:1-2, 51-60
May 3—Sunday ....	II Sam. 9:1-13

## DeQUEEN CHURCH LIBRARY NAMED FOR LIBRARIAN

The DeQueen United Methodist congregation dedicated the Hubert and Jodie Graves' Memorial Library to the glory of God and in memory of Hubert and Jodie Graves on Sunday morning, March 15.

The library, which shelves over 1500 volumes, is one of the finest church libraries in the state, largely due to the interest and hard work of Mrs. Graves.

Much work has recently been done to refurbish the library, including acquisition of new shelves, carpet, desk, chairs, additional books, and a picture of the first librarian (Mrs. Hubert 'Jodie' Graves).

The present librarians are Mrs. Hyder Shull and Miss Murble Smith, both sisters of Mrs. Graves. The Rev. David B. Wilson is the DeQueen pastor.

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GUEST SPEAKER at the Cavanaugh United Methodist Church in Fort Smith during the morning worship April 5, was Dr. Harold Eggenberger, executive secretary of the North Arkansas Conference Program Council. Pastor of Cavanaugh is the Rev. Larry D. Powell.

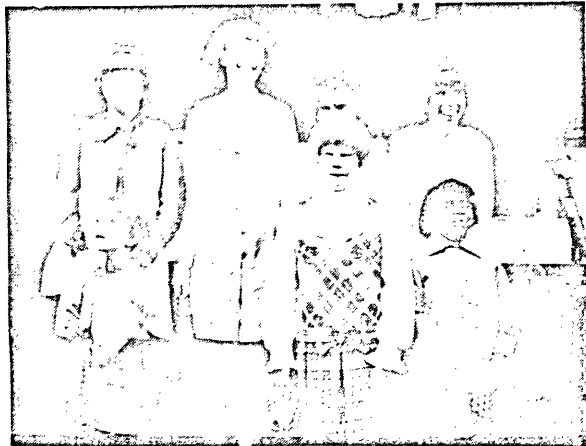
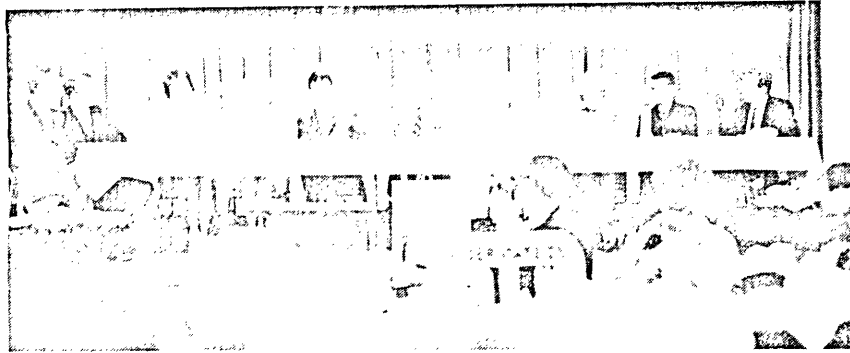
PRESLEY CHAPEL United Methodist Church, Fayetteville District, held its annual Easter service at 9:45 a.m. Artie Hatfield directed the choir, accompanied by Jessie Owens at the piano. Speaker at the service was the pastor, the Rev. Van Hooker, who held a baptismal service after the message. An Easter egg hunt, lunch, group singing and prayer were featured in the afternoon.

ASBURY CHURCH IN MAGNOLIA held a Lay Witness Mission April 10-12 with Jay Lawhon of McCrory serving as coordinator. The Rev. Clyde N. Swift was host pastor to the visiting witnesses who numbered 20 adults and 16 youths from nine Arkansas churches. Bob Johnson was general chairman. The Sunday evening evaluation had more than 50 local members expressing positive reaction to the mission. Twenty-four youths and nine adults have expressed a desire to share in other lay missions.

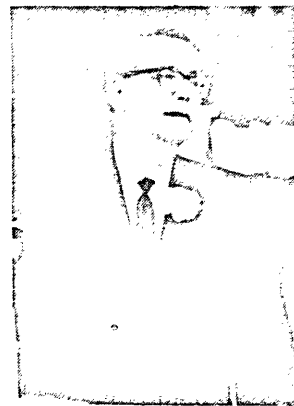
## Annual dinner for friends of Aldersgate

"Aldersgate is ---" was the theme of the annual public dinner meeting of the Board of Directors of Aldersgate Methodist Camp, held in Pulaske Heights United Methodist Church at Little Rock, April 1.

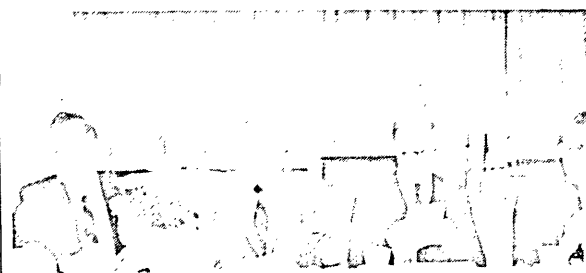
What Aldersgate is was revealed in the course of the evening as chairmen explained the purpose of each committee in a simulated board meeting. The group pictured below represented the board and revealed what the camp "is" and projected future plans.



A group of students from the Arkansas School for the Blind entertained with songs. Blind students are one of the most appreciative groups attending summer camp, where many learn to swim.



Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of the host church, emphasized that Aldersgate "is caring" as he spoke to the 150 dinner guests.



Among those at the head table during the Aldersgate dinner were, from left: Ray Tribble, camp director, the Rev. James R. Scott, board president, Ed Wimberly, chairman of the task force on reconciliation, and Dr. Jim Argue, speaker of the evening.

## Arkansans chosen for free trip to Women's Assembly at Houston



Janette Dacus



Patsy Newcome

Two Arkansas women have won expense-paid trips to the Women's Division Assembly to be held in Houston, Texas, May 7-10.

