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Concerning General Conference

The General Conference that met in St. Louis last week proved to be a blessing to the Church and to the Country.

According to what I hear, this is the first large Church gathering without disruption in a year or more. There were many groups met with and talked with, and I believe that there was understanding and reconciling.

The money that was appropriated is all appropriated through our own Methodist Churches, Boards, and Colleges. The main cause had to do with our pledge to work to give our Methodist Colleges four million dollars a year. These are twelve Negro Colleges which are all located in the South. It will not only bring money into our regions, but will serve to educate many young people and, thus, help social and economic conditions along with the new opportunities we have for spiritual understanding and growth.

The United Methodist Church stands taller today, and I feel is more sure in its resolve to be The Church of God.

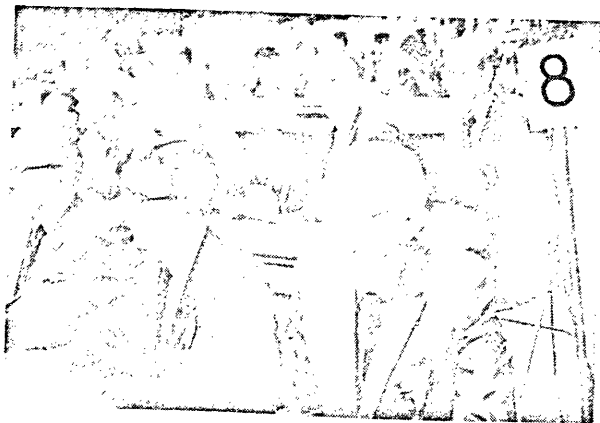
The delegates from our three Conferences in Arkansas made a contribution to this great gathering, and I believe that all of us have come back home to be more loyal and committed.

Paul Gallaudet

Little Rock Conf. Delegates: Back: Dale Booth, Mrs. Edgar Dixon, S.H. Allman; Front: Dr. Otto W. Teague, Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Dr. R.E.L. Bearden.



North Arkansas Conf. Delegates: Front: E. Clay Bumpers, I. N. Barnett, Henry M. Rainwater; Back: Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Dr. Joel A. Cooper, Dr. John A. Bayliss.



Southwest Conference Delegates: Dr. Negail Riley and Henry W. Johnson.



Ends in "Quorum Call"

Report from General Conference

by Alfred A. Knox

Even before it began, the 1970 Special Session of the General Conference was different from any other—it ended differently too.

Called by many the "conference nobody wanted," begun in an atmosphere of tension and "jitters," the conference died at 6:30 p.m., Friday, April 24, when a quorum call revealed that too few delegates had chosen to stay "to the bitter end" which many predicted could have been mid-night.

A number of reports, many of them from the Committee of Social Concerns, died in the hopper when the time ran out.

The delegates learned that other minorities than black had a message for them and responded to a number of requests from youth, Indian, and Hispanic-American minorities.

The conference listened politely while its black caucus-Black Methodists for Church Renewal—presented requests totaling \$21.5 million. However, by its vote, it indicated its determination to channel funds through its own official body, the Commission on Religion and Race.

The daily proceedings of the conference follow:

FIRST DAY

More than 900 of the 970 delegates were registered when the 1970 Special Session of the General Conference of the United Methodist Church opened at 9 a.m., Monday, April 20 with the Communion Service presided over by Bishop L. Scott Allen.

Bishop Richard C. Raines brought the communion message and ministers of the St. Louis District served the elements to a congregation of about 2,000 persons.

Immediately following the communion service in the Opera House, the conference moved to the Exposition Hall for the first business session, at which Bishop Reuben H. Mueller, president of the Council of Bishops presided.

The conference was organized at the direction of the Conference Secretary, Charles D. White, and the chairman of the Rules Committee, John D. Herr, presented the necessary changes in the rules.

RESOLUTION: Robert W. Moon of Sacramento, Calif. offered a resolution which would have expressed the regret of the conference at the reported presence of agents of the FBI in the session. After a brief debate, the conference voted to refer that resolution to the rules committee.

EPISCOPAL ADDRESS: Bishop J. Gordon Howard of Philadelphia read the episcopal address which is the collective message of the Council of Bishops to a General Conference.

The bishops said that most of the problems facing the church seem to fall into two categories: those due to inter-group tensions and conflicts, and those due to man's quest for dignity and fulfillment. In the first category, they said, the problems display themselves in the most virulent forms in wars and racism.

On the issue of social disorder, the message said that "after a period of widespread self-indulgence and social turbulence there comes a time when the pendulum swings the other way. The danger is that the swing will be all the way toward a police state with dictatorial powers under hard leaders who exercise authority without mercy to restore some degree of order and law observance."

On Vietnam, the Episcopal Address said that "what began ten years ago as an effort to assist a friendly nation on a modest scale has become a fiasco which presently is impossible to justify and from which we are striving honorably to extricate ourselves."

The Episcopal Message defined pollution as "a matter of insensitivity to good stewardship" and said that "we are grossly misusing the natural resources which a generous God has lavishly bestowed on his children."

The bishops pleaded for both prayer and action to meet all the problems before us saying that, "to make all things new, thoughtful prayer is the proper beginning, and disciplined action is the desirable ending."

They expressed confidence in continuing unity, saying: "At the heart of the United Methodist Church is a powerful centripetal force which holds us all in unity—not unity of politics or economics or social theory, but unity of spirit and purpose and fellowship."

MONDAY EVENING:

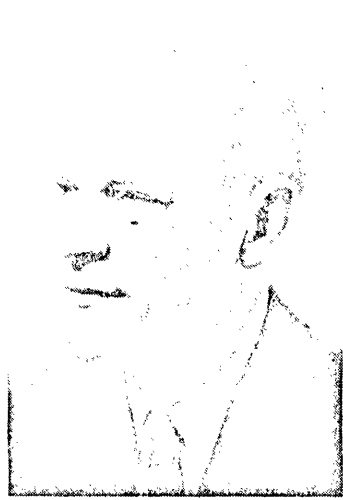
NEGRO HIGHER EDUCATION: The conference received and approved a recommendation presented by W. Astor Kirk calling for a two-year "in depth" study of the 12 predominantly-Negro colleges of the United Methodist Church.

WORLD SERVICE AND FINANCE COUNCIL: Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. and R. Bryan Brawner pre-

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Edward Lester



Dr. Hulen B. Williams

Two receive Distinguished Alumnus awards

Distinguished Alumnus Awards were presented to Edward Lester, a Little Rock attorney, and to Dr. Hulen B. Williams of Louisiana State University at the annual Hendrix College Day luncheon Saturday, April 25.

Lester, vice chairman of the Hendrix Board of Trustees, is a member of the law firm of Lester and Shultz. He graduated in 1943 from Hendrix with a B.A. and received the LL.B. (summa cum laude) from the University of Arkansas Law School in 1948.

He has served as representative, from Hempstead County in the Arkansas Legislature, president of the Arkansas Conference of Local Bar Associations, vice chairman of the Arkansas Turnpike Authority, and president of

the Hendrix College Alumni Association.

Dean of the College of Chemistry and Physics, Dr. Williams has been at Louisiana State University for many years as a faculty member and administrator. He graduated from Hendrix in 1941 with a B.A. and received his M.S. in 1943 and Ph.D. in 1948 from L.S.U.

An author or co-author of 17 scholarly papers and two books in the field of Chemistry, he is a leader in at least nine learned and professional societies. He has received numerous citations and awards for his outstanding contribution to science education in Louisiana and the nation at large.

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Crossett First announces Memorial Lecture series

Dr. Carlyle Marney will be the speaker for the inaugural Memorial Lecture series at First United Methodist Church in Crossett from May 31 through June 4. The lectures have been made possible by a memorial fund to which contributions have been made by members and friends of the Crossett congregation.

Dr. Marney is the founder and director of Interpreters' House, an ecumenical center of study and work at Lambuth Inn, Lake Junaluska, North Carolina, where he has served since 1967. He is widely known as a lecturer, writer and preacher, and taught Christian Ethics at Austin Presbyterian Seminary during his pastorate at First Baptist Church in Austin, Texas.

The lecturer holds doctoral

degrees from the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N. Car., and Johnson C. Smith University, Charlotte, N. Car. The numerous lecture series for which he has been the speaker include the Peyton Lectures at Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, the Willson Lectures at Texas Tech in Lubbock, and the Convocation Lectures for the Summer Institute, Princeton Theological Seminary in 1960, 1962, 1965 and 1968.

Recognized as an ecumenical voice, Dr. Marney has served on study committees of the World Council of Churches, the Theological Commission of the Baptist World Alliance, as a trustee for Christian Century, and is a member of the Editorial Council of Theology Today. He is on the editorial board of Religion in Life and is an editor for Religious Book Club.

The Rev. Ferris W. Norton Jr. is pastor of the Crossett church. Mrs. Woodrow H. Hines heads the Lecture-ship Committee.

News In Brief

United Methodist-related Ohio Wesleyan University has received a \$287,400 College Science Improvement grant from the National Science Foundation.

