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NON-EXISTENCE OF A
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THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 1970

NO. 25

Jon Guthrie

Jon Guthrie has been appointed counselor and campus minister at Hendrix College by Bishop Paul V. Gallo-way effective June 1.

During the past two years, Mr. Guthrie has been on the staff of the First United Methodist Church of Conway as the Minister of students. He is now on the staff of Hendrix to work with the students as a counselor and as a minister to students.

Mr. Guthrie was born in Prescott, Arkansas. He grew up in Delight and graduated from high school there in 1952. After graduating from Hendrix in 1956, he pursued his seminary studies at Drew University, graduating with the B.D. degree in 1959. One year of his seminary work was done in Heidelberg, Germany.

For eight years Mr. Guthrie was a missionary of the Methodist Church to the Congo. During those years he had a year of French studies in Brussels and went to the Summer Institute in Ecumenical Studies in Bossey, Switzerland.

Mr. Guthrie is married to the former Jan Reinhart.

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The Rev. T. Poc Williams, Oklahoma City, Okla., and the Rev. Melvin A. Moody, Canton, Ohio, will join the staff of the Division of the Local Church of the United Methodist Board of Education here effective June 1.

Dr. Williams, a member of the Oklahoma Conference staff since 1966, will be director of the Foundation for Local Church Education and will be an assistant to Dr. Howard M. Ham, secretary of the Board of Education, in financial development. He was director of Christian education for the Oklahoma Conference from 1966 until 1968 when he was named conference program director.

Dr. Moody, program director of the former Evangelical United Brethren Ohio-East Conference since 1964, will have responsibility for services to

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—"Ministering to the Least of These" through study of narcotics and drug addiction, discerning health and welfare ministry needs on the local level, and providing procedures for the work of District and Conference officers will be the theme of the Health and Welfare Ministries Workshop offered at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, during the week-end of July 17-19, 1970, it was announced by Forest E. DeLozier, director.

The leadership for this workshop includes Bishop Paul V. Galloway, President of the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries and Resident Bishop of the Arkansas Area; Dr. John R. Knecht, President of United Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio; the Rev. Robert M. Pitzer, Executive Director, Southeastern Methodist Agency for the Retarded, Atlanta, Georgia; Dr. Wendell C. Bassett and the Rev. John Norwood, staff members of the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, Evanston, Illinois.

The opening session on Friday evening will be held jointly with the Briefing Conference on Christian Social Concerns in hearing the first of the 1970 Mt. Sequoyah Willson Lectures being delivered by Dr. Tex Sample of the St. Paul School of Theology Methodist, Kansas City, Missouri, who will

Christian education out-of-doors ministries.

Dr. Williams attended John Brown University, Siloam Springs, Ark.; the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville, Ark.; and graduated from Hendrix College, Conway. He received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex.; and has honorary doctorates from John Brown and Oklahoma City University.

Dr. Williams has served as pastor of United Methodist churches in Arkansas, Texas, and Oklahoma and has been active in church and community affairs. He is a member of the board of trustees of Oklahoma Boy's Ranch, Gore, Okla.; Methodist Home, Tahlequah, Okla.; John Brown University, and Oklahoma City University. He was president of the Oklahoma City Min-

FROM LEFT: The Rev. Everett M. Vinson, Little Rock Conference Program director; Bishop Paul V. Galloway (seated); Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District superintendent, at June 9 meeting of Conference Executive Committee.

The TRAFCO office and film library of the Little Rock Annual Conference, which has been operated in connection with the office of the Methodist Foundation, will be moving soon to the Rector Building where it will become a part of the Program Council.

Miss Joana Dean, who has been secretary of the Methodist Foundation office and film librarian for TRAFCO,

speaking on "Theological Foundations of Social Action."

Registration fee is \$12.00. Families of registrants are welcome without additional registration fee. Directed activities for children three years of age through Junior High are also provided at no extra cost. Registration, with a check for \$12.00 made out to Virgil D. Morris, Treasurer, or request for further information, should be sent to your Conference Program Director.

The **General Minutes**, containing complete statistical information of the United Methodist Church in 1,391 pages, has been published by the Council on World Service and Finance.

isterial Alliance, and was the first president of the Oklahoma City Religion and Labor Fellowship. He is secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction Conference of the United Methodist Church and is chairman of the Oklahoma Council of Churches Division of Education.

will join the secretarial staff of the Program Council as soon as the former office at 209½ West Second Street can be closed. She will become office secretary of the Program Council later in the year when Mrs. George Moon, who has announced her plans to retire, leaves the office.

These actions were authorized in a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Little Rock Annual Conference held at First Church, Little Rock, June 9.

The Program Council was asked to rent additional space in the Rector Building as soon as it becomes available in order to care for the enlarged operation.

The exact date of the closing of the TRAFICO library on Second Street will be announced later.

Recent contributions to the Myers Camp Fund in the North Arkansas Conference have made it possible to make an additional \$2,000 payment on the purchase price. This payment, according to the Rev. William M. Wilder of Marked Tree, was applied on the third payment of \$6,400 which is not due until June 1, 1973.

Mr. Wilder said, "As persons continue to contribute acres of \$65 we are enabled to cut out interest payment considerably."

The UMYF of First Church, Batesville, are making plans for a work day at Myers Ranch on June 28.

news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Rabbi Marc Tanenbaum, inter-religious affairs director for the American Jewish Committee praised evangelist Billy Graham in a New York radio address for his "acts of friendship toward the Jewish people." Rabbi Tanenbaum said, "Billy Graham deserves better than a stereotyped, skeptical response from thoughtful Jews." He cited as "the most dramatic evidence of his commitments to Jews and to Israel" the film "His Land," produced by the Graham organization and currently being shown in numerous churches. He continued, "It is perhaps the most beautiful, sympathetic portrayal of the people of Israel restored to the ancestral land that has been made by any Christian since the creation of the Jewish state."

Sir Cyril Black, president of the Baptist Union of Great Britain and Ireland and a member of Parliament, told Southern Baptist Messengers meeting in Denver, that better days are coming and the tide of revival is about to come in. He said agnostics, atheists, Communists, humanists and secularists are threatening the church and are being aided by church figures. Asserting that social reformers and politicians have failed to save the world, he said "... we can create the right conditions for God to send revival to us."

A government broadcast in Salisbury announced that Prime Minister Ian Smith would meet with seven Rhodesian church leaders, including the Rev. Thomas Curtis, acting head of the Rhodesian United Methodist Church, in an effort to avert a showdown between church and state over the controversial Land Tenure Act. In April the Act, condemned by Rhodesia's major Churches as irreconcilable with the Christian faith since it "entrenched separation and discrimination solely on the basis of race." The Act divides the country into two areas of approximately equal size—one area for the 250,000 whites, the other for the nearly 5 million blacks—and forbids "occupation" of one area by members of the other race.

A San Francisco pharmacist who began a one-man "drug abuse education" campaign in city grammar schools in 1968 has been honored by members of his profession for responsible leadership and initiative. Dino R. De Ranieri, a Roman Catholic, receiving the American Pharmaceutical Assn.'s Public Education Achievement Award for 1969, explained that the critical lack of accurate drug abuse information in all segments of the community led to extensive research on his part — including interviews with psychiatrists, law enforcement officers and social workers—with a follow-up series of lectures to grammar school children. Earlier this year, the pharmacist coordinated an "In Service Workshop on Drugs" for 100 teachers for the Department of Education of the Archdiocese of San Francisco.

The famed West German city of Augsburg, historically tied with the Reformation and Germany's religious division, will be host for an ecumenical "first" next year. A joint Protestant-Catholic congress called the "Ecumenical Pentecost Meeting" is scheduled for June 2-5, 1971. Among the Protestant groups expected to participate are the Evangelical Free Churches, Baptists, Methodists, the Old Catholic Church, the Mennonites, Moravian Brethren and the Salvation Army.