They are Mrs. Benton Newcome of Portland (Monticello District), representing the Little Rock Conference; and Miss Janette Dacus of Beech Grove (Paragould District), representing the North Arkansas Conference.

Along with the other conference winners, they submitted themes of one-hundred words or less stating their understanding of the Assembly theme "Choose Life". And along with the others, they represent youthful presidents — those under 35 years of age.

Miss Dacus is perhaps the youngest Women's Society president in the na-

tion to attend the Houston Assembly. She was 17 years old when elected president of the 35 member Beech Grove Women's Society of Christian Service. She had just graduated from high school, but was already experienced in the work. Janette had presented many programs for the local society, but gives credit for her real training to Mrs. Tyler Williams, Paragould District WSCS president, whom she served as personal secretary. She works with the Nursery Class in church school, and with the youth program on Sunday evenings.

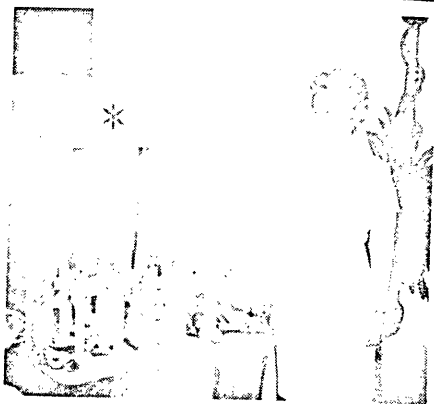
Mrs. Newcome (Patsy), 27 years of age, is serving her second year as president, and has previously served as secretary of missionary education and also of spiritual growth. She has been district secretary of Christian social relations. Patsy has taught church school two years and has been UMY sponsor several months, in addition to serving as a Red Cross volunteer in the Chicot County Memorial Hospital. She is the mother of two pre-school sons.

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### TEA AT WINFIELD FOR INTERNATIONAL WOMEN

Methodist women of the Little Rock area will have a coffee on Tuesday morning, April 28, to honor Mrs. E. Simpson Cooper from Liberia and Dean Juanita Mei from Taiwan. They are in America to attend General Conference April 20-24 and Women's Assembly May 7-10. Church Women United of Central Arkansas are entertaining them during the week they visit Little Rock.

Mrs. Cooper is vice-president of the World Federation of Methodist Women.

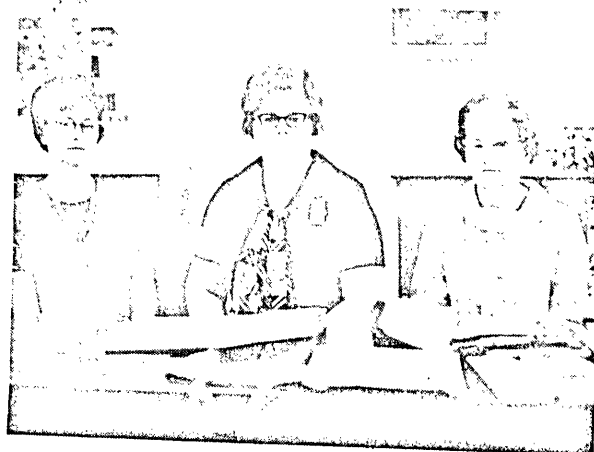


Mrs. D. C. Neal held the Memorial Service for 16 Guild members.

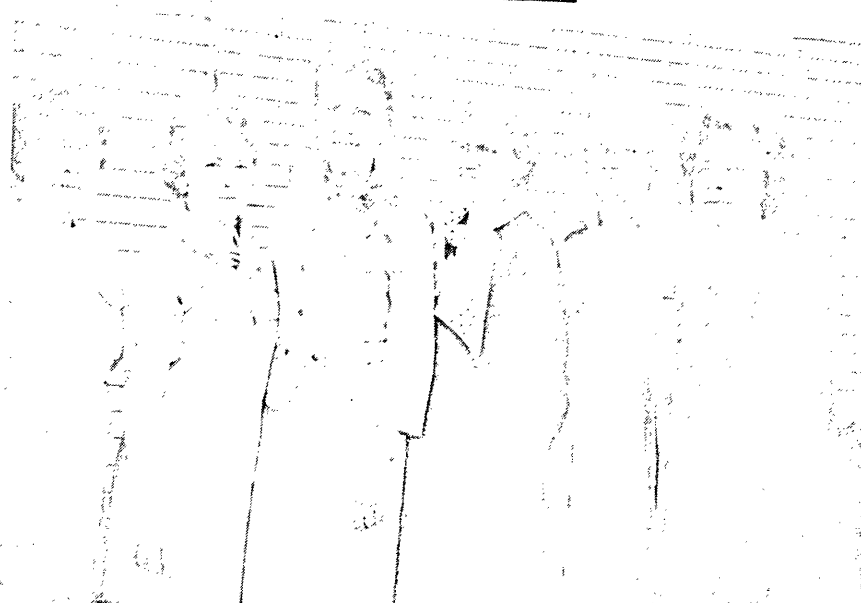
## Scenes from Guild Conference at Ft. Smith