Face to Face, United Methodist youth publication produced by the Division of Curriculum Resources of the church's Board of Publication and edited by Kenneth Winston, has received four awards of merit from the Associated Church Press for writing, use of photography and "excellence in editorial advocacy."

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Judge Harry A. Blackmun of Rochester, Minn., nominated April 14 by President Nixon to a seat on the U. S. Supreme Court, is a member of the United Methodist Board of Publication.

Two United Methodist bishops have been elected to head major ecumenical bodies in their respective countries. Bishop Paul Locke Granadosin of the Baguio Area is the new chairman of the National Council of Churches in the Philippines, and Bishop C. Ernst Sommer of the Germany Area has been elected chairman of the National Council of Churches in West Germany.

Workshop and Children's Choir Festival, May 1-3

Mr. Richard Hoffland, associate professor of Music and director of Choral Activities at Millikin University in Decatur, Illinois will be guest clinician for a two-day workshop at First Methodist Church in Little Rock, May 1 and 2. The workshop will be held in conjunction with the second Annual Children's Choir Festival which will be presented at First Church under the direction of Mr. Hoffland on Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Workshop sessions are scheduled for 7:30 p.m. on Friday and 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, and are open to any persons in the area who are interested in working with children's choirs. Mr. Hoffland has received national recognition for his work with choirs and church music programs and has conducted numerous festivals throughout the midwest.

Nearly 300 children will take part in the Choir Festivals which will include sacred numbers for the Advent and Lenten seasons in addition to Music for Worship of God in the Twentieth Century. Participating church choirs include: First Church, Arkadelphia; Fairview Church, Camden; First Church, Crossett; First Church, For-



Mr. Hoffland

dyce; First Church, Gurdon; First Church, Pine Bluff; First Church, Mabelvale, and the following Little Rock choirs: Asbury, First Church, Henderson, Methodist Children's Home, Oak Forest, Pulaski Heights, St. Luke, St. Paul and Winfield.

Mr. Richard Lines and Felix Thompson are Festival chairmen, Mr. John Summers, host musician, and Mrs. G. Felix Thompson, Jr., organist accompanist. Mrs. John Tucker is Conference Coordinator of Children's Work.

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Two members of Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould have recently entered the ministry of the UM Church. AT LEFT: Charles Southard, after having served for 10 years as a licensed minister in another denomination has done supply speaking in the Methodist Church recently, and will continue to do so under the direction of the District Superintendent this year. RIGHT: Keith Goza, a junior at Arkansas State University and a member of the College group of Griffin Memorial plans to continue his preparation for the ministry after completing his college work. He serves as a youth usher, as a member of a Sharing group, and as a lay speaker. The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is pastor.

THE REV. ANDREW CHRISTIE

The Rev. Andrew J. Christie, aged 75, of Texarkana, a retired minister of the United Methodist Church, died April 22. He was a member of the Little Rock Conference. The funeral service was held at First Church, Texarkana with burial at Rondo Memorial Park.

Mr. Christie had served pastorates at Austin Circuit, Bauxite, Altheimer, Hamburg, Lake Village, Smackover, Prescott, DeWitt, Texarkana District, Benton, Stuttgart, Springdale, Hot

Springs, Fordyce and Garland. He retired in 1960.

He was a graduate of the former Henderson-Brown College at Arkadelphia and a veteran of World War I. He was a Mason and a member of the American Legion.

Survivors include his wife; a son, the Rev. James E. Christie, pastor of the Bunkie - White's Chapel - Evergreen Charge in Louisiana; a brother, Owen Christie of Magnolia; a sister, Mrs. Kate George of Magnolia, and a grandchild.

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METHODIST ACTIONS IN SAINT LOUIS

After one covers a meeting like last week's special session of the United Methodist General Conference in St. Louis he is faced with the challenging task of summarizing and evaluating the actions of the body. This writer finds this most difficult to do because he was one of the more vocal ones in calling the meeting a useless one. Maybe we cannot write as objectively as we should on this point, so we will lean heavily on the comments of others who prepared news releases.

Two purposes for which the special session were called by the Dallas Uniting Conference failed to materialize as points of focus. One of these was to have been a vast number of organizational difficulties resulting from Methodist-EUB merger. Most of these had been resolved before the conference met. Another purpose in the mind of this writer but one you could never get any of the conference leadership to admit concerned pressures which some thought would have to be applied by 1970 concerning progress in the merging of annual conferences. This did not develop because the annual conferences have moved along in the direction of completing these mergers according to the timetable set by the 1968 conference.

Some of the fears which delegates brought to the conference did not materialize. Much planning went on behind the scenes in anticipation of confrontations which did not materialize—perhaps some of this planning helped confrontation from coming. The conference opened under the cloud following a confrontation at the Sunday morning worship service at Centenary United Methodist Church and the arrest of more than 20 young people. Some were afraid it would be necessary to ask for executive sessions of the conference and bar visitors. Because that alternative was so seriously considered we think the absence of such a situation merits positive comment.

One big news story of the entire conference concerned the presentation of a paper by the black caucus, "Black Methodists for Church Renewal." Something like 300 young people and adults took part in a silent demonstra-

tion while this paper and its request for funds was being presented. This was done in good order and good taste and received the commendation of the entire conference. The requests were received seriously, and studied carefully by the committees to which they were referred. In every instance they were revised, and in the total implementation the delegates voted overwhelmingly to channel funds for minority groups through its official Commission on Religion and Race instead of through the black caucus group. On Friday morning when a motion was made to make the total demands of BMCR a substitute for the report presented, the vote against such a substitution was overwhelming—something like 85% of the total conference as we judged it from where we sat. This seemed to us to be a fair reflection of the sense of the meeting on this matter.

Basically the \$2 million voted for minority group self-determination for each of the fiscal years 1971 and 1972 calls for this sum to come from the current budgets of general boards and agencies through their reexamination of their own program priorities. Most of these agencies have long expressed themselves as feeling more should be done in this direction. This is their chance to share in that activity. Major allocations are in the area of higher education and scholarship funds for minority group youth.

Someone in the press section at the conference commented that this was the dawning of "the age of Aquarius," a term widely used to speak of the new day of youth expression and determination. A number of actions were taken to indicate that the delegates were

friendly to this suggestion. Ten young people were seated in the conference, and several of them spoke with real insight on issues before the body. A constitutional amendment was initiated which would remove the minimum 21 year age requirement for delegates to annual conferences. This will perhaps encourage a number of our charges to give serious consideration to the selection of youth delegates.

The Methodist Information "wrap-up" by Winston Taylor and Betty Thompson contained this paragraph: "It was a conference that listened intently and then attempted—too timidly for some and too forcefully for others—to answer challenges set by itself two years earlier in the quadrennial emphasis on reconciliation."

One interesting action was the turndown by the delegates of a constitutional amendment initiated by the 1968 Uniting Conference which would have authorized the naming of one of the bishops as a full-time secretary of the Council of Bishops. Although it received a sufficient number of votes in the annual conferences, the delegates last week failed to give it a simple majority in support. It would have taken a two-thirds vote for implementation.

As the delegates left Kiel Auditorium Friday some were singing "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" while others whispered "Thank God, it's over!"

A.K.

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The Editor's Corner



REVIVAL WEEK AT WILSON

Although it came in a terrifically busy time between the Congress on Communications in Chicago and the General Conference in St. Louis, we felt moved to accept the invitation of the Rev. Joe Linam to preach for him at Wilson, Ark. during the recent week of simultaneous meetings in eastern Arkansas.

We are so glad we went for a number of reasons. First, there was the warm-hearted reception by the fine people who make up the Wilson church. Then, there was the chance to get to know and work with the fine young man who is the pastor there.

There were also two fringe benefits to the visit. We had an opportunity to visit with a number of classmates of Arkansas State college days—and Mississippi County is full of them. Also there was an opportunity to be guided through the Lee Wilson Co. operation by my host and its executive vice-president, Hudson Wren.

The diversification of the operation of the 33,000-acre Wilson operation is almost beyond belief. Cotton may still be king, but the farming also includes many other crops all the way to 225 acres in asparagus and 150 acres in mustard greens.

We found a real interest in art among the Wilson people and on the trip to Conway and Little Rock for the April 15 Hendrix Convocation we picked up our Holy Land paintings and gave a one-man show in connection with a breakfast meeting where we spoke on Israel.

Lest our readers think we are minimizing the revival and its services, we should hasten to report that there was good attendance and a good response at the services. Joe's brother Jim came down from Gravette to lead the singing, and it is our opinion that the total was as spiritual an experience as we have known.

This editor still likes to preach.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

More than 1,000 Christian leaders gathered in Kansas City, Mo. for the 28th annual convention of the National Assn. of Evangelicals (NAE) to chart a course of action for "saving the Seventies." In his president's message, Dr. Arnold T. Olson of Minneapolis called on "evangelicals of all ecclesiological, cultural, theological, national, and racial backgrounds" to join together in a "united witness." "In this day of polarization, the world is looking for a united witness" that will speak with authority, Dr. Olson said.