A suggestion that Churches sell their buildings to feed the poor was characterized by the United Church Observer (Toronto-based United Church of Canada publication) as "the most fatuous we have yet heard from the neo-experts of the non-ecclesiastical world." Pointing out that the average city church building "isn't worth the land it stands on," an editorial asked, "Even if we agree that they should be sold, to whom would we sell them? To other Churches?" "Shall we also sell the parks, so that factories, offices and apartments may be put up on them? Shall we sell theaters and concert halls and libraries and university buildings that are doing so little to feed men's bodies, but so much to feed his soul?"

The validity of faith healing and speaking in tongues (glossalalia) is recognized, along with the reality of the devil in some form, in a study document received by the General Assembly of the United Presbyterian Church meeting in Chicago recently. The report, on which endorsement was not asked, was developed by a Special Committee on the Work of the Holy Spirit. It said that despite attempts to "demythologize" Satan, Christians may not discount "this possibility that Jesus saw a dark reality which we often miss in our devotion to rationality, important as reason clearly is for any mature understanding of the Christian faith."

Man violates his nature when he forgets his dependency on God and "violated nature can produce neither the good life nor the good society," U.S. Secretary of Defense Melvin Laird told 500 Presbyterians United for Biblical Concerns at a recent breakfast meeting in Chicago. "When man sees himself in the place of God and relegates God to the tomb," said the Defense Secretary, "then man is indeed in serious danger. I do not believe, to borrow Lincoln's words, that men or nations should forget God."

The country's "cathedral" church for United Presbyterians, the National Presbyterian Church and Center, dedicated last month, formally took its place among other national centers of worship in Washington, D. C. Dr. George Sweazey, moderator of the United Presbyterian Church, speaking at a dedicatory service said, "this National Church and Center must be dining with a fog horn's monotonous intensity the Bible's basic message, 'Except the Lord keep the city, the watchman waketh but in vain.' Only God is great." Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor, has served the church since 1947.

The newly-elected president of the Southern Baptist Convention projected an image of moderation at a press conference following his election in Denver, Colo., according to a Religious News Service Report. Dr. Carl Bates, 56-year-old pastor of First Church, Charlotte, N. C., gave conciliatory responses to questions on a wide variety of controversial issues, the report stated. The question of whether a professor with reservations about the denomination's Statement of Faith should resign, as some Southern Baptists have asserted, should be left to the man's local church and to the trustees of his institution, Dr. Bates said. On race, he said, "My personal viewpoint is that it should not be a matter of race, but that a human being should be accepted as a man regardless of whether he is black, brown, red, or whatever." In referring to the Cambodian action, he said, "Personally, I think President Nixon must be one of the most courageous men in the world," he knew his decision would be unpopular."

The Illinois Senate has voted to bar state funds from faculty members and students convicted of interfering with the operations of a state college or university. By a voice vote, the senators approved an amendment to an appropriations bill for the University of Illinois calling for more than \$300 million in state funds. State Sen. John J. Lanigan (Chicago) said that similar amendments would be placed in appropriation bills for other state colleges and universities.

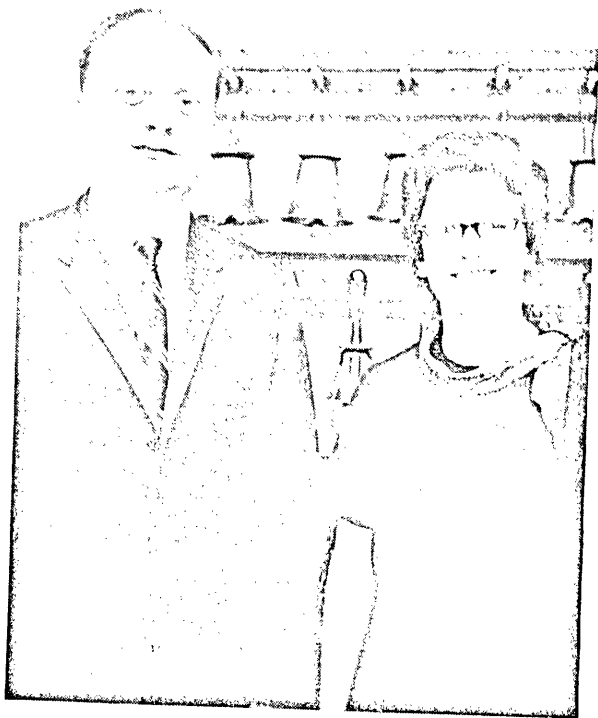
American Baptists, at their recent annual national convention in Cincinnati, voted for local option on immersion baptism. The decision defeated a move which held that even those churches not requiring immersion must name only delegates who had been baptized by immersion. The question of whether non-immersed pastors from other denominations should be recognized as American Baptist pastors was referred to the General Council to make sure "only those who have been immersed will be recognized as fully ordained American Baptist ministers." One observer said this could make non-immersed pastors "second-class ministers" if the Council acts to that effect.

Commenting on a concert performance of Beethoven's Missa Solemnis in St. Peter's Basilica in observance of the 200th anniversary of the composer's birth and the 50th anniversary of the Pope's ordination to the priesthood, Pope Paul VI said, "Michaelangelo's great church, is so worthy of the majestic grandeur of Beethoven. Under this dome we have enjoyed a meeting of giants of the human genius: Michaelangelo and Beethoven." Deploring music that is merely "frivolous, enticing or capricious," while addressing pilgrims and tourists, Pope Paul said, "We think that art which wants to say something to the people cannot be limited to aesthetic value and content, but must be conscious of its ethical and social responsibility."

A Consultation on the World Educational Crisis and the Church's Contribution closed in Bergen, Netherlands on May 22—a first ecumenical consultation, drawing together Protestant, Catholic and non-Christian educators from 12 countries in both the developing and the industrialized worlds. Sponsored by the World Council of Churches' Office of Education, a spokesman said the meeting was designed to see what the churches might do to tackle some of the problems besetting public education around the world. Suggestions made by the Bergen Consultation will be sifted and used in determining guidelines in appropriating money from the WCC's Education Renewal Fund.



Dr. Robert L. Fredrikson, 49, of Sioux Falls, S.D., was elected President of the American Baptist Convention at the recent annual meeting in Cincinnati. Dr. Fredrikson, a former member of the Youth Committee of the Baptist World Alliance and Youth Committee of the World Council of Churches, expressed concern with the problems of youth. He warned that "more and more of our young people are disgusted and bored with our attempts to organize and package religion." He said, "They are not interested in becoming involved in the petty quarrels, hurt feelings, cozy club atmosphere and unctuous inspirational meetings that characterize much church life," and called for radical reform and a "humiliating housecleaning which in the end will make them instruments of God's grace."

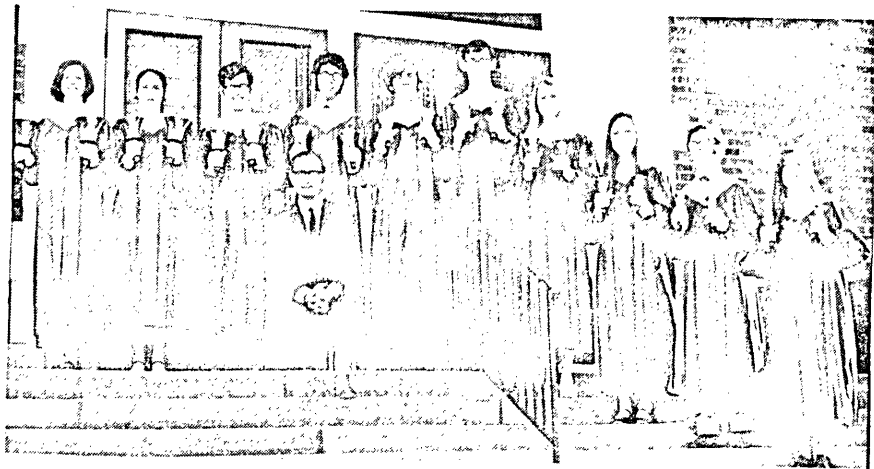


Mr. and Mrs. Felix Thompson, directors of Music Activities at the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock, are leaders at one of the handbell workshops being held at the Baptist State Senior High-Adult Music Camp at Ouachita Baptist University in Arkadelphia, June 15-20. They are teaching the advanced handbell class and the adult leadership resource class. The Terry Bell Choir played for the Camp's opening worship service.