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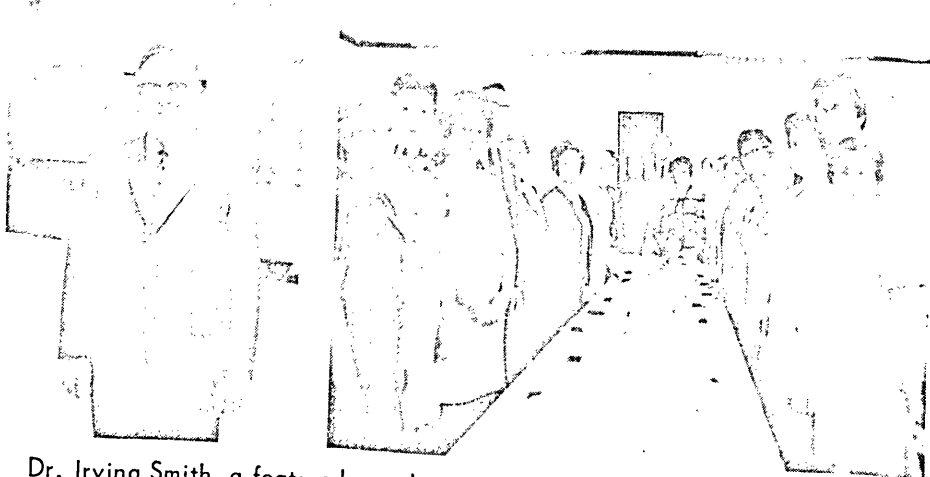
The North Arkansas Wesleyan Service Guild met at Fort Smith, First Church, April 11 and 12, under the leadership of these three: Mrs. Truman Stephens, at right, is conference secretary; Mrs. Glenn Hammond, center, is recording secretary; Mrs. James Nix is treasurer for both Guild and WSCS. All were re-elected.



Other leadership is taken by these four officers, shown sitting in front of the West Memphis banner entry. From left: Miss Kathleen Sharp is chairman of missionary education; Mrs. Maxine Miller, Christian social relations; Mrs. Eva Vogel, spiritual growth; Mrs. Katherine Durham is program coordinator.



Six district WSG presidents shown are, from left: Mrs. Everett Wakefield, Ft. Smith; Mrs. Dalton Henderson, Paragould D.; Mrs. Claude Woods, Fayetteville D.; Miss Irene Forrest, Batesville D.; Mrs. Lillie Burgess, Conway D.; and Mrs. D. C. Neal, Forrest City District. Mrs. George Disinger, Jonesboro District, was absent.



Dr. Irving Smith, a featured speaker at the Guild meeting is pictured as he checked in. The group above attended the luncheon for the WSG executive committee and guests.

### FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT WSCS SPRING MEETING

The Fayetteville District Women's Society of Christian Service spring meeting on April 1 was held in the First United Methodist Church of Springdale with 145 in attendance.

The opening prayer was by host pastor the Rev. C. M. Atchley. Mrs. Hezzie Clark, district president, presided.

The theme "Look Up" was emphasized in varying ways by Conference President Mrs. Howard Johnson, Mrs. Earl Hughes and Mrs. Everett Whillock, conference and district chairmen, respectively, of spiritual growth.

The special offering of \$115 is to be used by Aldersgate Camp for summer camperships.

An effective skit on upcoming dates was prepared by Mrs. A. Westphal, district vice-president, and presented by Mrs. Robert Moore and Mrs. Pat Henry.

Many colorful and dramatic banners and posters on the theme "Listening" were displayed in fellowship hall.

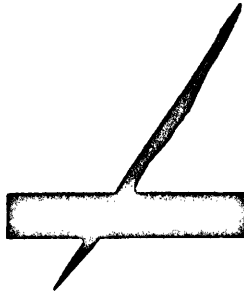
All district officers are being held over for another year. They were presented and dedicated by Chairman of Nominations Mrs. Lewis Chesser.

Miss Edith Martin and Miss Catherine Justin, retired missionaries, were present.

Mrs. R. K. Bent, past conference president, gave the closing prayer.

# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR MAY 3: From Persecutor to Missionary

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Acts 9:1-31,  
11:19-30; Galatians 1:11-17

**MEMORY SELECTION:** Rise and stand upon your feet; for I have appeared to you for this purpose, to appoint you to serve and bear witness to the things in which you have seen me and to those in which I will appear to you (Acts 26:16)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help class members learn through the experience of Paul that a dedicated opponent of Christ can be changed into a committed disciple; to learn something about the true nature of conversation.

Dr. Theodore P. Ferris in *The Interpreter's Bible* calls the conversion of Saul "one of the most decisive encounters of all time." In today's lesson we will be thinking about the dramatic encounter between Christ and Saul of Tarsus on the Damascus Road. It is an event that is recorded again and again in the New Testament—by Luke in Acts, and by Paul himself in Acts and in Galatians.

An interesting part of the lesson concerns the church at Antioch where the name Christian was first given the followers of our Lord. More important than this was the fact that Barnabas, sent from Jerusalem as an investigator of developments in the church there, saw the need for an assistant and persuaded his more conservative brethren at Jerusalem that the converted Paul was a good risk. My, how often their judgment in this matter was vindicated.

If the importance of a Biblical event can be measured by the amount of space given to it in Scripture, the conversion of Saul of Tarsus must be ranked as the second most important story in the New Testament. It is described three times with great minuteness of detail. No other event occupies more space except the crucifixion of Jesus. Add to this the fact that Paul himself wrote more of the New Testament than any other writer, and you begin to see how significant today's lesson is.

### THE EXPERIENCE OF THE DAMASCUS ROAD

Along the road from Jerusalem to Damascus Saul of Tarsus—persecutor of the church—moved with a purpose. He had a warrant to seek out all the followers of "the way" he could and seize them and bring them back to Jerusalem. But that mission was never fulfilled since God had other plans for Saul. Suddenly a great light shone from heaven and a voice spoke: "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?" The voice gave directions to the blinded Saul, and he stumbled on into the city to complete his journey. However, he now had a new purpose—to recover his sight and discover what work Christ had for him.

Dr. Ferris says: "Such are the bare facts of one of the most decisive encounters that ever took place. The man was Paul the apostle. The light and the voice were the manifestations of the risen Christ. The purpose abandoned was the extinction of the Christian church, and the life task undertaken was to preach the unsearchable riches of Christ."

The blinded Saul was directed to the house of one Ananias, who reluctantly carried out the command of God to be a catalyst in this great conversion for the ages. In his account of the experience in Galatians, Paul says that he went to the Arabian

desert to contemplate this great event. It was following this retreat and time of preparation that Barnabas called Paul to work with him in the church and Antioch, and the greatest missionary endeavor of all time was on its way.