An unplanned, ecumenical advance, one of mood rather than method, one that has nothing to do with negotiations or merger, was forecast for Christianity by Dr. David H. C. Read, pastor of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian church and a national radio preacher. Dr. Read described the coming phenomenon as "an era of pro-existence" (literally living for one another), and predicted that such an ecumenical emergence will come about in two ways: through the Holy Spirit and through Scripture.

Israel is willing to contribute half of what she now spends on defense to a Middle East development fund for both Israel and Arab countries, Gideon Rafael, director-general of the Israeli Ministry for Foreign Affairs, said at a press conference in Toronto, Canada. He said Israel's contribution to such a fund could be \$500 million a year, which could be matched by half the defense spending of the Arab states "and used wherever the need was greatest." The director-general said he will take the offer to the United Nations, and added that Israel will negotiate with individual Arab countries as well as with the Arab bloc as a whole. Mr. Rafael said Arab oil industries give \$350 million a year to Arab arms. Two Phantom fighters, he added, cost as much as a 500-bed hospital.

A "materialistic ethos" is the greatest cultural factor causing a decline in the membership growth of the Lutheran Church in America (LCA), according to a study prepared by the denomination's Commission on Evangelism. Religious indifference, affluence, urbanization and population mobility were listed (in that order) as causes of decrease in growth. The Rev. Raymond A. May, acting director of the commission, appealed to commission members to confront "unchurched persons" with the Christian Gospel rather than focus efforts on inactive members.

The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) has reduced a tentative 1970-71 budget and voted 25 per cent less for 1971-72 than denominational agencies requested. In the current year, contributions from local congregations are reported to be down about 3 per cent.

The general director of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship has suggested that the term "foreign missionaries might better be replaced by the term 'internationals.'" Reading a paper during the sixth United Conference of the Bible and Medical Missionary Fellowship, Michael Griffiths said, "I am assuming that the principle of inter-racialism in missions is fully accepted and that the Caucasian-dominated missions are doomed to extinction. He concluded that "identification of Christianity with Western capitalism and anti-socialism must be avoided."

A half-hour chapel service at Seattle Pacific College lengthened into a marathon, peaceful, prayerful demonstration of faith by more than half the student body at the Free Methodist school. At the climax of the spontaneous outpouring of religious fervor more than 800 students crammed in Gwinn Common, for an impromptu Communion service. Cubes of bread on paper plates and grape juice in small plastic cups, gathered hastily from the dining-hall kitchen, were carried among the students. Dr. David L. McKenna, president, said, "the students pushed convention aside, by-passed adults and simply declared their commitment to live out the love of Jesus Christ in their world."

Speaking at the annual meeting of the National Catholic Educational Assn., U. S. Commissioner of Education Dr. James E. Allen Jr., revealed that President Nixon soon will announce the formation of a National Reading Council and the First Lady, a former school teacher, will serve as its honorary chairman. He said, "it is clearly an intolerable indefensible situation when one out of every four students has some sort of reading deficiency."

Delegates to the 23rd General Assembly of the Japan National Christian Council meeting in Amagisan, expressed their intention to make their organization self-supporting as soon as possible. The council now receives about 20 per cent of its total budget from overseas, largely from the U. S. and Canada. The executive committee was instructed to plan for a self-sufficient status and to present proposals at the 1973 assembly.

The World Council of Churches' current emphasis on social mission was challenged by Canon Douglas Webster of St. Paul's Cathedral, an Anglican theologian who preached the "annual sermon" of the Foreign Bible Society in London. Canon Webster commended the WCC's expression of compassion for hungry millions and for those deprived of justice and equality because of race or color. But he deplored the Council's omission—in its written report after the 1968 Assembly at Uppsala, Sweden, of expressed compassion for those "deprived of the knowledge of God's love made known in Christ and condemned to live in fear and superstition by false faith."

The committee planning the agenda for the Episcopal Church's 1970 General Convention has reaffirmed a decision to permit "additional representatives"—non-voting women, youth and minority persons—to participate. Each diocese and missionary district was requested to appoint no more than three additional persons: one young person, one member of a minority and a third to be chosen on the basis of involvement with issues the appointing jurisdiction feels crucial.

Addressing the 1,000-member Rabbinical Assembly meeting in Kiamesha, N.Y., Rabbi Stanley Rabinowitz of Washington, D. C. said, "Much of Judaism cannot be taught: it must be caught." The Rabbi said, "In order to teach commitments and understandings of Judaism we must convey not only facts and knowledge, but also deep emotional involvement." He charged that recent studies indicate graduates of religious schools—both Christian and Jewish—show no more positive religious identification than do their secular school contemporaries.

"All the psychotropic (mind-bending) drugs at present being used non-medically on a wide scale . . . , particularly by youth, are definitely harmful—marijuana certainly included." This sweeping indictment was contained in a preliminary report to the Canadian Commission of Inquiry into the Non-medical Use of Drugs by Dr. Keith Yonge, president of the Canadian Psychiatric Assn. and head of the department of psychiatry at the University of Alberta. Lest anyone think that the drug-induced "subjective feelings of well-being, complacency, euphoria" and the like, enhance rather than impair mental functioning, the psychiatrist was quick to point out that "some forms of mental illness" are characterized by such feelings.

Czechoslovak Radio has warned the Churches "not to interfere in political and social life," because "otherwise, the state will take action." The broadcast, commenting on an article in Pravda, Communist Party organ, quoted the magazine as saying "many attempts were made (since 1968) by Catholic theologians to 'humanize' Marxism and 'Christianize' atheism, and bring about many radical changes in church-state relations."

A Social Morality Council committee in Britain has recommended a more "open approach" whereby religious instruction in Britain's state-operated schools is replaced by religious education and includes study of religions other than Christianity. The committee stated that "A genuine act of worship will hardly be able to comprehend the whole school, and will have to be optional." The committee of 20 members included Anglicans, a Baptist, Catholics, Humanists, Jews, Methodists and a Quaker.

Speaking before the bi-monthly meeting of the Washington, D. C., chapter of the Military Chaplains Assn., Deputy Chief of Army Chaplains (Brig. Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt declared, "If there is anything dramatic that distinguishes the young chaplain of the Vietnam era from us, "it is his obsession with people as individuals. Eyeball-to-eyeball ministry is where these young men excel."



MILWAUKEE — Lutheran and Episcopal committee-men on doctrine met in Milwaukee to discuss "fellowship, unity or union." FROM LEFT: Episcopal Bishop Richard S. Emrich of Detroit and the Rev. O. V. Anderson of Bay Shore Lutheran church, Milwaukee, co-chairmen of the meeting, along with the Rev. Frederick Meuser of New York City, ecumenical officer of the Lutheran Council in the USA, and his Episcopal counterpart, Peter Day. RNS photo.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. EDWIN B. DODSON, pastor of First United Methodist Church of Camden, was guest minister for revival services held at the Buena Vista United Methodist Church, April 12-16. Buena Vista is on the Timothy-Buena Vista Charge at Camden. The Rev. Doyne E. Graham serves as pastor.

MONTICELLO'S FIRST UNITED Methodist Church is holding revival services this week, April 26 through Friday, May 1. Dr. James B. Argue, pastor of Pulas-ki Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, is the visiting evangelist. Bill Kennedy of England is the song leader. The Rev. Harold K. Davis is pastor.

THE MANCHESTER United Methodist Church hosted a series of Holy Week services for the Dalark Charge with the Rev. Connie Robbins of the Springhill Circuit as the evangelist. The Easter sunrise service was sponsored by the youth. A joint morning worship service was held at Bethlehem Church. The Rev. Harold Rogers is pastor of Dalark Circuit, Arkadelphia District.

RISON UNITED Methodist Church reports a revival of interest in all phases of church life by children, youth and adults. The 17-voice children's choir sang at a recent Sunday evening service, which was well attended. The Rev. Louis L. "Biff" Averitt is the pastor.

TRINITY UNITED METHODIST Church of Little Rock has added to the staff the Rev. Wayne White, a member of the New York Conference who is on the faculty at Philander Smith College. As minister of visitation he will be working with Dr. Joseph Taylor, Trinity minister.

THE ASHDOWN YOUTH group, "The Mod Squad," visited the De-Queen Catholic Church where they were guests of the CYO; April 19.



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WINFIELD LIBRARY FEATURED IN Forecast

An article by Marie Thomas concerning the Winfield United Methodist Church library is featured in the Summer, 1970 issue of *Forecast*, church school curriculum magazine. The fifty year old library recently achieved the status of having its own room, no longer having to share space with a church school class.

Mrs. L. H. Caldwell, a retired librarian, is chairman of the library committee for the Little Rock church.

The relocation project was celebrated at an Open House.

Dr. Edward Dunlap is pastor of Winfield.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS United Methodist Men elected officers in March and installed them at the April 23 meeting. Jim Jones is president of the group, Bobby Pitchford is vice-president, and Andy Pryor is secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Clyde Crozier is their pastor.