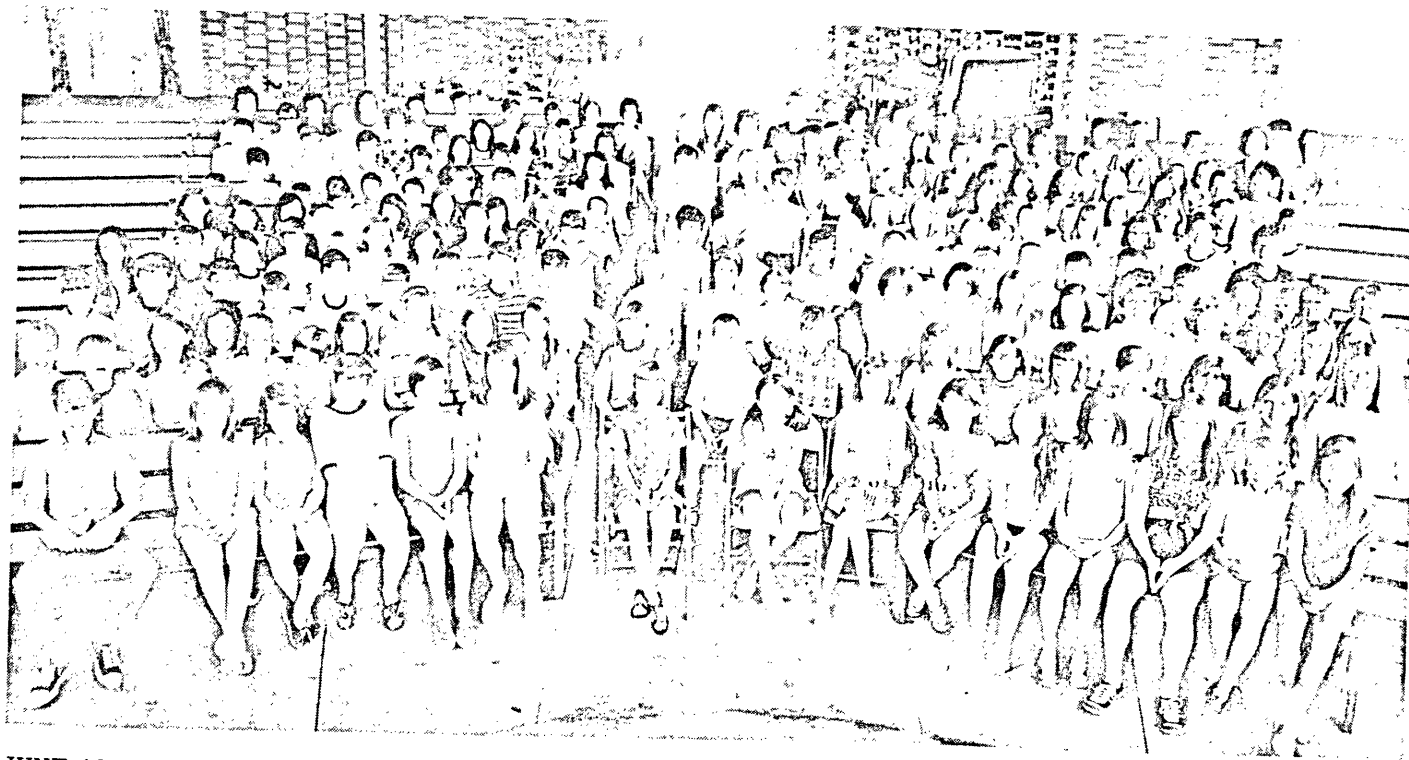
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Pride Valley United Methodist Church. Contact W. Neill Hart, 5 Beckwood, Little Rock, Arkansas, Phone 666-8363.

The role of the church in housing, drug abuse and population control will be stressed at the Southeastern Jurisdiction Christian social concerns conference at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 6-9.

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The Wesleyan Bell Choir from First Church in Lake Charles, Louisiana was presented in concert at First Church in Magnolia, Monday, June 1. The Lake Charles choir is on a concert tour through the mid-south and Rocky Mountain area.



Participants in Little Rock Conference Choir Camp held at Tanako, June 1-3. Mr. Eugene Kuyper, associate professor of music at Henderson State College in Arkadelphia was guest conductor and clinician for the event attended by around 200 boys, girls and staff members. Around 100 parents were present for the concert on the final evening of the Camp. Mr. Richard Lines, director of Music at Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock, and Mr. Felix Thompson, director of Music at Arkansas Methodist Children's Home, were co-directors of the camp. Mrs. John L. Tucker is Conference director of Children's Work.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

In "The Middle-Time," Lona M. Fowler wrote . . . "Jesus Christ is the Completer of unfinished people with unfinished work in unfinished times. May he keep us from sinking, from ceasing, from wasting, from solidifying, that we may be for him Experimenters, Enablers, Encouragers, and Associates in Accomplishment."

PERHAPS

Could it be that God has spoken thus?

"Man, you know the moon is reachable.

This I have allowed, and brought you back to Earth.

Now the time has come to purify your native home -

To cleanse and fill with love each heart and mind

So brother will no longer war with brother.

Then together we shall reach for the stars,
And attain our destiny."

Might it really be that God says this - and more?

"All that I have is yours, my children, but

I shall no longer pamper - and coax -

And allow permissive stupidity.

Free will, yes, always, for that, only, may lead
To the glory of overcoming - the Glory of Son-ship!

I shall wait, as long as it takes, but this I say,

And stand firm, despite aching heart,

I have made you for myself, the way I have shown,

My arms are open, welcoming, forgiving, yearning -

But no evil shall abide in my Domain of Light and
Love and Joy - else it would no longer be my Heaven!

I, your Father, wiser than you, patiently wait and watch.

Overcome your immature, perverse ways. Purify the
Despoiled land I bequeathed to you in virgin beauty.

Be reconciled to brother.

The moon will wait. Your childish whims

No longer win their way with me.

Grow up! Become the man I visioned long ago,

And set in splendid Eden.

I love you still - never doubt that love -

But childhood now is past. Worthy men

Must rule our fashioned world; then,

Father and sons together, we shall explore

The stars - and beyond - if desire shall call us there!"

Might it really be that God is saying thus?

-by Ruth R. Stephens

NEWS and NOTES

THE YOUTH OF SPARKMAN presented a drama, under the direction of Rev. Albert Elder, pastor, in the United Methodist Church of Sparkman. The drama written by Rev. Elder deals with the direction of the Church in the world today.

COLLEGE HILL UNITED Methodist men of Texarkana elected W. G. Wardlaw to serve as president with Curtis Cornett serving another term as vice-president. Tom Douglass is the newly elected secretary and Glenn Tanner will continue in the position of treasurer. James Williams was presented a past-president's pin at the last meeting.

THURBER OWENS IS PRESIDENT of the newly organized United Methodist Men in Lakewood Church, North Little Rock. Other officers are James Wallace, vice-president, and Henry Osterloh, secretary-treasurer. Committee chairmen are Eddie Powell and Dr. Olin Cook, program; Robert Millett, spiritual life; William Barling, projects; Charles Davis, publicity; Jimmie Dyer, membership; and P. E. Munnerlyn, arrangements.

MR. ZARFAR FAHOUN, an Arab native of Nazareth, spoke to the United Methodist Men's Club of Sparkman on the Middle East situation from the Arab point of view. The Rev. Albert Elder is pastor of Sparkman.