### PAUL'S ACCOUNT OF HIS CONVERSION IN GALATIANS

One of the Scripture passages in our material for today is from Galatians. Here Paul tells of his Damascus Road experience with a special end in view. As he gained stature as a missionary to the Gentiles those who opposed this kind of evangelistic activity tried to make people lose confidence in Paul by saying that he did not count for as much in the church as the disciples who had known Jesus and seen him face-to-face.

Paul answered these critics in Galatians by affirming that his confrontation with Jesus on the Damascus Road was as much a face-to-face experience as any the disciples had prior to the crucifixion Paul says: "For I would have you know brethren that the gospel which was preached by me is not man's gospel. For I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ." (Gal. 1:11 and 12)

Paul was not afraid to use the personal pronoun because he was trying to explain the very personal impact of Jesus on his life. All through his ministry there was this conflict between Paul and the disciples. As his influence grew, some of them were jealous and tried to downgrade his work by implying that he was a "second-class disciple."

A second point Paul was making—again addressing himself primarily to the disciples at Jerusalem—was that his was not "man's gospel." He was saying that since that group did not send him preaching in the first place he would not occupy his time trying to win their approval.

### BARNABAS AND PAUL AT ANTIOCH

At the heart of our lesson today is the city of Antioch and the activities of Barnabas and Paul there. Following the martyrdom of Stephen a number of the Christians had gone to Antioch—third city in the first century world. It was just behind Rome and Alexandria in size and significance, so it was meaningful that "in Antioch the disciples were for the first time called Christians." (Acts 11:26)

Word came to the Jerusalem church that a large number of gentiles were accepting the faith in Antioch, and they sent Barnabas to investigate and report on the activities there. He was thrilled by what he saw and realized that a special kind of man needed to be put in charge of the evangelistic activities in this important city. Barnabas went to Tarsus, Paul's home city, and brought him back with him to be his co-worker for about a year.

Barnabas is the true hero of the Christian beginnings at Antioch, because he stood against the criticisms of the leaders of the church at Jerusalem who were reluctant to turn responsibility over to Paul who until so recently had been their impassioned enemy. Barnabas had the foresight and the vision to see that Paul was the very man who could lead this initial venture in missionary work among the gentiles. From the victory here Paul and Barnabas went on to other successes in the early missionary enterprise.

### THE MEANING OF THE CONVERSION EXPERIENCE

Dr. Ferris says that "Paul's life was virtually bisected by the Damascus Road. Before it he was a persecutor of Christianity; after it he was the most passionate propagator. Before it his life was increasingly crippled by a growing sense of guilt; after it his life was crowned with the glory that he found in Christ."

What happened to Paul is what has happened to every person who has been converted. The center around which his life revolved was changed. The center was changed from himself to Christ, and how wonderfully different was the course of his life thereafter.

It is a mistake to assume that conversion must take place in exactly the same way in all men. Too many have denied themselves the enriching joy of the Christian life because they have waited and waited for a Damascus Road experience and it never came. It does not come to all in the same manner, because we are different persons with diverse backgrounds and varying temperaments.

Dr. Roy Ryan says in *Adult Leader*: "Unfortunately some Christians emphasize the how of conversion instead of the what. Since each person is unique, with a set of experiences and an outlook unlike any other person in the world, why should we expect any kind of pattern of experience in our relationship to God?"

### THE GROWTH OF THE CHURCH AT ANTIOCH

The church at Antioch gradually assumed a place of leadership in the early development of Christianity. The church at Jerusalem, though it was the mother church, seemed to be handicapped by the provincial views of some of its leaders. The church at Antioch, being freed from such a narrow understanding of the gospel, became the center of the great missionary movement to the gentile world.

Just as it was important to establish a firm footing for Christianity in this important city, it has become imperative for the Christian church of today to develop an imaginative strategy for the contemporary city. One writer has said, "We face the challenge that if we do not win our cities to Christ they will paganize us. As we seek to discover how to win for Christ in the cities of our time let us consider some of the factors that made the church succeed at Antioch."

First, it had great leadership. There were dedicated men, many from Cyprus and Cyrene, who were committed to the proposition of offering the Christian faith to the gentile world. When Barnabas and Paul came to work among them they were ready to follow them. This was a great combination. Then, they had a great program centered in evangelism. Someone has said the church is always within one generation of extinction. We may find new methods of evangelism, but we will never find anything that takes the place of evangelism. Then, there was great success in the program at Antioch—there was something to be optimistic about, and this spirit caught fire.

### THE BEGINNING OF THE WORD "CHRISTIAN"

We cannot know for sure whether the word "Christian" was coined as a badge of distinction or a term of derision. Many think that it was the latter, but even so it became one of the greatest marks of tribute and enabled us to have the name Antioch always in a prime spot in our thinking. Literally hundreds of local churches of almost every denomination bear this name today. Here were faithful men who lived in such dedication that to them came the privilege of being the first in a long procession to bear the name "Christian."

There is a story told about Alexander the Great who heard of a soldier in his army, also named Alexander, who had proved himself to be a coward. Alexander called him into his presence and said to him, "Either change your character or change your name." This word should continue to be a special challenge to everyone of us who bears the name Christian.



## the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins  
THE METHODIST RECORDER  
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The decision by the British Government to exclude C.S. gas from the Geneva protocol has been challenged by the churches in this country. This gas, which has been used particularly in Northern Ireland where the civil disturbances are of so much concern, is certainly effective in dispersing crowds and stopping riots. Up to now the British government has defended its use on the grounds that it is a humane substance compared with other forms of gas.

But now in the British Council of Churches, there is to be clear opposition to the continued use of the gas until more is known about it.