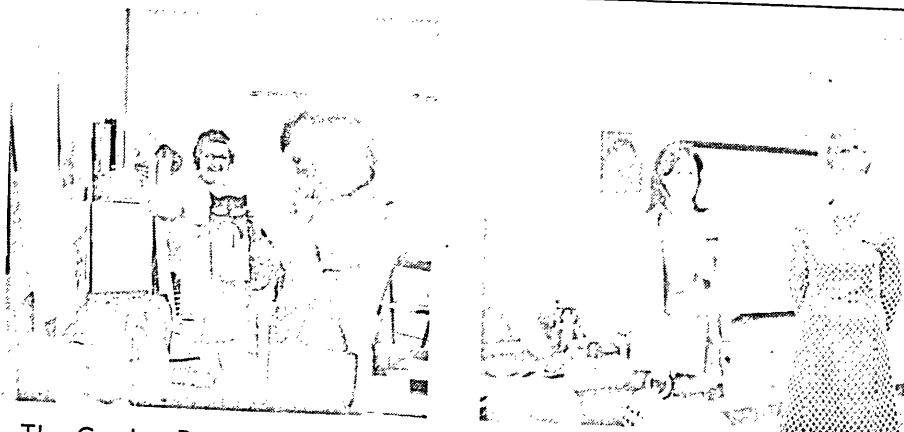
HAWLEY MEMORIAL CHURCH of Pine Bluff hosted a spring fellowship dinner on April 19 at 6 p.m. with Mrs. John Dalrymple as the speaker. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

SPRINGDALE METHODIST Seniors were honored at a Sunday morning breakfast in the home of Dr. and Mrs. Howard Henry, April 19. The Rev. Clinton Atchley is their pastor.

"Tank" Harrison of the Memphis Police Department spoke to 63 Methodist men at a Prayer Breakfast held Tuesday, April 14, at First Church, Crosssett, as a prelude to the Lay Witness Mission held April 17-19.

EIGHT PERSONS qualified for certification in the Lay Speakers' Course held recently in First Church, Conway. Those who completed requirements are Mrs. Vicky Allen, Maxwell Dyer, Dr. Loren Guffey, Dr. Fletcher B. Lowry, John McNutt, Jack Pittman, Miss Violet Oldham and Tommy Smith. Dr. George Harrod was instructor.

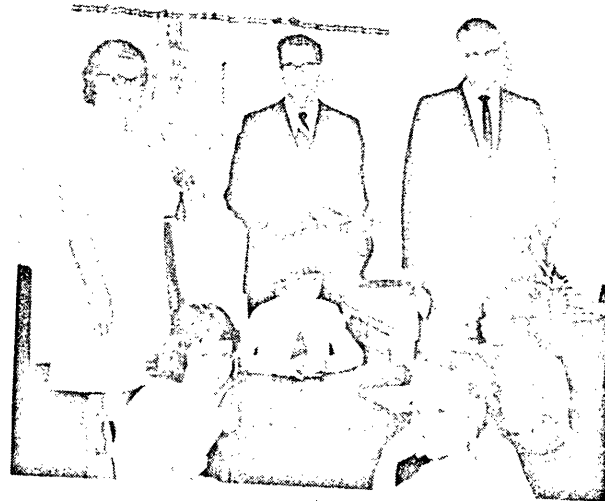
DEDICATORY SERVICES for the new Hammond Electric Organ were held Sunday April 5 during morning worship services at the Bradford United Methodist Church. The organ was purchased with memorial gifts in a project headed by Mrs. L. E. Ray. The Rev. Everne Hunter is the Bradford pastor.



The Camden District Vacation Church School Institute was held in Fairview Church of Camden, with Tom Abney as host pastor. Workers included Mrs. Marie Tucker, conference director, Mrs. James Swain, Mrs. Leroy Linton, Mrs. John Ross, Mrs. G. A. Wilson and Miss Bonda Sue Deere. Some of the workers are shown above.

Ed Tisdale, member of Fairview United Methodist Church, Camden, mass produced in his home shop 18 tables, scaled for each age group of the Elementary Department of the church. LEFT: Mr. Tisdale is shown receiving a steel hammer in Elementary III class, a token of appreciation from the department. Teachers of the class are Mrs. Clara Womack, at left, and Mrs. Lillian Loe.

RIGHT: Frank Mann, at right, and Ernest Roberts, who painted the tables in bright colors, are shown in Elementary I class receiving steel hammers as a token of appreciation. Mrs. Georgia Bell Jones is the teacher of the class.



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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.

May 3—Sunday	II Sam. 9:1-13
May 4	Luke 10:25-37
May 5	John 13:1-17
May 6	Rom. 12:9-21
May 7	I Cor. 13:1-13
May 8	Gal. 6:1-10
May 9	I John 3:13-24
May 10—Sunday	Joel 2:21-32

ED McATEER OF MEMPHIS spoke during both morning worship services in First Church, West Helena, April 26. Mr. McAteer has done lay mission work in several states and in the Canal Zone and Colombia, South America. He is district sales manager for Colgate-Palmolive Company and is a member of Gideons International. The Rev. William Haltom is the West Helena pastor.

KIMBERLY SANDRA DUDLEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Dudley was baptized Sunday morning, April 12, by the Rev. Theo Luter in the Swifton United Methodist Church. Relatives present included four grandparents and two great-grandparents: Mr. and Mrs. Bennet Hart of Walnut Ridge, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Dudley of Swifton, and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Hart of Walnut Ridge.

DEADLINE DATE FOR FRONTIER CAMP

The Rev. Robert Riffin, director of Frontier Camp, wishes to announce a change in the deadline date for registration to this camp. It is moved to May 25, giving two more weeks for campers to get their registrations in. Camp is still slated for June 8-12.

P. K. KORNER

JOHN P. MILES II received a medal awarded for "Excellence in History" at South West Junior High, Hot Springs, from the Daughters of the American Revolution. Deborah Ann Miles has been selected to go to Girls State, sponsored by the American Legion Auxiliary. Their parents are the Rev. and Mrs. John P. Miles of Oaklawn United Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

Summer Leadership

Conference Youth Coordinator



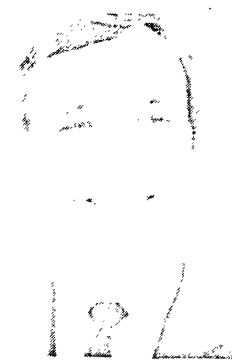
Mr. Arnold
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Senior High director

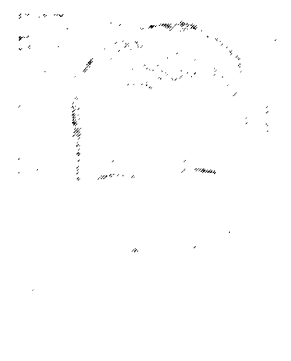


Mr. Van Hook

Young Adult directors



Mr. Callaway



Mr. (Cris) Jones



Mr. Riffin

Frontier
Camp
director

Laymen's
Assembly
program
director



Mr. Albright

Camp Tanako

SENIOR CAMPS:

Conference Camp	June 22-26
Director-The Rev. Joe E. Arnold	
Senior Camp	July 13-17
Director-The Rev. Robert Van Hook	

MIDDLE HIGH CAMPS:

Pine Bluff-Monticello Districts	June 29-July 3
Director-The Rev. Jack A. Wilson	
Little Rock-Arkadelphia Districts	July 20-24
Director-The Rev. Don Nolley	
Hope-Camden Districts	July 27-31
Director-The Rev. John B. Ross	

JUNIOR HIGH CAMPS:

Camden-Hope Districts	June 8-12
Director-The Rev. David B. Wilson	
Arkadelphia-Little Rock Districts	July 6-10
Director-The Rev. Tom Adkinson	
Monticello-Pine Bluff Districts	August 10-14
Director-The Rev. Sam Jones	
Experimental Junior High	August 3-7
Director-The Rev. Ed Matthews	

FRONTIER CAMP:

For Youth	June 8-12
Co-ordinator-The Rev. Bob Riffin	

CHILDREN'S CAMPS:

Laboratory Enterprise	June 15-19
Director-Mrs. Marie Tucker	
Children's Choir Camp	June 1-3
Directors-Richard Lines and Felix Thompson	

ADULT ACTIVITIES:

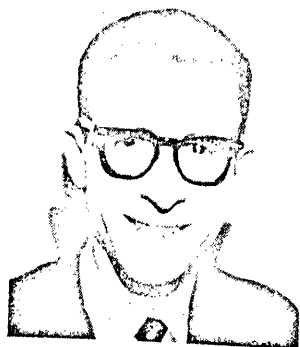
Young Adult Conference	June 19-21
Directors-Cris Jones and Ted Callaway	
Layman's Assembly	Sept. 11-13
Program Director-B. F. Albright	