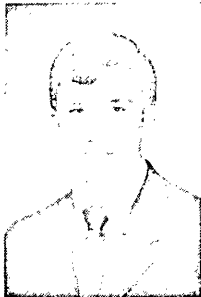
SEVERAL ARTICLES on musical subjects have recently been published by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Betenbaugh, ministers of music at First Church, El Dorado. Mrs. Betenbaugh's article "Handbell Conducting" appeared in the November Overtures, and "Children and Worship" appeared in the February issue of The Journal of Church Music. Mr. Betenbaugh's article "The All Star Choir" appeared in the March issue of Overtures, his "Accompanying: An Art that Must be Studied" in the April issue of Clavier, and "The Use of the Harpsichord in Church" is to be released in the next issue of The Harpsichord.



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The Johnston Family Singers presented a program of gospel songs at a Sunday morning service at Hope United Methodist Church, Tuckerman Charge. Shown in front of the new church sign are, from left, J. A. Johnston and his daughters Elizabeth and Mary Jane, and Mr. and Mrs. Troy Johnston. The sign was given as a memorial to Mrs. Vicki Lynne Hunter Moore, granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Bailey who are members of the Hope Church. The Rev. Jim Randle is pastor.

NEWMAN FAIR was one of the student speakers at the Gurdon High School Commencement, May 25. His father, the Rev. Cagle E. Fair, preached the Baccalaureate for the class May 24. Newman ranked first scholastically in the class of 77 seniors. He has been awarded both a scholarship and a tuition grant to Hendrix College. He attained an outstanding record in extracurricular activities including first chair trumpet position in the band and president of the student council.



WESTERN HILLS U.M.C. of Little Rock has area leaders sharing the pulpit this month with the Rev. Robert W. Robertson, pastor. Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist will speak at both morning services, 8:40 and 11:00 o'clock, June 21. The Rev. Everett M. Vinson, recently appointed as program director for the Little Rock Conference, spoke at both services, June 14.

THE UNITED METHODIST and First Presbyterian Churches of Lonoke shared in a joint Vacation Church School, May 25-29, with an average daily attendance of 110. The directors were Mrs. Jerry Brummett, Mrs. Stephen Smith, Mrs. Don Lawson, and Mrs. Mack McCrary. The Rev. Mike Clayton is the Lonoke pastor.

Dr. and Mrs. Arthur Terry were hosts to the ministers and wives of the Pine Bluff District at the district parsonage on Thursday afternoon, June 4. Shown above with Mrs. Terry, left, are the Rev. and Mrs. Therral Wilson of St. Luke in Pine Bluff, being served by Mrs. Robert L. Riffin of Good Faith-Sulphur Springs, president of the Pine Bluff District Parsonettes.

THE JONESBORO AREA Sub-district met Monday night, June 8, at Huntington Avenue in Jonesboro. The installation of the new officers was held followed by a rededication and candle-light service led by the Rev. W. Leonard Byers. New officers for this year are: president-Ricky Cheshier; vice-president-Debbie Sparks; secretary-treasurer-Debbie Payne; pianist-Donna Ellison; and publicity chairman - Beverly Scarborough. President Cheryl Schisler presided.

VAN BUREN's First United Methodist Church held a reception Sunday evening, June 7, for the Rev. and Mrs. John Chapman. A love offering was given to the pastor and his wife which they placed in the church's building fund.

THE LEXA CHURCH vacation Bible school was held the first week in June, with Mrs. Horace Griffin as leader. The kindergarten group, under the direction of Mrs. David Treadway and Mrs. Johnny Griffin, made plastic aprons, fish mosaics, mirror pictures, tree puzzles, place mats, napkin holders and boats. Elementary I, II and III, led by Mrs. Opal Muscalino and Mrs. David Livingston made Bible markers, seed mosaics and tote bags. Mrs. Herman Hall and Mrs. Wanda Snyder directed the Elementary IV, V and VI group, whose crafts were desk sets holding scriptures for each day of the month. Vivian Griffin and Cathy Muscalino led the music each day. The Rev. Charles Reed is pastor.

This bountiful table awaited the members of the Little Rock District at their annual picnic honoring the new ministers and families in the district. The event was held June 11 at Aldersgate Camp.



DAILY BIBLE READING

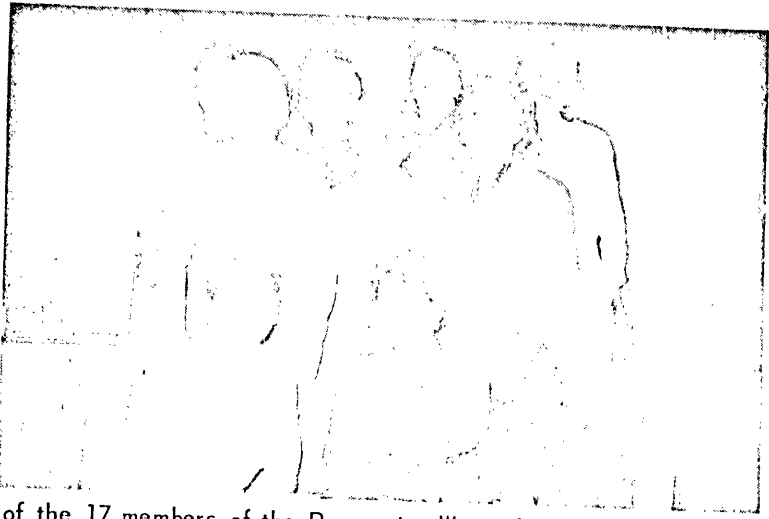
Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

June 21-Sunday	Gen. 18:22-23
June 22	I Sam. 1:9-18
June 23	I Kings 3:3-14
June 24	II Kings 19:14-20;35-36
June 25	Mark 1:29-39
June 26	Luke 11:1-13
June 27	Luke 18:1-8
June 27-Sunday	Gen. 26:17-25

TRUE TO METHODIST Tradition, the members of the Marmaduke Church welcomed the return of their pastor and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Reed, with a reception and old-fashioned "pounding" on Friday evening, June 5, in Laffler Hall. The Reeds, who were assigned to the Marmaduke-Leonard Charge for the third year, were showered with foods, household supplies and cash. The festivities were arranged by Hayes Triplett, church lay leader, and Mrs. Effie Overby, chairman of the Church Activities Committee. Members of the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild served refreshments.

HUNTER MEMORIAL CHURCH of Little Rock honored the Rev. and Mrs. Irl Bridenthal at a reception in May preceding their retirement after 37½ years in the ministry. Concluding five years at Hunter Church, the Bridenthals were presented gifts and cash by the members. Now residing at 5301 Locust, North Little Rock, Bro. Bridenthal is now associate pastor of the Jacksonville Parish, with specific responsibilities for the new McAlmont Church and the Bethel Church.

THIRTY-FIVE MEMBERS of the Youth Choir, First United Methodist Church, Magnolia, spent the week-end of May 23-25 on a trip to Houston and Galveston. The trip was made by Greyhound bus and they were accompanied by chaperones: Miss Karen Harter, Miss Bonda Sue Deere, Mr. and Mrs. Don Longino, Mr. Harold Lovell, Mr. Johnny Warren, and their director, Harold J. Sweitzer.



Eleven of the 17 members of the Prosperity Women's Society of Christian Service have Special Membership pins. Seated from left are: Mrs. Carl Price, Mrs. Phonse Harper (current president), Mrs. Jep Gavin; 2nd row, Mrs. Maggie Harp-er, Mrs. Lucille Morrison, Mrs. Hicks Crook; 3rd row, Mrs. Hursel Richert, pas-tor's wife, Mrs. Mary Thomasson, Mrs. Robert Thompson and Mrs. Myrtle Mad-dox. Mrs. M. V. Price, not pictured, was given a Special Membership since this picture was taken. Prosperity Church is on the Rowell Circuit, Pine Bluff Dis-trict.

Aldersgate Camperships

Camperships received from April 1, 1970 through May 15, 1970.