A group of experts have prepared a document for the World Organization on the health aspects of chemical and biological weapons, and have said that it is not possible to estimate the lethal dose for human beings with any real degree of accuracy. The document states that it must be recognized that there is a strong possibility that people who suffer from asthmatic disorders or bronchitis would find that these conditions were made worse by exposure to C.S. gas. No studies have been published on the long-term effects of exposure to the gas.

Tests carried out by the United States Army two or three years ago produced disturbing evidence of the effect also.

While it has been claimed that C.S. is more potent than the old tear gas it has also been claimed that much larger doses of the C.S. gas are required if the dose is to be lethal.

In the light of this highly uncertain evidence the churches, through the British Council of Churches, now make a protest to the government on humanitarian grounds, and will ask the government to stop using this means of crowd control at least until more is known.

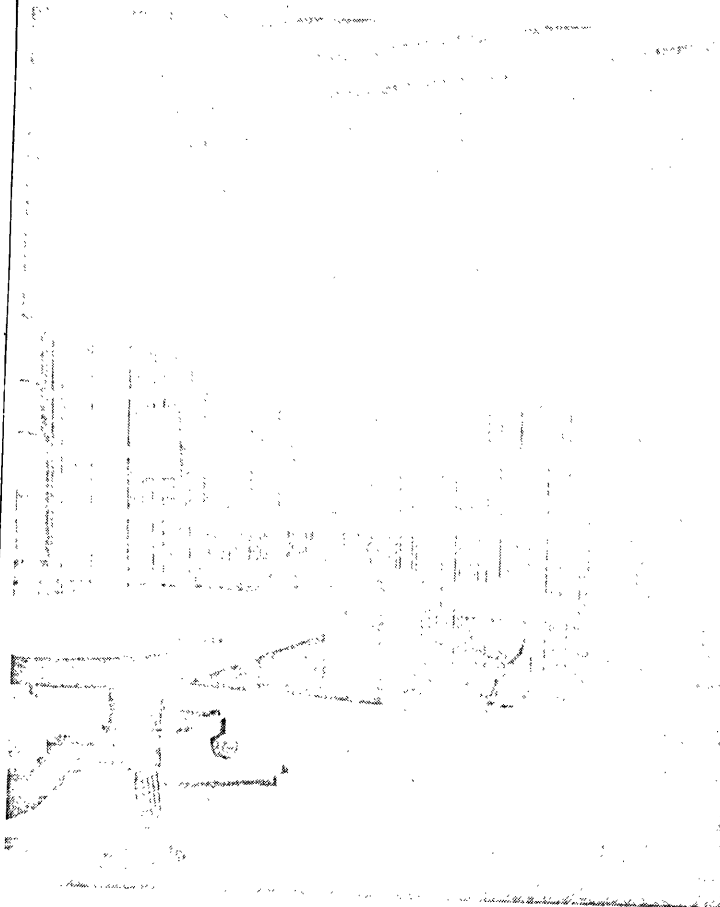
There are, of course, other and more diplomatically-centered reasons for the protest. Britain is a member of the disarmament talks team in Geneva, and it is suggested that credibility of the contribution to these talks is impaired if Britain is willing to look for loopholes in the Geneva Convention in this way. All in all, there is a clear case for pause in action here until we know more, and if the cause of disarmament is to be impaired by using it.

Above all it is worth making the comment that there is the church trying to give a clear lead on Christian and humanitarian grounds to prevent us falling into the kind of trap where violence and bitterness grow instead of lessen.

### THE ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

The man who occupies the office of Primate of All England is in a curious position in the twentieth century. Behind him lies the whole weight of tradi-

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"The Wesley Room"  
at Lincoln College, Oxford  
(Photo by E. W. Tattersall)

## Where he was educated

by Dan H. Williams

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

We went to Oxford after a day and night interlude in our tour of Wesley sites in England. This interlude had been spent at Stratford for a visit to William Shakespeare's home, the Hathaway Cottage, etc. Bus and rail connections between the two places are difficult, and our time was limited. So we traveled by private car through a beautiful section of the English countryside.

John Wesley entered Oxford as a student in 1720 when he was 17. This was not his first experience away from home, for he had attended Charterhouse School in London in preparation for his studies at the university.

The city of Oxford is about 55 miles west of London, and no one knows how the university began there. Legend relates it to King Arthur. It is known that colonies of masters and students established themselves there during the Middle Ages. By the time of the Renaissance it was recognized as an intellectual center.

The university is organized differently than those in the United States. It consists of a group of independent colleges loosely, almost vaguely connected to form an influential unity. So a student does not matriculate at the university but rather at one of the colleges.

tion stretching back through centuries of British history. There have been times when he was a major political figure — anyone who is familiar even through the film with the story of Henry VIII knows how much the Archbishop has meant in the colourful and sometimes sordid plots and wrangles which have surrounded the story of the British Monarchy.

Medieval pomp and pageantry, the

whole wonderful historic setting of Canterbury Cathedral redolent with history, place of pilgrimage since Chaucer's time and earlier, the power and majesty of the State church — these are the things which belong to the past, and yet are peculiarly valued in the present.

What kind of a man occupies this position today and how does he look at it? Bushy eye-browed, benevolent-

John Wesley entered Christ Church College, known as "The House", which was founded by Wolsey and then refounded by Henry VIII. Its quadrangle, Tom Quad, is the largest in Oxford, and Tom Tower is considered a fine example of the work of Christopher Wren. The tower bell rings 101 times at 9:05 every night, considered a typical idiosyncrasy of Oxford.

At the time Wesley entered, Christ Church had a reputation for the loose living of its students, but there is no evidence he was guilty of any great sin during the time he lived there. He took his B.A. degree in 1724, and September 19, 1725, he was ordained a deacon by Bishop Potter.

After his ordination John Wesley made a stern effort to reform himself and drew up a plan to regulate his waking hours. About six months later, in March of 1726, his father was able to announce, "My Jack is Fellow of Lincoln's."