Training Program

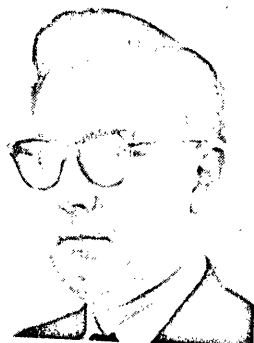
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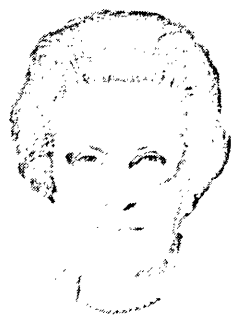


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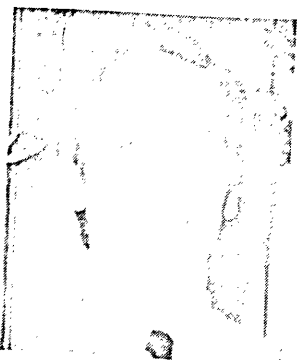


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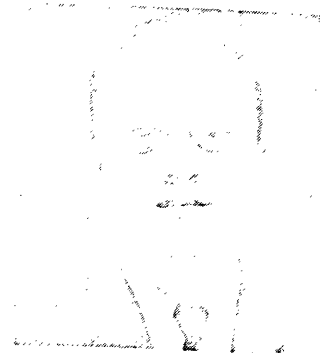
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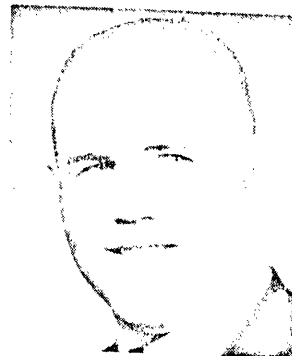


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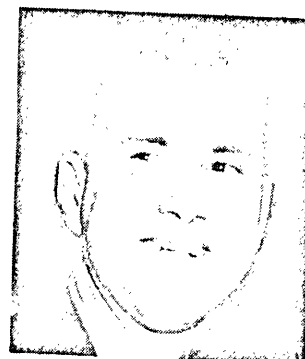
Junior High directors



Mr. Matthews



Mr. (David) Wilson



Mr. Adkinson



Mr. (Sam) Jones

WESTERN METHODIST ASSEMBLY (MT. SEQUOYAH, FAYETTEVILLE)

June 6-12	Southwest Conference on the Christian World Mission (Interdenominational)
June 14-19	Women's Society of Christian Service Regional
June 21-26	Designing a Strategy for Leadership Development (Bishops, District Superintendents and Conference Program Directors)
June 26-July 3	Laboratory and Seminar Week
July 6-10	Workshop on Campus Ministries
July 6-10	Workshop for Enrichment and Skills
July 10-12	Conference on Christian Educational Concerns
July 13-17	District Age Level and Family Life Coordinators
July 17-19	Christian Social Concerns Briefing Conference
July 17-19	Health and Welfare Ministries Workshop
July 20-24	Evangelism Conference
July 24-26	Evangelism Week-end Workshop
July 27-31	Mission Conference
July 31-Aug. 2	Mission Week-end Workshop
July 31-Aug. 2	United Methodist Youth Regional Staff Meeting
August 3-8	United Methodist Youth Regional

OTHER TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES

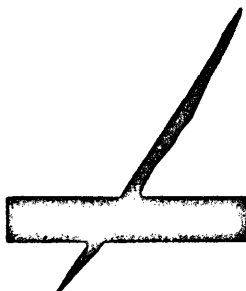
June 15-26

June 28-July 3

Communication Seminar,
S.M.U., Dallas, Texas
Church Music Institute,
S.M.U., Dallas, Texas

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MAY 10: Sent Out by the Holy Spirit

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Acts 13 and 14

MEMORY SELECTION: While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." (Acts 13:2)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To reemphasize the beginnings of the Christian missionary enterprise, and to seek through this a new dedication to and comprehension of the missionary motions and strategies for our own time.

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This lesson is the story of Paul's first missionary journey, but is also the story of the Christian missionary enterprise. We see how it began under the direction of the Holy Spirit, and how the early church, moving under this divine direction, created those essential structures and named those leadership personnel that would make it possible to carry out the will of God as expressed by the Spirit.

We are all aware of people who do not believe in the program of Christian missions. Persons will rationalize an unwillingness to contribute to the outreach program of the church by declaring that "missionary work should begin at home." Often those very same people are the ones who oppose most vigorously new efforts to be engaged in mission work close to home. We often hear people express their opposition to foreign missions, defending their position by saying that we were in China for such a long time and now China has gone Communistic. They are blind to the fact that we were never in China very seriously, and that with the token effort we made there pockets of leadership in the Christian way were established that continue to be evident in that troubled land.

The beginning of the missionary enterprise was a response to God's challenge to spread the saving word to all mankind. The motivation was never that of making one group of people become subject to or like another group, but was the response to the knowledge of God's love for all mankind. God had been at work in the people of Israel in an effort to bring all men to a right relationship with him. The first Christians believed that relationship could be brought into being through the medium of a renewed Jewish religion. It was quickly evident that the exclusivism so inherent in that group would make it impossible to attain such a goal.

It was not until Paul and Barnabas took up the missionary task that the mood and method of the church moved toward a world-wide mission. Their success was due in no small part to the knowledge that the Holy Spirit had given them their marching orders and that the Christian fellowship was supporting their work. It must be a drudgerous task for any missionary to be in the field without the complete assurance of both of these sustaining forces.

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THE FIRST MISSIONARY JOURNEY

In the 13th and 14th chapters of Acts we read of the experience within the church at Antioch out of which the first missionary journey developed and the route and details of that journey. Because it does have such abiding significance, it would be helpful if your lesson began with the sketching of a map showing the route of the journey and its relationship to important places on the map today.

The narrative begins with the words: "While they were worshipping the Lord and fasting, the Holy

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Holy Spirit said, 'Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them.'" Acts 13:2. Immediately these two with several others started on this first recorded missionary journey. Each stop has enough material for a separate lesson, but we only have time for a quick survey and some conclusions today.

The first stop was Cyprus where Christian fellowships had already been established either by pilgrims who were in Jerusalem at Pentecost or by some who fled following the martyrdom of Stephen. This was the home of Barnabas, and it is interesting to note that he felt he should make his first stop there. It was on Cyprus that the party confronted bitter opposition from Elymas, an itinerant magician who saw the Christian way as a threat to his profession. As a result of the manner in which the situation was handled a Roman proconsul accepted Christianity and became one of the first of many officials to join the fellowship.

The band then moved to the mainland where they visited Perga, Pisidian Antioch, Iconium, Derbe and Lystra. They encountered considerable opposition in these latter two cities and decided to return to their home base at Syrian Antioch. Instead of following the shortest route by sea, they retraced their steps and revisited each congregation to reassure the members and to help them in naming and ordaining leadership to carry on the work.

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THE LEADERSHIP OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Apparently the fellowship of Antioch entered into a period of prayer and fasting to discover what their next move should be. Someone had evidently suggested that a special mission should be undertaken, and no one was willing to make such a move without consulting God to discover what was his will in the matter. We do not know just how God's answer came to them, but likely it was through the utterance of some revered and trusted member. He told them that he wanted Barnabas and Saul to undertake this mission. The itinerary of the journey seemed to have been left to the discretion of the workers.

Dr. Floyd V. Filson says in International Lesson Annual: "By fasting they all concentrated on the Spirit's will for them; by prayer they all dedicated to send their leaders and support them by daily prayer; and by the laying on of hands they formally set the two men apart for the special mission."

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THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE WORK AND WRITINGS OF PAUL

It would be very difficult to overemphasize the importance of Paul in the life and outreach of the Christian church. This is especially true in the developing concept of missions. Dr. Paul S. Minear, in his article on Paul in The Interpreters' Bible, says: "The reader of Paul's letters cannot fail to note the urgency with which Paul executed his task. He worked as a servant awaiting the return of his lord."

Once Paul had felt the thrill of carrying the Christian gospel to the gentile world, he could not be diverted from that purpose. So it has been with other Christian missionaries who have felt the compulsion to carry the word to the far corners of the earth.

Dr. William H. P. Hatch, Interpreters' Bible, says: "The role of the apostle Paul in the establishment of Christianity in the Greco-Roman world and in the development of Christian theology was second

to that of no other figure in the history of our religion."

Paul's missionary strategy as recorded in our lesson speaks to our day as our leaders seek to re-evaluate the whole program of missions. First, the mission work was begun at the right place. Cyprus was the home of Barnabas and it was natural for him to want to go back to tell his own of the saving power of Christ. Then, the central task was the proclamation of the word of God. Missionaries engage in many other worthwhile activities, but none of these should take priority over witnessing to the name of God. Finally, the new converts were cultivated and made strong. Paul and Barnabas retraced their steps in order that this strengthening might take place.

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THE MISSION IS LAUNCHED

One thing could be said following the return of Paul and Barnabas to Antioch — the Christian mission had been launched and nothing would be able to deter it. Several characteristics assured this continuance of the outreach begun in the Mediterranean world.