WSCS, First United Methodist, McGehee
WSCS, Methodist Church, Cotton Plant
Nora Hillis Guild, Atkins
Mr. & Mrs. P. B. Frederick
Mrs. Herbert M. Stephens
Methodist Men of Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock
Mrs. H. King Wade
P. E. Munnerlyn Construction Co.
Wesleyan Service Guild, Rogers
Mrs. Murray B. McLeod
Mrs. Roy Hudspeth
Life Member Club, Arkansas Chapter of the Telephone Pioneers of America
WSCS, First Church, El Dorado
WSCS, Pullman Heights Methodist, Hot Springs
Circle #1 WSCS, Dermott
Wesleyan Service Guild, Dermott
Willie Arnold Circle, Dermott
Martha Carraway Circle, Dermott
Smith Booth Church School Class, Pulaski Heights Church
WSCS, Ozark United Methodist, Ozark
WSCS, Winfield Church, Little Rock
Galloway-Hook Guild, Goddard Memorial, Fort Smith
Wiggins Memorial WSCS, Fayetteville
Couples Class, First United Methodist, Batesville
John Crouse, Harrison
WSCS, Rose City Beacon Church, North Little Rock
Pearle McCain, Wesleyan Service Guild, First Church, North Little Rock
Mrs. D. F. Carroll
Bradford WSCS, Bradford
Hughla Martin, Wesleyan Service Guild, Batesville
Mrs. C. S. Blackburn
WSCS, First Church, Piggott
Wesleyan Service Guild, United Methodist Church, Mountain Home
Cabot WSCS, Cabot
Wesleyan Service Guild #2, Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro
WSCS, Wesley Church, Conway
Mr. & Mrs. H. F. Murphy
Women's Society of Bull Shoals
Methodist Church, Bull Shoals
Wesleyan Service Guild, Morrilton
Circle #11, Central Church, Fayetteville
WSCS, First Church, Clarksville

L.O.F.T.Y. Sunday School Class, Texarkana
Grady Lee Wesleyan Service Guild, Markham Methodist Church, L.R.
Aline Wells Wesleyan Service Guild, St. Paul Methodist, Ft. Smith
Marcile Reid Wesleyan Service Guild, Malvern
WSCS, Forrest City
WSCS, Wesley Church, Springdale
Wesleyan Service Guild, Heber Springs
Weiner W.S.C.S., Weiner
WSCS, Batesville District
WSCS, Mountain View
Wesleyan Service Guild, Ozark
Elkins WSCS, Elkins
Mrs. J. B. Connolly, Helena
Susanna Wesley Guild, First Church, West Memphis
Mr. & Mrs. D. L. Saunders
Mr. & Mrs. Harry J. Lenhart
Miss Mary Simpson
Rev. & Mrs. E. Eugene Efird
Esther M. Yeoman
WSCS, First Church, Beebe
Mrs. Myrl S. Worth
HONOR CAMPERSHIPS

Mrs. Alice Lang Hall
by Helen Wilson Circle, St. Paul, Little Rock
Mrs. Judy Wilkins
by Ruby Hudgins Circle, St. Paul, Little Rock

MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIPS

MRS. REX B. WILKES
by Mr. & Mrs. Sam W. Smith
MRS. CANDACE SPIKES
by Candace, Kelley, Diane, and Jack Holt, Jr.
CHASE G. STEPHENS
by Mr. & Mrs. Sam W. Smith
REV. A. J. CHRISTIE
by E. D. and Sarah Galloway
EULAH B. WATSON
by Miss Jessie M. Ehlers

OTHER MEMORIALS

DR. G. W. ISH
by Rev. & Mrs. E. D. Galloway
JOHN H. RULE
by Mrs. J. Mitchell Cockrill
REV. ANDREW J. CHRISTIE
by Mrs. John B. Hefley
MRS. BEULAH POE HOWARD
by Betty and Tom Williams

REPORT FROM LAKESIDE WSCS

Mrs. Ralph Wooley is the recently elected president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of Lakeside United Methodist Church at Pine Bluff.

Mrs. W. E. Ayres presented Special Life Membership pins to Mrs. J. E. Brown, Mrs. Homer Eskue, Mrs. John R. Ray, Mrs. Tom Sadler and Mrs. J. E. Wallin at the May meeting.

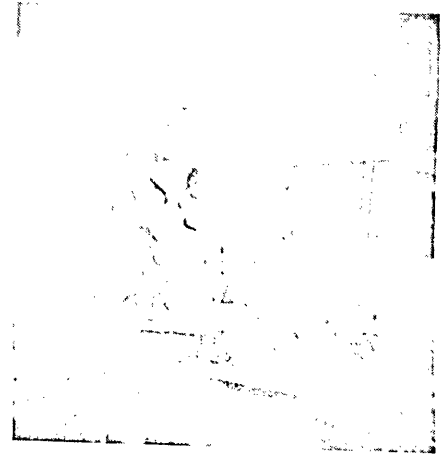
Mrs. Ralph Smith, membership chairman, welcomed 11 new and recently activated members. Mrs. Smith, also, memorialized the seven members of the Society who had passed away during the past year. They were Mrs. W. A. Lowe, Mrs. D. L. Nicholson, Mrs. Freelin Christopher, Mrs. Mary Fikes, Mrs. Leslie Layson, Mrs. N. E. Brightwell and Mrs. Roy Powers.

Mrs. Guy Kirkley gave the devo-tional.

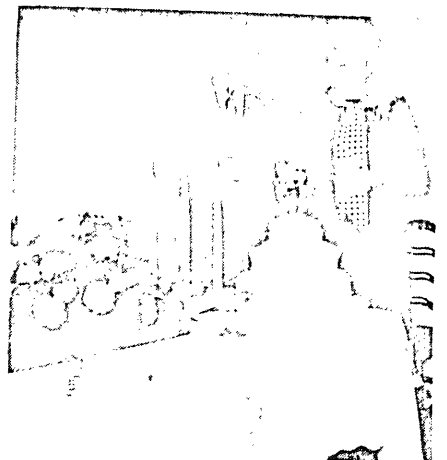
Other officers elected to serve with Mrs. Wooley are: Mrs. Guy Kirkley, vice president; Mrs. J. A. Graham, secretary; Mrs. J. P. Atkinson, treasurer; Mrs. Robert Dunn, missionary education; Mrs. Albert Shepherd, Christian social relations; Mrs. Murphy Jones, spiritual growth; nominations: Mrs. Kenneth Theis, Mrs. Don Reed; membership: Mrs. W. S. Briant, Mrs. Glenn Babb; local church responsibilities, Mrs. Paul Sundin; cards and flowers, Mrs. C. L. Ross; publicity, Mrs. John R. Ray; telephone, Mrs. Richard Reed; communion stewards, Mrs. W. D. Jones and Mrs. C. R. Mat-thews.

Leaders elected for the nine circles are: Mrs. Joe Boggy, Mrs. O. C. Landers, Mrs. Don Reed, Mrs. Leslie Helvie, Mrs. Harrel Dunn, Mrs. Jerry Scriber, Mrs. Bill Owen, Mrs. John Good and Mrs. Kenneth Kesterson.

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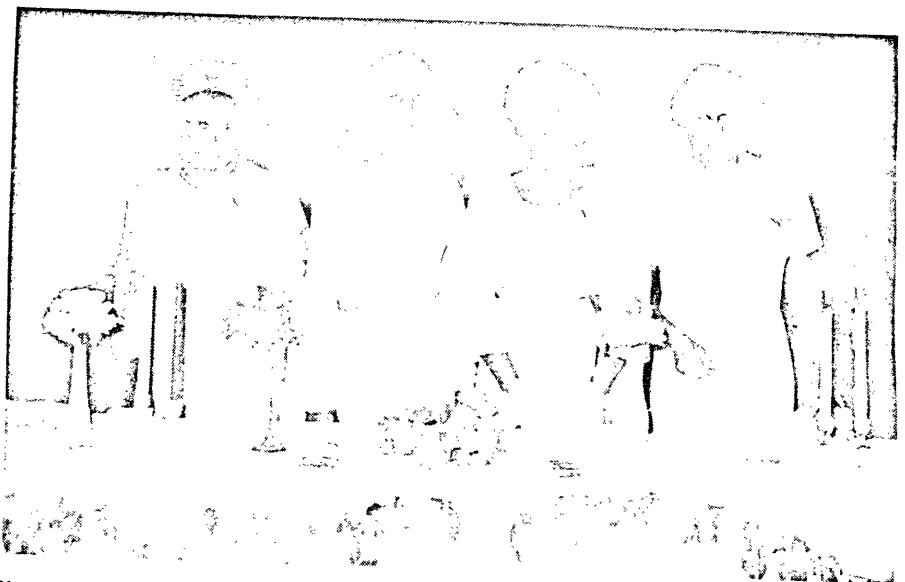


Mrs. Nettie Joyner was honored by friends at Cotton Plant on her 90th birthday. Above she is laden with a basket of gifts from WSCS members and wearing a red orchid corsage presented by Mrs. Lonnie Crafford, florist. Mrs. Jack Keith was hostess.