Lincoln College on Turl Street was unlike Christ Church in that it had a reputation for religion, doubtless a welcome change to Wesley. As a fellow there he was entitled to free board and lodging plus a small salary or stipend. He added to his income when he became Greek lecturer and class moderator.

The income from being a fellow of Lincoln College was small then and would seem even smaller today, but it was important to Wesley. His personal standard of living was so modest that even these limited funds gave him a sort of financial independence. It freed him from the need to earn the bare necessities of life and thus helped to make possible his work as evangelist, organizer and administrator.

At Oxford there is no university campus similar to those in this country. Each college has its own buildings, usually with a quadrangle in the center. Driving or walking past them on the street uniformed visitors today might not be aware that they are part of one of the world's great academic communities.

Visiting Christ Church College you find nothing to mark the fact John and Charles Wesley were students there. All one can do is speculate which of the rooms were theirs and try to imagine them walking about the large quadrangle.

Entering Lincoln College you can secure the key to the Wesley rooms from the porter. Going into the quadrangle you turn right, go into an entry, climb one flight of stairs and open the door on the left.

The main room is a study that has been restored by American Methodists. The walls have been covered with 16th century oak paneling carved to simulate draped linen, and 18th century furnishings have been installed. Opening off the left of the study as you face the quadrangle is a tiny room used for sleeping. Scarcely more than a cell, it has space for little more than a narrow bed. Upon completion of the restoration the rooms were opened to visitors on September 10, 1928.

It must be added that the traditional, now restored Wesley rooms have more lately been regarded as not being the ones he actually occupied. Recent research by the Rev. V. H. H. Green, chaplain of the college, indicate that Wesley actually occupied living quarters in more than one location while residing at Lincoln, probably in the Chapel Quadrangle.

The colleges where he was a student and fellow are not the only spots of interest to one on a Wesleyan pilgrimage. Wesley Memorial Church, though it dates back to only 1878, is the center of present Methodist activity in the university town. Its John Wesley Society, with a membership of more than 300 and meeting weekly in about twenty groups, is the main organization for work with students.

A few doors down and across the street from the church there is a stone plaque in the wall.

looking, seemingly other-worldly, the Archbishop, Dr. Michael Ramsey yet hides beneath that exterior a mind which is a sharp tool, and an attitude which comes to terms sometimes excitingly with today. He said recently: "We sell good news—terribly good news, but it also makes tremendous demands. A challenge to faith and sacrifice. You can't sell that in the way you can sell cosmetics or tobacco."

## Exposure teams visit Kansas campuses in pilot experiment

Exposure teams, which included 40 church members in the Kansas area, in cooperation with the department of campus ministry of the General Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, visited college campuses in Kansas last month in an effort to seriously try to understand what is happening in higher education.

The Rev. Eugene Ransom and the Rev. Sam Kirk of the Nashville, Tenn., office, directed the experiment (first of its kind) along with the Rev. George Paris, state director of campus ministry, Topeka, Kansas.

Five types of schools were visited by the teams: the University of Kansas, a large state-wide school; Emporia State Teachers College; Hutchinson Junior College; Southwestern College, a church-related school; and Wichita State University, largely a municipal institution. For approximately two days in March members of five teams asked questions and listened to administrators, faculty, students, and

campus ministers. One group visited a hippie commune. Others attended school activities.

The listening teams were a result primarily of questions raised in the Kansas Area about the church's ministry on the campus, the need for and the use of money provided, and the trend toward cooperation with other denominations.

Dr. Ransom said it is hoped that the Kansas model will serve as a Prototype for other areas and conferences concerned about higher education and campus ministry.

The total group meeting in Wichita, Kansas April 3 and 4 decided to name a task force to carry the exposure experience to the decision-making bodies of the two Kansas conferences, to develop more opportunity for individuals and local churches to know what's happening on the campuses; and to work on film material which can be used throughout the state.

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### MISSISSIPPI CHURCHMEN ELECT CATHOLIC BISHOP

JACKSON, Miss. (RNS) — Bishop Joseph B. Brunini of the Catholic Diocese of Natchez-Jackson was elected to head the Mississippi Religious Leadership Conference at the agency's first annual meeting here.

The Rev. Henry Clay, superintendent of the Jackson District, United Methodist Church, was elected vice-chairman, and Rabbi Perry Nussbaum, of the Beth Israel Congregation, Jackson, was elected secretary. Owen Cooper, a Baptist layman from Yazoo City, was named treasurer.

The conference is a forum used by Mississippi religious leaders to discuss and respond to issues and questions of importance affecting the lives of people throughout the state. It is also a vehicle through which the state's religious leadership can address the people.

Membership is open to all religious leaders within the state, or to representatives of religious groups by invitation of the executive committee.

### ADULT STUDY SERIES TO BE REVISED IN SPANISH

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—*Man's Search for a Meaningful Faith*, the first book in a new adult study series introduced to United Methodists in 1967, will be available this summer in Spanish.

Announcing the translation-revision project was the Rev. Howard M. Ham, general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church. The Division is cooperating with the California-Nevada Conference in producing the book.

There has been some hesitancy within the church to produce Spanish materials because many persons, including Spanish-speaking Americans, feel everyone should use English as quickly as possible. Dr. Ham feels the publication of resources in both languages is a good way to build bridges of reconciliation between the cultures.

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Bishop W. Ralph D. Ward of the Syracuse Area has been named president of the New York State Council of Churches.

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## Garrett and Seabury-Western seminaries to offer joint summer sessions

Garrett and Seabury-Western Theological Seminaries have announced that they will offer two joint sessions this summer. The first session is set for June 22-July 17 and the second for July 20-August 14. This is the third year the two Evanston (Ill.) seminaries have combined their summer sessions.

Garrett is a graduate school of theology of the United Methodist Church and Seabury-Western is a graduate school of theology of the Episcopal Church. Located adjacent to each other on the Northwestern University Campus, the schools are accredited members of the American Association of Theological Schools.