First, it was carefully and prayerfully planned by the sending church. Too many movements fail because they are planned on paper and have no roots in the soil of historic events. This writer has had the privilege of attending the annual meetings of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church. You would be encouraged to see the care with which every proposal that comes before that body is treated.

Then, the mission had the right man at the head of it. No movement moves entirely by itself. The current of history is not enough to carry it. It needs the direction and leadership of a man. When the right man is leading the right movement something happens.

Also, Paul had the fellowship of the church behind him. He did not undertake the mission single-handed and alone. Nor did he do it in the spirit of a prima donna. It was not a spectacular solo flight. Too many times the church has faltered because its work has fallen into the hands of prima donnas.

Finally, the movement had the spirit of God within it. When the Holy Spirit spoke to the congregation at Antioch, it said, "Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them." Dr. Ferris says (Interpreters' Bible): "Neither history, nor men, nor fellowship, nor teamwork by themselves alone, make things move. Things begin to move when the Spirit of God broods over them . . . One cannot help feeling as one looks back at the history of the early church that the primary mover was God; that God himself had come into the world; that he was working all things together for good, for Christ."

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THE MESSAGE AND THE WORK OF MISSIONS

The missionaries sent out by the church at Antioch did not find the going easy. They had traveled only a short distance until they found hardship and persecution. Paul was stoned at Lystra and left by his enemies for dead. We read: "They stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing that he was dead." Acts 14:19.

But one thing we should be quick to point out — they met with a great deal of success. Gentiles accepted the gospel and the church was planted far beyond the borders of Palestine. As a matter of fact, we can trace the steps by which the gospel was carried from this first missionary journey to Gaul (France) and then to Britain and thence to our shores that we might receive the opportunity to be included in the Christian fellowship.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon (International Lesson Annual) says: "Two things stand out in this first missionary enterprise: the door of faith was opened to the gentiles, and elders were appointed to lead the church in every congregation. Faith and orders — the two belong together. Without faith there is no meaning to discipleship and without orders no communication or stability."

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General Conference

sented the report of the Council on World Service and Finance calling for special emphasis to the need to move ahead to the full payment of the askings for the quadrennium. Included in the debate was an underscoring of the increasing importance of an emphasis on the voluntariness of acceptances and payments at the local church level.

COMMISSION ON RELIGION AND RACE: Bishop W. Kenneth Goodson and the Rev. Joseph Lowery carried the main responsibility for presenting the report of the Commission on Religion and Race. Included was the story of progress being made in the mergers of annual conferences. Several recommendations concerning guidelines requested in the development of future plans of merger were referred to appropriate committees.

SECOND DAY

The Tuesday morning business began with the adoption of a Committee to Study Legislative Committees headed by Carroll Beatty. The legislation adopted changed the names of some of these groups and placed restrictions on staff members of boards who might be members of the General Conference.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS: An exciting interlude in Tuesday morning's session came as the delegates were briefed for the taking of the first "electronic" count vote in a General Conference. This vote was on four Constitutional Amendments passed during the past two years by Annual Conferences. Through some confusion in the 1968 General Conference no vote count was taken when these amendments were approved and forwarded to the Annual Conferences.

BLACK METHODISTS FOR CHURCH RENEWAL: The final item on the Tuesday morning agenda was the report of Black Methodists for Church Renewal. The delegates voted almost-unanimous consent for the Rev. James Lawson of Memphis, president of BMCR, to speak in the presentation. More than 300 were granted permission "to surround the conference floor in an orderly witness" during this presentation.

The requests of BMCR totaling \$23.5 million and significant increases in black representation on all bodies of the church were referred by a practically-unanimous vote. Mr. Lawson said concerning the requests, "If the church will not hear us, to whom will we go?"

The financial requests made by BMCR were: 25 per cent of the World Service Dollar; the remaining balance—a minimum of five million dollars—from the denomination's Fund for Reconciliation; an annual guarantee of \$10 million for the 12 black United Methodist colleges; and \$1 million scholarship and loan fund for black students to be administered by the 12 black colleges. In addition to the financial requests BMCR asked the conference to guarantee 30 per cent black representation on all agencies of the church and an equal percentage of black voting delegates to all annual, jurisdictional, and general conferences.

These requests will all be studied

by legislative committees with reports on them to be acted on later in the conference.

The Tuesday evening session of the conference began with a presentation of the representatives from overseas who came marching into Kiel Auditorium with the flags of many of their countries.

An unexpected addition to the program was a Hispanic-American "confrontation." Members of a group calling itself MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic-Americans) appeared, many of them in colorful costumes, and asked the conference to give serious consideration to programs and representation on boards and program agencies which would afford better understanding of the needs of this group and wider training for leadership.

THEOLOGY STUDY COMMISSION: Dr. Albert C. Outler presented the interim report of the Theological Study Commission on Doctrine and Doctrinal Matters. He made an earnest appeal for "feed-back" from the delegates to help the commission make decisions regarding the future of the Articles of Religion and other traditional doctrinal statements of the church. Dr. Harold Bosley of New York suggested during the discussion that the Articles might be discarded as "excess baggage" in our time.

An interesting "resolution of intent" was adopted by the conference on the recommendation of this commission. It affirmed that in the formulation of future doctrinal statements certain anti-Roman Catholic statements and implications in the traditional Articles of Religion should be eliminated.

The General Conference received this interim report accepting the challenge of the commission to "help them repossess the United Methodist heritage and relate it to the crucial doctrinal issues of today."

THIRD DAY

In the opening moments of Wednesday morning's session Bishop Reuben



Overseas delegates and visitors to the General Conference were featured in a presentation on Tuesday evening.

C. Mueller of Indiana formally surrendered his gavel as president of the Council of Bishops to Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington. He announced that Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of South Carolina was the new "president-elect" of the Council.

The conference voted to invite five additional youth to sit in the General Conference with adequate provision being made for the inclusion of representatives from all ethnic groups. Five young people selected on Tuesday had all been white.

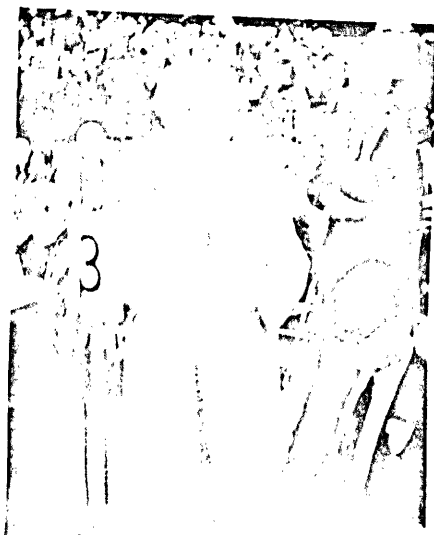
QUADRENNIAL EMPHASIS COMMITTEE: Bishop James K. Matthews reported for the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee with special emphasis on the Fund for Reconciliation. A number of individuals spoke concerning projects being supported by the Fund for Reconciliation across the nation.

During the Wednesday morning session the conference referred to the Committee on Christian Social Concerns a resolution asking the Administrative Board of Centenary United Methodist Church, St. Louis to drop charges made against 23 young people arrested for disrupting Sunday morning worship services in that church.

PROGRAM COUNCIL: A "moratorium on national church meetings, proposed by the United Methodist Program Council, was approved by the Conference for the remainder of the 1968-72 quadrennium. The conference also voted to ask that all national meetings in the future be cleared with the Program Council.

DEFEAT OF CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT: In a most surprising action the delegates defeated a constitutional amendment which would have permitted the assignment of one of the bishops as a full-time secretary to the Council of Bishops.

The amendment which had been before the 1968 United Conference and passed by the necessary vote of the annual conferences was apparently, called back for reconsideration of the



Dr. Georgia Harkness, one of United Methodism's most outstanding leaders and a delegate from the California-Nevada Conference speaks to a motion at General Conference.

General Conference because somebody "goofed" at the 1968 Uniting Conference in not recording whether or not the necessary two-thirds positive vote was secured. In the vote today, the amendment did not even receive a simple majority—and nowhere near the needed two-thirds majority.

A computer brought on to count the ballots to speed up matters proved to consume far more time than the standing vote method of other years would have taken. Defenders of automation insisted that it was being used for accuracy and not just for speed.

CHARLES PARLIN NIGHT: A dinner was held on Wednesday evening at the Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel honoring Charles C. Parlin, Englewood, N.J. layman considered one of the major architects of Methodist-Evangelical United Brethren church union. The 1968 United Methodist General Conference had voted that this be done during the special session.

FOURTH DAY

COMMITTEE ON INTERDENOMINATIONAL RELATIONS: The major item in the Calendar Report 39 of the Committee on Interdenominational Relations concerned the Plan of Union of the Consultation on Church Union. The report called for the receiving of the Plan of Union (which unfortunately was not available for the delegates to study) and the study of the plan during the next two years in the local churches of United Methodism.

A new ad hoc committee was authorized for the continuation of participation in COCU. However, the delegates approved an amendment by Dr. Georgia Harkness which eliminated the word "negotiating" from the duties conferred on that committee.