The WSCS and WSG of First United Methodist Church of Mulberry honored their pastor and his wife on their silver wedding anniversary with Open House Sunday afternoon, June 7. The Rev. H. Doyle Millard is pastor at Mulberry. Here the honorees are shown enjoying refreshments.

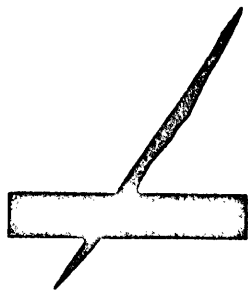
JUNE 28, 1970 at 7:30 p.m. at Wesley Methodist Church, 11th and State Streets, Little Rock, Cluster No. 1 will sponsor a film (mission) "These Four Cozy Walls." There will be a general discussion after the showing. The public is invited. Mrs. Hattie William, Enabler.



Shown at left are the captains of the Missions March in St. Mark's U.M.C., Little Rock, May 31. Captains are Mrs. Idabell Douglas, Mrs. Barbara Douglas, Mrs. Eugene Piggee and Mrs. Elsie Bowens. Leading the Children's March were Jeffrey Trotter, Dwight Nelson, Angela Colwe and Neva Woods. \$225.75 was realized from the March. The Rev. William Robinson is pastor.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JUNE 28: The Christian Hope

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Revelation 21:1 through 22:5

MEMORY SELECTION: "I heard a great voice from the throne saying: 'Behold, the dwelling of God is with men. He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself will be with them.'" (Revelation 21:3)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To indicate to contemporary Christians that there are reasons to be optimistic about the ultimate victory of the people of God; to discover the similarities between the troubled times which produced the Book of Revelation and our own times.

With this lesson we bring to a close a year-long study of the entire Bible the title of which is "The Story of God and His People." The thread of continuity running through all these lessons has been that of similarities between the Hebrew tradition and the Christian faith. Whereas, the International Lesson Series ordinarily takes a seven-year period to make a complete study of the Bible, this one-year, streamlined study has given us an opportunity to see the unity which characterizes the Bible as a book.

During this year we have marched along with the people of God as they moved under the leadership of God in the direction of freedom, truth, integrity, honor and fellowship with God. Dr. Britt summarizes the unit in Adult Bible Studies in these words: "It has not always been a clear-cut, forward movement; on occasion the people have lost their sense of direction. But again and again there have come revival and renewal, and the forward march has begun again."

We are glad that this year-long study ends on a note of hope and encouragement. We find this accent in the Book of Revelation, from which we are studying the final two chapters. Revelation is a difficult book for many modern Christians, and some have abandoned the use of it in their Bible study. However, there is so much similarity between the times which produced this last book of the Bible and the times in which we live, that we should return to a quest for its real meaning.

There is a sadness across the earth; many people are overwhelmed by a sense of hopelessness. There is real doubt in many minds as to whether the Christian faith has a word of hope for today.

The Book of Revelation, written in a period of terrific persecution, became the Christian's proclamation of Jesus' own words, "In the world ye shall have tribulation, but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world." (John 16:33)

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

The Book of Revelation is a difficult book to interpret. Part of this is due to the fact that the writer used an ancient form of codes and symbols to convey his meaning to Christians who were in danger because of their faith. To get his message past the censors on the island where he was a prisoner, John put his words of hope into language and symbols that would be understood by his Christian friends, but would mean nothing to the Roman officials.

Unfortunately, modern Christians do not have a

widely-accepted key to these symbols, and they often become lost in their attempts to interpret the book. However, we should be able to be of one mind on the reason the book was written and the main message of hope and encouragement it contains.

Revelation was written around 95 A.D. when Domitian was emperor of the Roman world. By this time it had become clear to the Roman authorities that Christianity was not just an offshoot of the Hebrew religion. They saw that it had to be reckoned with on its own. Acts of civil disobedience, especially related to war and emperor-worship had touched off widespread persecutions.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon, in *Book of Revelation*, says, "In general, the setting of the Apocalypse is the Greco-Roman world of the first century when Christians and the Christian church were locked in what appeared to be a death struggle with the pagan political power of Rome . . . By this time the Romans had realized that Christianity was not a Jewish sect and that it did not, therefore, enjoy the privileges of being a 'permitted' religion. Accordingly it was suspect. The air was heavy with persecution, although the book contains few actual descriptions of torture and killing by the ruling powers. It is the tension and tone of the writing, more than its specific details, that reveal the diabolical pressure of the hour."

PROMISE OF A NEW HEAVEN AND A NEW EARTH

In Revelation 21:1 we read, "Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more." This was a passage of great encouragement for those who were living under the shadow of persecution. Dr. Roy H. Ryan says of this (Adult Leader): "John rises to the height of his vision of a good and helpful God, a God who will wipe away sorrows and will literally come and live with his people."

It is in keeping with this year's study of parallels between the Old and New Testament that this climactic image of the final evidence of God's love and care would be "the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God" (21:2). The eternal abode of happiness with God is thought of in terms of a perfect city. Dr. Floyd V. Filson makes this pertinent observation in *International Lesson Annual*: "Note that the final order is pictured as a city, it is not a hermit's paradise but a harmonious community." This is especially significant in this period in which the city and its problems are receiving so much attention.

At the heart of this passage is an interpretation of the nature of God's new creation and his eternal age. As Dr. Ryan says: "When the world begins to tumble around us, there is no need to lose hope. God can build a new world upon the crumbled ashes of the old. He can bring new life to a person. The old passes away, the body deteriorates and dies, but God can give new life even in the midst of death and decay."

THE PRESENCE OF GOD WITH HIS PEOPLE

In Revelation 21:3 we find these words: "Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people." This

indicates that the supremely important thing about this future city of hope is the presence of God. The idea is expressed in Old Testament language, "the tabernacle of God is with men." The same words appeared in John 1:14 to describe the incarnation. Through Jesus Christ, God "pitched his tent" in the midst of men, but the big idea here is that the "tent," which was a symbol of a temporary dwelling place, would become a permanent dwelling place in the new Jerusalem.

This city is described as one of vast scope and citizenship. The dimensions of the city are said to be fifteen hundred miles on a side, dimensions that are not to be taken literally but as symbolic of enormous magnitude. The holy city is large enough to include all of God's people, an immense number.

Another significant symbol in our lesson is in the verse which says, "And I saw no temple therein for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it." (21:22) Whereas the Hebrews had thought of the old Jerusalem primarily because it contained the temple—the symbol of the presence of God—there would be no need of a temple in the "new Jerusalem" because God would be there himself.

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THE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE CITY

We must not try to take too literally the physical characteristics of the city described by the author. Our minds simply cannot visualize a city that looks like the one John describes. The main conclusion we can draw from his word picture is that in that place of future existence for God's people there would be everything that they think of as desirable for abundant living, and there would be nothing present that they regard as undesirable.

For example, the writer has said "and there was no more sea." This would not be ideal geography for a sea-loving people, but the Hebrews traditionally had hated the sea even though their homeland bordered on it. They saw the sea as a great enemy, so their map of paradise would have no place for the ocean. In his discussion of this passage Dr. William Barclay points out that John is using ideas which were "perfectly familiar to those who believed in an unseen world where all things existed in their perfect patterns."