In addition to course offerings, the sessions include four special projects plus two short term projects. The special projects include an interdenominational school for rural leaders, a workshop in New Testament Greek, a seminar for campus ministers, and a workshop in group procedures.

The first short term project is a seminar for educational assistants (July 6-17). It is held in cooperation with the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education, United Methodist Church. It is designed for educational assistants who are seeking certification as associates in Christian education.

The second short term project, The Church Music Summer School, will be held at Garrett July 13-24. This intensive, two-week seminar is designed for those who are seeking certification as Associates in Music by the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church. It is sponsored jointly by Garrett and the Board of Education, in collaboration with the School of Music of Northwestern University.

More information about the sessions is available in a newly released catalog. That and other information can be obtained by writing to Dr. Tyler Thompson at 2121 Sheridan Road, Evanston, Illinois, 60201.

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Attending recent annual Trustees meeting of the Lydia Patterson Institute at El Paso, Texas, were: (l. to r.) Dr. Alva H. Clark, chairman of the South Central Jurisdictional Council of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Brodace Elkins, pastor of the Trinity Church in El Paso, and chairman of the Executive Committee of the Lydia Patterson Institute Board; Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction executive secretary, with offices in Oklahoma City; Bishop O. Eugene Slater of the San Antonio Area; and Bishop Alsie H. Carleton of the Northwest Texas-New Mexico Area, with offices in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

### Church construction feels inflation period

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — The amount of money spent on general church and synagogue construction in the United States has been steadily decreasing during the past five years, according to statistics gathered by the U.S. Department of Commerce.

After an all-time high of \$1,207,000,000 in 1965, the total decreased to \$951,000,000 in 1969, and in 1970 it is expected to drop to about \$900 million.

Mr. Aaron Sabghir, director of the Construction and Building Materials Division, Business and Defense Services Administration, in the Commerce Department, noted that construction costs have gone up during the five-year period. Thus the figure of \$951 million for 1965 includes heavy inflation costs.

From 1965 through the end of 1969, costs of building construction have increased by about 30 per cent, he said, so that in physical volume or "brick and mortar" terms, the value of the

construction is about one-third less.

Asked to name the factors in the downward trend of construction for religious purposes, Mr. Sabghir said: "The biggest factor is that religious groups couldn't compete very effectively for loan funds." Also, with money being "very expensive," the tendency has been to postpone church construction in hope that the interest rate will go down.

The reluctance of church and synagogue units to commit themselves and their fellow members to long-term financing during a period of high interest rates has also been an important factor in bringing the construction trend down.

However, Mr. Sabghir noted, "the ability to adapt to higher costs is greater in the case of religious structures than with other kinds of construction." The reason for this is that with worship facilities, boards and councils "settle for the same space with less gingerbread."

### Church Public Relations manual published

The Religious Public Relations Council, an organization of public relations professionals for religious groups across the nation, has published a Handbook on Church Public Relations designed especially for local congregations of all denominations.

The 64-page manual, aimed at church public relations committees, the minister and church staffs, and groups studying church public relations, was edited by James C. Suggs of Fort Worth, Texas, current president of the council.

Suggs, associate executive minister for the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) in Texas, said the book was written by 12 top church public relations officials in their fields, and is "comprehensive, yet tightly-written and attractively illustrated."

The book deals with the "Why and What of Church PR," press relations, broadcasting, advertising, parish publications, photography, audio-visuals, signs and displays, community relations, church operations, creativity, and organizing for PR.

Copies of the book are available from the Religious Public Relations Council, Room 1031, 475 Riverside Dr., New York, N. Y., 10027, at \$1.50 each.

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### News in Brief

JACKSON, Miss. (UMI)—A major board of the North Mississippi Conference of the United Methodist Church has adopted a sweeping resolution calling for support of a racially-unitary public school system and opposing the use of United Methodist Church buildings by private schools.

The Rev. B. J. Stiles, former editor of *Motive* magazine now on the staff of the Robert Kennedy Memorial Foundation, has been named chairman of the board of *Christianity and Crisis*, a fortnightly journal of Christian opinion published in New York.

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MRS. HALE G. SMITH

Mrs. Hale G. (Beulah L.) Smith of 1800 North Harrison Street in Little Rock, died on March 7 at the age of 95 years. Mrs. Smith, a loyal Methodist, had lived in Arkansas all of her life.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. O. D. Peters, associate minister at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, assisted by the Rev. Charles W. Cook of Lovers' Lane United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas.

Survivors are two daughters, Miss Beulah Smith and Miss Olive Smith of Little Rock.



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JAMES GRADY SMITH

James Grady Smith, 78, a retired farmer and member of the Lavaca United Methodist Church died at his home April 5. The funeral service was conducted at the Lavaca church with the Rev. C. L. Martin and the Rev. A. L. Chaffin officiating.

Survivors include his wife, Willie Ferrell Smith, three granddaughters, Mary, Betty, and Lina Meadows of Silver Springs, Md., and several nieces and nephews.



The earth is the Lord's, but with man's polluting and contaminating it, one couldn't blame God if he gave man a quit-claim deed.

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## PARENT'S POLL ON THE CHURCH SCHOOL

1. Is my attitude toward the church school such that my children, through me, respect it? If my children are not interested, why not?
2. Have I ever visited the school? Do I know what it is trying to do?
3. Do I know the aims and methods of modern church school work, or am I still judging by what was done in my childhood?
4. Do I appreciate the difficulties under which the church school does its work: (a) Voluntary attendance; (b) Volunteer workers.
5. Have I shared in the program of the church by accepting the call of my church to teach her children?
6. Have I placed the church school on at least as high a plane as my child's music lessons, in requiring prompt and regular attendance, conscientious preparation?
7. Do I personally know my child's teacher? Have I conferred with her about my child's work, or expressed my appreciation? Do I criticize her before my children?
8. Have I passed the need for Bible study and religious training for myself?
9. What books or magazines have I read on the religious development and training of children? Do I know what is available through our church library?
10. Do I make it possible for my children to attend regularly by taking them every Sunday?
11. What am I doing to make our home a place of religious nature and training? —Quoted

## CONSULTANT FOR AGING JOINING HEALTH AND WELFARE MINISTRIES' BOARD

EVANSTON, ILL. (UMI)—M. Joe Helms, Atlanta, Ga., will join the staff of the United Methodist Church's General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries here April 18 as consultant in health care for hospitals and homes for the aging.