In an interview concerning COCU, Dr. Albert C. Outler of Dallas said, "The COCU Plan of Union is too well-intentioned to reject quickly; it is too underdeveloped to vote for it here and now."

YOUTH INVOLVEMENT: Several steps were taken during the General Conference inviting young people into

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General Conference



The "Dust and Ashes" singing group from the staff of the Board of Education was presented in connection with the report of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee.

the decision-making process. Ten youth were invited to sit in the conference with the privilege of speaking, and the restriction of annual conference delegates to persons over 21 years of age was projected in a Constitutional Amendment to be sent to the conferences. This means that local churches could elect young people as their delegates to annual conference. Youth members were added to the membership of many of the general boards and agencies.

A youth delegate introduced an "Earth Day" resolution which was passed by the body. In the resolution, Miss Barbra-Jean Metzger, St. Paul, Minn. asked the delegates to assume responsibility for the initiation of action to resolve the ecological crisis.

RESOLUTIONS AND POLLUTION AND POPULATION CONTROL: Although the number of resolutions passed by the special session was held to a minimum by the disappearance of a quorum on Friday afternoon, two significant ones were passed earlier dealing with environmental pollution and population control.

The resolution on ecology stated flatly: "We insist that the human rights of the community take precedence over individual property rights, and that no individual should be permitted to degrade the environment simply for the sake of personal property rights, and that no individual should be permitted to degrade the environment simply for the sake of personal property."



Louisiana Conference B visitors were the Rev. J. W. Wilson, lower left, Baton Rouge District Superintendent; and the Rev. William R. London, director of Metropolitan Ministries, New Orleans. At right is the Rev. C. W. Barner of Houston, Tex.

The conference on Thursday evening passed a resolution on population control in which it called upon states to remove abortion from the criminal code and place it under regulations relating to standard medical practice.

PRIVATE SCHOOLS: The conference adopted without debate a resolution declaring illegal the use of United Methodist churches as private schools.

FIFTH DAY

JUDICIAL COUNCIL: Early in the session on Friday the conference heard a ruling from the Judicial Council in which the term "net income" of the Methodist Publishing House was defined. This ruling had been requested in the matter of the proposed action to mandate the publishing house to become a Project Equality "sponsor."

RELATION WITH MILITANT GROUPS: The conference refused to pass a resolution regarding the channeling of funds to "militant groups," and passed instead a substitute which expressed the confidence of the delegates in general boards and agencies and local administrative boards to make their own judgments in this area.

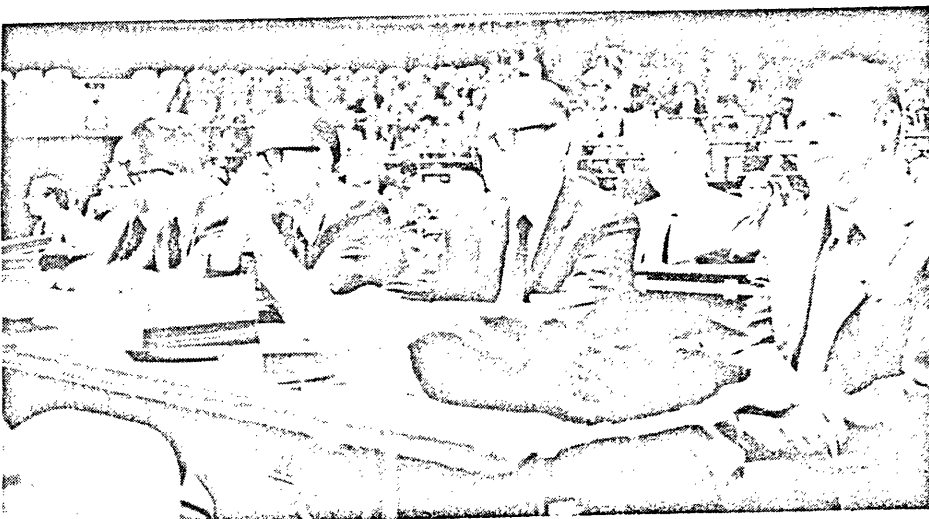


The bishops, the secretarial staff of the conference, and the members of the Judicial Council were seated on the platform of Kiel Auditorium during the conference.

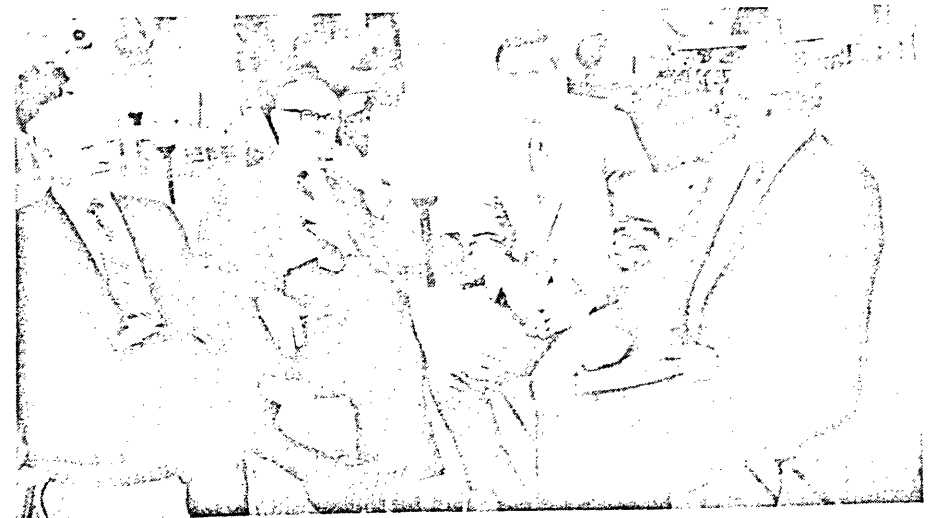
BLACK HIGHER EDUCATION AND SELF-DETERMINATION: The major portion of the last day of the conference was devoted to the passage of action indicating that funds allocated for black higher education and minority self-determination should be channeled through the official Commission on Religion and Race. The package approved late Friday afternoon would channel \$2 million annually from the budgets of World Service agencies into projects in this area; \$4 million will be sought annually for the 12 black colleges of the church; \$500,000 each year for scholarships for minority students; and the authorization for the Board of Education to borrow from reserve funds of other agencies of the church for additional scholarship resources.

SOCIAL CONCERNS RESOLUTION LOST TO QUORUM CALL:

A large body of resolutions prepared by the Committee on Christian Social Concerns, and some others, did not come before the body for action as a delegate called for a quorum count at approximately 6:30 p.m., and "the conference nobody wanted" faded away.



Louisiana Conference A delegates, from right: Dr. Ben R. Oliphant, Dr. D. L. Dykes, the Rev. Ralph Cain, the Rev. W. D. Boddie, and Dr. Henry A. Rickey.



Visitors from First United Methodist Church, Rogers, Ark. were (l. to r.): Harold Wardlaw, Joe Bill Hackler, Paul Wilbur and the Rev. Charles P. McDonald.



Mrs. Wedel



Miss Hoover



Mrs. Harrington

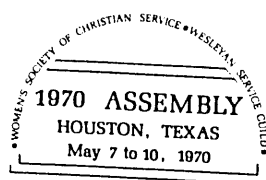
These women are principals on the program of the 1970 Women's Assembly to be held in Houston next week.

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.

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.



Mrs. Mei



Mrs. Cooper

TWO METHODIST NATIONALS ARE LITTLE ROCK GUESTS

Two world Methodist churchwomen have been visiting Little Rock this week as guests of Church Women United of Central Arkansas. Mrs. Fred Walker is president of the hostess group.

The visitors are Mrs. Eugenia Simpson Cooper of Monrovia, Liberia, Africa, and Mrs. Juanita H. S. Mei of Taipei, Taiwan.

They are two of seven Methodists brought to this country through the auspices of the Ministry to Women office of the United Methodist Board of Mission's World Division. They came especially to take part in the World Methodist Structure Congress April 9-13 in Atlantic City, N. J., sponsored by the Commission on the Structure of Methodism Overseas (COSMOS).

While here, the women have attended the Special General Conference April 20-24 in St. Louis, Mo., and will attend the 1970 Women's Assembly May 7-10 in Houston, Texas.

Mrs. Mei, a teacher in public schools in Taipei for several years, left a post as principal of an elementary school to become dean of Methodism's Wesley Girls High School when it was established in 1961.

Mrs. Cooper is a vice-president of the World Federation of Methodist Women and president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Liberia United Methodist Conference. She taught in schools which train official stenographers for the government and has served as secretary of Liberian Delegations to overseas conferences.

Methodist women of the Little Rock area entertained Mrs. Cooper and Mrs. Mei at a coffee in Winfield Church last Tuesday morning.

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WOMEN'S PAGE

FAYETTEVILLE TEA FOR "ABILITIES UNLIMITED"

FAYETTEVILLE, ARK. — The second annual Silver Tea for Abilities Unlimited will be Sunday afternoon, May 3, in Wesley Hall of Central United Methodist Church in Fayetteville.