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FACING THE FUTURE WITH HOPE

The main message that John was sending to his underground readers was that no matter how uncertain their future was, they could face it in the assurance that God was with them. Those who believe in God can face any future with such confidence.

It comes as a climax to twelve months of study of the Bible—this declaration that no circumstances can be so discouraging that the people of God cannot hold fast to their hope. Think of all the experiences covered during this period—the many, many times when it seemed that God had forgotten his promises.

Dr. Ryan has suggested the following affirmations which can help us to look ahead unafraid: (1) We believe in a God who is alive and active in history. (2) We believe in a Divine Presence who identifies with us in our daily lives. (3) We believe in a God who creates and recreates. (4) We believe in a God who cares for persons and whose care extends even beyond our personal death. (5) We believe in the resurrection of Jesus Christ and in new life for his followers. (6) We believe in a God who will finally triumph, a God whose purpose is the ultimate redemption of the whole creation.

There are many causes for despair in today's world. There have been in so many periods of time before this. Dr. Britt puts it this way: "Our hope is Jesus Christ. It is not merely in Jesus Christ; he himself is our hope. In our actions and in our thoughts this hope has both a 'here and now' aspect and an ultimate dimension."

The ancient prophets said that God had set apart his people not for special privilege, but for service, for labor, for priesthood, for ministry. This is the role of the church in our time, and in this role we can rejoice and be glad, confident of ultimate victory.

Retiring prof believes emotion has not replaced reason at Centenary

by Maurie Wayne,
Centenary College, Director of
Public Information

Dr. Bryant Davidson, veteran professor of history and government at Centenary College is retiring a happy man! His last class in American Foreign Policy gave him a most pleasant going-away present.

On a final exam, Dr. Davidson asked the class a question about the recent American drive into Cambodia, an issue which has disturbed many college students around the nation. "Not one of these students was critical of the President of the United States," Dr. Davidson said, "and I interpret this to mean that at Centenary emotion has not replaced reason. This makes me extremely proud of our college and our students," he said.

Dr. Davidson retired from active teaching at Centenary at the end of the spring semester in May, but hopes to keep busy speaking out on current affairs, and maybe, taking a few canoe trips down some unexplored river.

The highly respected professor began his career at Centenary in 1928 and is credited with teaching more students than any other man in the history of the college. During his distinguished 42 year career at the Shreveport Methodist college, he endeared himself not only to the students and his colleagues at Centenary, but to the Shreveport community as well. He is probably best remembered in the community for a speech he made predicting the beginning of World War II long before the clouds of war began to gather.

A native of Conway, Arkansas, he holds degrees from Hendrix College and Columbia University. In 1960 his alma mater at Hendrix awarded him the honorary Doctor of Law degree.

Dr. Davidson and his wife "Tip" have literally been "close" to Centenary most of their adult lives. With the exception of their first and last years at Centenary they have resided in a home on the campus proper. Because they are the kind of people they are, they have always enjoyed the impromptu visits from students who dropped in unannounced at all hours of the day and night. In fact, Dr. Davidson recalls that one of his most interesting classes was a philosophy class he held in his living room in the evenings from 7-10. They recently moved into town when their former home on the campus was torn down to make way for a new administration building. They appear to be pleased with their new abode, although they admit they will miss the casual visits with the students.

If Centenary College was always the Davidson's first love, their zest for canoeing in the great out of doors was always a close second. Their canoe trips have taken them on excursions throughout their native Arkansas, into the wilds of Idaho, and up into the wastelands of Canada. More often than not they would take students along on the trips, usually on a "them that works, eats" basis.

It was on one of these outings that Dr. Davidson gained his reputation as a weather forecaster. At the beginning of a five day excursion, one of the students asked the professor if he

thought it would rain. He replied in the negative. During the night, a heavy rain set in, and continued for five days. Since that time, Dr. Davidson sometimes predicts world events, but never the weather.

Noted for his wry humor, the popular professor was not above directing his wit at the students. When he accepted the "Outstanding Teacher of the Year" award at the Homecoming banquet, he was obviously struggling for words at the surprise announcement. "As I walked up here to accept this award, my mind went blank," he said. And then with a grin, "Which reminds me of a lot of my former students in this audience tonight!"

Although he admits to some concern about the present upheavals on college campuses, the veteran educator believes the worst may be over. "We must realize that these young people today have so many distressing problems to face,

problems such as no generation before them has faced," he said. "But I have a strong conviction that college students are already beginning to adopt more constructive approaches to these problems."

As a fitting finale to a great teaching career, Dr. Davidson was named "Professor Emeritus" by Dean Thad N. Marsh at the Commencement Exercises on May 17. Dr. Davidson stood with bowed head as they gave him a rousing standing ovation. The Dean then read this fitting tribute to a good teacher: "He came to Centenary when it was barely a century old, and served it faithfully until the eve of its sesquicentennial, during which time he taught more of its students than any other teacher in its history. They in turn have loved him as a teacher, scholar, friend, and guide. We wish him happy haven and long years."

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Dr. Bryant Davidson with Mrs. Davidson relaxes at their Shreveport home following 42 years as professor of History and Government at Centenary College.

UMCOR APPROVES ALLOCATIONS FOR OVERSEAS WORK

CHARLESTON, S.C. (UMI) — Work of relief, rehabilitation, and refugee resettlement in Vietnam and the Middle East continued to receive major attention of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) as it met here for its second meeting of the year May 18-19.

The 25-member committee, headed by Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Sun Prairie, Wisc., approved special grants totalling nearly \$165,000 for work in 11 countries. These allocations for the second four-month period of 1970 included \$70,000 for Vietnam Christian Service and \$27,500 for refugees in the Middle East.

The committee also approved regular four-month allocations, channeling \$34,894 through United Methodist agencies and \$212,132 through interdenominational agencies.

The \$70,000 grant to Vietnam Christian Service is the second allocation this year, bringing the total since 1966 to \$595,000. These funds include support of 22 United Methodists now working in the ecumenical Vietnam program.

Other special grants approved were: \$7,500 for community development projects in Malawi; \$10,000 to aid families of political detainees in South Africa; \$10,000 revolving loan fund for refugees in Uganda; \$3,000 for a

rural training center in Tsurukawa, Japan; \$5,710 for several projects in Seoul, Korea; \$2,000 for a wheat storage warehouse in Jati, West Pakistan; \$5,000 for medical teams in Laos; \$4,000 for a family orientation center in Sao Paulo, Brazil; and \$1,500 for political refugees assistance in Brazil and other Latin American countries.

Regular four-month allocations approved by the committee through United Methodist channels were:

Austria, program of rehabilitation, \$800; **Germany**, aid to persecuted Methodists in South, \$400; **Hungary** and **Yugoslavia**, \$1,700; **Hong Kong**, variety of social service and educational programs, \$4,314; **India**, anti-TB program, \$5,000; **Korea**, variety of programs including job placement, community development and orphanages, \$21,330; **Pakistan**, salary subsidy grants and educational allowances, \$500; **Burma** and **Philippines**, \$850.

Allocations through interdenominational agencies were: Church World Service programs, \$151,832; Division of Interchurch Aid, Refugee and World Service, World Council of Churches, \$49,167; World Student Christian Federation for needy students overseas, \$600; the World Alliance of the YMCA's for aid in refugee services overseas, \$2,200; Heifer Project, Inc., \$8,333.

UMCOR receives and disburses \$2,000,000 annually. Sources of income have included advance special gifts from congregations and individuals and portions of two church-wide offerings each year: One Great Hour of Sharing, observed during Lent, and the Fellowship of Suffering and Service offering taken on the first Sunday in October. This year, for the first time, UMCOR will receive the entire One Great Hour of Sharing offering and will not share in the October offering.

The committee scheduled its next meeting for Greenwich, Conn., September 21-22.

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FIRST UNITED METHODIST MISSIONARIES ASSIGNED TO HAITI

CHARLESTON, S.C. (UMI) — Haiti, a small Caribbean country where only half of the children born reach the age of five, was a focal point of major concern for the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) meeting here May 18-19.