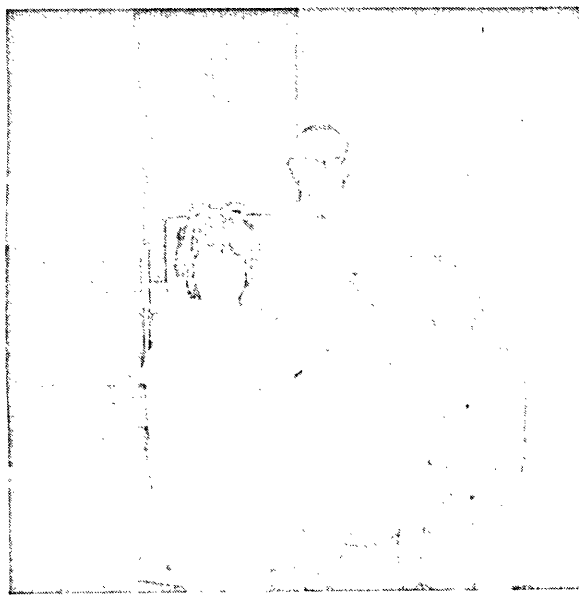
A native of Miller County, Georgia, Mr. Helms has been administrator of Wesley Woods retirement home in Atlanta for the past year. He joined the staff of Wesley Homes, Inc., in Atlanta in 1966 as director of health services. Prior to that he had been on the staff of the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Mr. Helms holds two degrees from Georgia Tech and was graduated in the top 10 per cent of his class. He has served as president of the Southeastern Association of Homes for the Aging, has held several posts on the Georgia State League for Nursing, and is a member of the Georgia Gerontology Society.

A South Central Jurisdiction institute of church music will be held June 22-26 at Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, Texas.

A group of seven leaders of the nine-denomination Consultation on Church Union, including three Methodists, took part April 13-19 in a conference at Nairobi, Kenya, at which the various church union movements around the world were explored. Methodists in the group included Bishop Frederick D. Jordan of the African Methodist Episcopal Church, Bishop Alfred G. Dunston, Jr., of the African Methodist Episcopal Zion Church, and the Rev. W. Clyde Williams of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, associate general secretary of the Consultation.

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Membership class received into full membership at Grace UM Church in Searcy by the Rev. James A. Barton, Sr. on Easter Sunday. Aloha Danette Barton (left front) is the daughter of Pastor and Mrs. Barton. Rosemary and Paula Zeltner (two young ladies on right) are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. John Zeltner.

## METHODISTS SPENT \$502 MILLION ON HEALTH, WELFARE IN 1969

EVANSTON, ILL. (RNS) — United Methodists operated 338 health and welfare agencies in 1969, spent \$502,819,882 for operations and served nearly 2,900,000 people, according to a denominational report released here.

The tabulation of Health and Wel-

fare Certification Council of the Church listed 83 hospitals, 169 homes and services for the aging and 66 facilities for children and youth.

A total of 54,887 full-time professional staff members were employed in the agencies, which gave \$28,481,034 in free services.

## UM BUILDING IN NATION'S CAPITOL STRATEGICALLY LOCATED

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — The pluralism of the United Methodist Building here has taken another jump, with the addition of three more offices dealing with churches' legislative concerns.

Representatives of the Church of the Brethren, the Unitarian-Universalist Association, the American Ethical Union and the American Humanist Association are the newest tenants.

Taking advantage of the building's location on Capitol Hill, just across the street from the Capitol, Supreme Court and Senate Office Buildings and not much farther from the Library of Congress and House Office Buildings, these groups join not only offices of the United Methodist Church. There also are Washington units of the National Council of Churches, United Presbyterian Church, Mennonite Central Committee, United Church of Christ, Episcopal Church. Nearby are public affairs offices for five Baptist denominations and the Friends Committee on National Legislation, which is a registered lobby. Similar operations are scattered over the city.

Recent years have seen a growth not only in the number of churches maintaining public affairs staffs in Washington but also in their cooperation. Most confer together and coordinate some efforts through the Washington Inter-religious Staff Council (WISC), an inter-faith group, as well as through various ad hoc committees for special efforts.

## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

*"And a poor widow came and put in two copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him, and said to them, 'Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing . . . For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living.'" (Mark 12:42-44)*

### THE EXAMPLE

The widow was quite unaware  
That Christ was there that day  
When in the box she dropped her coins  
And went along her way.

But had she known who sat so near  
The temple treasury  
And marked the gift she made that day  
For all of history . . .

She should have been undaunted by  
His presence on the scene  
For she was giving generously  
From an existence lean.

It often is the other way --  
When we know well He's there  
We give from plentiful supply  
As from a coffer bare.

"'Twas all she had," the Master said,  
And did not fail to bless  
Her gift as an example  
To all who offer less.

—by Barbara L. Mulkey

### HER ONLY COIN

She sang a little tune,  
Her private song of joy —  
A rhapsody of life  
To brighten weary trails.  
The echo of her voice  
Still floats across the land.

She sowed some seeds of kindness —  
It was a simple thing, and small —  
Soon half-forgotten.  
Yet later it was found beside the way,  
Growing beautifully tall.

She smiled in friendliness . . .  
Her little gift to life . . .  
The only coin she had,  
Then turned her eyes  
To open skies  
In thankfulness to Him  
Whose love she knew  
Had flooded all the earth.

—by Etta Caldwell Harris