Hostesses for the benefit tea are members of the Pearl McCain and Edith Martin Wesleyan Service Guilds with Mrs. Margaret Wooten and Mrs. Kathryn Durham as co-chairmen.

The general public is invited to attend between the hours of 2 and 4 o'clock.

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MIDLAND HEIGHTS United Methodist Church will be host to the May Fellowship Day program of Church Women United in Fort Smith, Friday evening, May 1.

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT Ministers' Wives met in Benton, April 9, in the home of Mrs. George (Euna) Meyer. The minister's wife from the layman's view was discussed by Mrs. Spencer Compton and Mrs. Chris Wellons. Mrs. James Workman is president of the group.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT Ministers' Wives met Wednesday, April 8, at the district parsonage with Mrs. Marie Boyd as hostess. Twenty-three were present for the pot-luck lunch and program. President Marion Weir presided.

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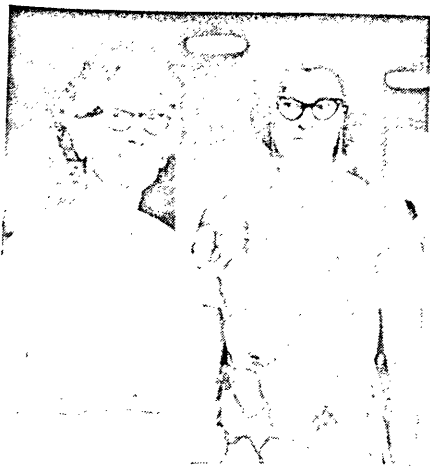
Church Women United of Arkansas elected officers for the triennium at the state meeting held at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, April 8 and 9. A leading Methodist who will serve as president is Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney of Pine Bluff, shown at left. Mrs. George Sixbey, center, of Magnolia will be vice president for denominational cooperation. She is an Episcopalian. Mrs. N. G. Coulter of Little Rock, a member of the United Church of Christ, will serve as chairman of the nominating committee. Mrs. Hezzie Clark of Prairie Grove a United Methodist (not shown), will be recording secretary.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY OBSERVANCES SCHEDULED

Church Women United of Central Arkansas will celebrate May Fellowship Day on Friday, May 1, with two observances.

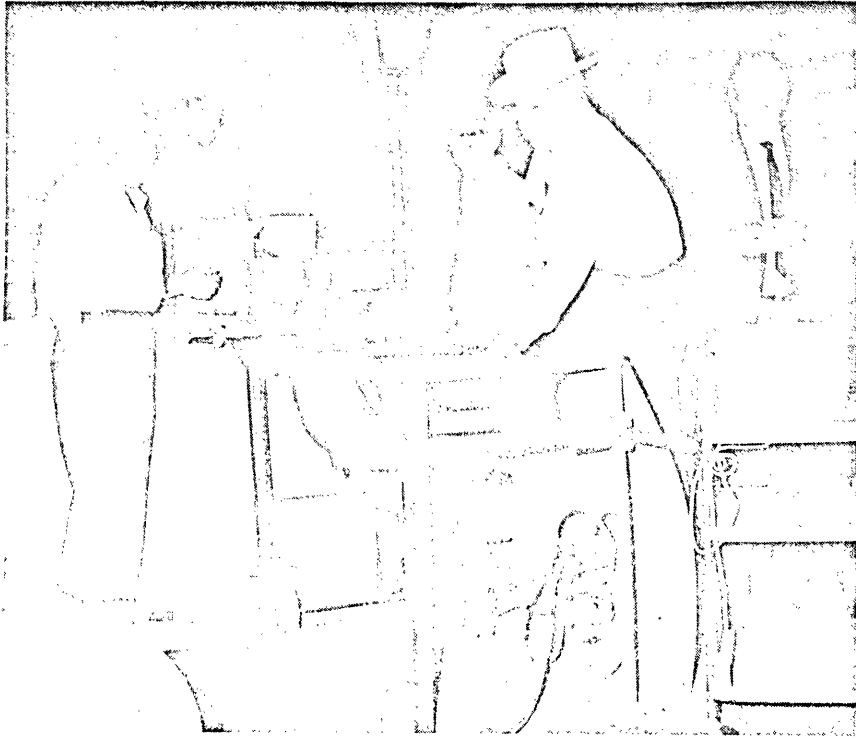
The day meeting will be in Pulaski Heights Christian Church, 4724 Hillcrest, Little Rock, at 10 a.m., with the minister, the Rev. C. Linwood Coleman, Jr., bringing the message on the theme "Dis-solve the Distance Between..." Mrs. A. C. Shanks is chairman of the observance. Mrs. Fred Walker is president.

The Business Women's Group will have a dinner meeting at 6 p.m. in the First United Methodist Church at Jacksonville. The speaker will be Mr. Dewitt Nix, superintendent of the Girl's Training School at Alexandria. Mrs. Frances Bing is president of the evening group.



Miss Ruth Webber, at right, of New York City is editor of THE CHURCH WOMAN. She was principal speaker at the Arkansas meeting of Church Women United, and was introduced by Mrs. Ben Lincoln, left, of Fort Smith, a vice-president of the Arkansas Council of Church Women United.

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A recent fish fry scene at First Church in Dardanelle (with Pastor Charles Casteel shown at right). This event was followed by a program featuring a brief history of the church by Miss Octa Vaughn and a brief presentation on the Pension Endowment Campaign by Mr. Doyle Summers, after which an opportunity was given for members to pledge to the budget and to the Pension Fund. Thirteen hundred dollars came in on the first year's Fair Share Goal.



Members of the Elementary Children's Choir at Methodist Children's Home who will take part, along with nearly 300 other children, in the Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Festival to be held at First Church in Little Rock, Sunday, May 3 at 3:30 p.m.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

"The outlook may be dark, but the 'uplook' is glorious." (Author Unknown)

ONE SMALL STEP IN FAITH

My life was dark --- void of all meaning.
I was trapped, pulled down, and drowning in myself.
The only thought I had of others was
"What do they think of me?"
I stayed this way for quite a long time
Living only for me.

But then one day I lost myself
And didn't know where to turn.
I groped around, reaching out in despair.
Then a hand closed over mine;
And my heart was filled with joy and peace -
For it was Jesus I had found.

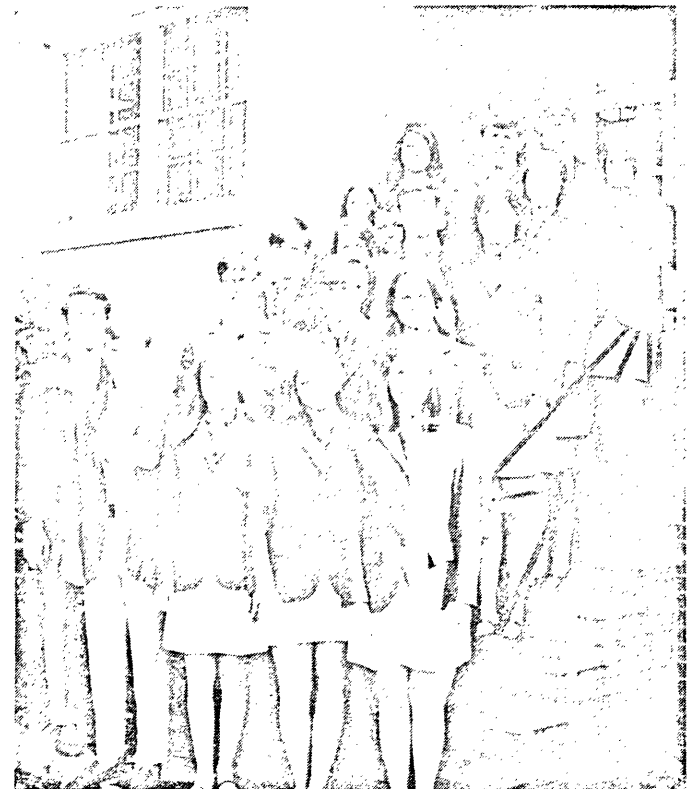
Since that day I live not for myself
But for Him who works through me.
And my life is full and bright with His light
And it has new meaning for me.
The only requirement for a life with Him
Is to take one small step in faith.

-by Mary Ann Clark

PEACE

Sometime we'd like to leave it all behind
And go to some far distant place.
We think we'd find the mountain of peace,
But we'd still have "I" to face.
There is no place to run away from ourselves,
As always there is "I" and "me".
God gives us that peace in the lowliest place
If we only search and see
His outstretched hand to lead us
Throughout life and eternity.

-by Nelle Nenson



The Share Singers from First Church, Camden, at the Methodist Children's Home where they presented a special vesper service on Sunday evening, April 20, under the direction of Mr. David Aston.



The Ellis Chapel Youth Choir dons new robes. Under the direction of Mrs. Richard Brown, organist-choir director, they provide special music for Sunday morning worship. The Rev. Charles Nance is pastor.