The 25-member committee, headed by Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Sun Prairie, Wisc., announced the assignment of the first two United Methodist missionaries to Haiti. The committee also approved special grants of \$12,000 for their support and \$6,500 for tetanus vaccine to

be used by a team of physicians from the United States in an inoculation campaign this July.

Miss Margaret Doyle, a registered nurse from Murfreesboro, Tenn., and John Armentrout, a vocational instructor from Doylestown, Pa., will leave for one-year terms in Haiti this June.

A team of 12 doctors will go to Haiti in July for a mass inoculation program against tetanus aimed especially at women and babies. The doctors from the United States will go to Haiti at their own expense under the direction of UMCOR member Michael C. Watson, a physician from Bamberg S.C.

The Rev. J. Harry Haines, New York, UMCOR executive secretary, also reported that Church World Service, an arm of the National Council of Churches through which UMCOR channels much of its funds, is also planning to send a rat extermination expert to Haiti this summer to help Haitians with a program of exterminating the rodents which consume 50 percent of the country's stored grain.

The flight of thousands of educated Haitians from the oppressive Haitian government has created the most desperate plight of any community in the Caribbean, Dr. Haines said. There are 150 doctors in Haiti serving the 4,660,000 population.

The autonomous Methodist Church in Haiti has 2,800 members and a constituency of approximately 25,000.



Brother Brendan James Doyle, O. P., a member of the Dominican Order, will participate as a folk music artist in the Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly WORKSHOP ON ENRICHMENT AND SKILLS, July 6-10. Brother Doyle has composed and published Liturgical Music in the guitar idiom for the past four years and is organist for his Dominican Community. He holds a Masters Degree in Philosophy and begins studies this fall in Theology.

Bob Hope, Billy Graham plan "Honor America Day"

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Evangelist Billy Graham and comedian Bob Hope hope that as many as 500,000 persons will gather at the Washington Monument on July 4 for "the biggest celebration of America by Americans in the nation's history."

"Honor America Day," an all-day rally slated for the monument grounds and to be duplicated in communities throughout the country, will not promote or oppose the Vietnam war.

"The intent," said Mr. Hope, "is to bring a divided country together, to show the world Americans can put aside their differences and rally around the flag to show national unity."

Honorary chairmen will be Mrs. Mamie Eisenhower, and former Presidents Harry S. Truman and Lyndon B. Johnson. President Nixon is expected to make a "guest" appearance.

The celebration, to be staged by Walt Disney Productions, will feature a host of entertainers (Johnny Cash, Art Linkletter and Glen Campbell), sports figures (Willie Mays, Hank Aaron), and other prominent Americans.

Among the organizations represented on the Honor America Day committee are the Boy Scouts of America, the Grange, several veterans groups, the Washington Redskins football club, the Catholic Archdiocese of Washington, and many individuals, including Apollo 8 astronaut Frank Borman and former Texas Gov. John Connally.

A bi-partisan group of Senators and Congressmen is also reportedly supporting the rally.

The idea for Honor America Day originated with Mr. Graham, Hobart Lewis, president of Readers Digest, and J. Willard Marriott, head of the Marriott Corp. Mr. Hope is expected to serve as master of ceremonies.

The rally is expected to begin at the Washington Monument about 11 a.m. and carry well into the evening, highlighted by a huge fireworks display.

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Said Mr. Hope: "It's to be an old fashioned American Fourth of July... a celebration to give Americans a chance to let go... after being downtrodden by the rough news from Vietnam... and countless demonstrations against one respect or another of American life."

British Methodists pass union milestone

NEW YORK (UMI)—British Methodists have passed another milestone on the way to possible union with the Church of England.

Following on the 77 per cent favorable vote on the merger plan by the 1969 British Methodist Conference—and despite failure of the 1969 Anglican Convocations of Canterbury and York to support the plan by the needed 75 per cent (the margin was 69 per cent), the May Methodist district synod meetings have overwhelmingly approved Stage One of the proposal. This was a test of sentiment closer to the "grassroots" than last year's Conference vote, because it represented opinion in 34 regional districts (comparable to annual conferences in the U.S.).

Stage One of the two-stage proposal to unite Anglicans and Methodists provides for intercommunion and mutual recognition of ministries, the latter through a "service of reconciliation." Stage Two provides for organic union (with acceptance by Methodists of the principle of the historic episcopate).

Some issues of how a local congregation can be in mission are expected to be dealt with in lectures and courses at an annual Seminar on Parish Development June 30-July 9 at Evangelical Theological Seminary in Naperville, Ill.

Christian Educational Concerns Conference at Sequoyah, July 10-12

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma—"Creative Expressions of Educational Ministry in the Local Church" is the theme of the Week-End Conference on Christian Educational Concerns, July 10-12, at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas. The three day meeting will provide guidelines and ideas for innovative and creative implementation of Christian education in the local church. Superintendents of study, ministers, directors of education, age level workers, chairmen and members of the work areas, and other workers in the local church educational program are invited to participate in the Conference.

Leaders include Bishop W. McFerrin Stowe, Topeka, Kansas; Dr. Wayne Lindecker and Dr. J. Irvin McDonough of the General Board of Education,

Nashville, Tennessee; Dr. J. Weldon Butler, Midland, Texas; Rev. Wilson Canafax, Cleburne, Texas; the Rev. Earl B. Carter, North Little Rock, Arkansas; the Rev. James Fleming, Kansas City, Missouri; and Dr. Ben Oliphint, University United Methodist Church, Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

Cost is \$10.00 registration fee plus room and meals at Mt. Sequoyah. (No extra registration fee for members of the immediate family of registrants. Directed activities will be provided without cost for children three years of age through Junior High.) Registration, with a check for \$10.00 payable to Virgil D. Morris, Treasurer, or request for further information, should be sent to your Conference Program Director.

\$10,000 Sent to Peru

NEW YORK (UMI)—In response to the disastrous earthquake in Peru, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) is sending \$10,000 for emergency relief through the channels of Church World Service (CWS), ecumenical relief agency.

An estimated 30,000 persons were killed in the quake that struck large areas of northern Peru May 31.

A cable to the United Methodist Board of Missions on June 2 said that all 20 U.S. United Methodist missionary personnel apparently are unharmed.

The \$10,000 will be used primarily for tents, blankets and vaccine for possible typhoid and cholera outbreaks.

Overseas Concerns Stressed

NEW YORK (UMI) — Churches must resist the "implicit (and sometimes explicit) tendency... to a gradual disengagement from overseas commitments" as they respond to the pressures and demands of neglected minorities in the U.S., the executive committee of the United Methodist Board of Missions has been told.

Bishop Mortimer Arias of the newly autonomous Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia held that the two concerns belong together. "A church committed to 'overseas' mission and indifferent to her own country would be a mockery," he said. "A church eager to send money for black people in Africa and denying money for blacks in America, or willing to help the poor in South America while letting the poor in this country go to hell, is no less than sheer hypocrisy."

Women's Income Drops \$617,000

NEW YORK (UMI) — Income for the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions for 1969 was \$617,118 less than for 1968, according to a report by Miss Florence Little, New York, Division treasurer.

Final figures show that income for the Division in 1969 was \$13,766,240 while in 1968 it was \$14,383,358, Miss Little reported. "The reduction reflects the fact that pledge to missions and other undesignated gifts from local Women's Societies and Guilds during 1969 were less than in 1968," she said.

Youth Associates named to Council on Youth Ministries

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI)—Miss Myrna Gum, an 18-year-old high school graduate from Bozeman, Mont., and David Harvin, 19-year-old University of North Carolina junior from Laurinburg, N.C., have been named "youth associates" for the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM).

They will begin their one-year terms June 12 with offices in Dayton. Completing her term as youth associate this month is Miss Jean Boening, St. Paul, Minn., who will be entering Carleton College, Northfield, Minn., this fall. Miss Boening has had offices in Nashville, Tenn.

Following action of the 1970 General Conference the 20-member UMCYM will now be administratively linked with the Division of Coordination, Research and Planning of the denomination's Program Council headquartered in Dayton. The Council has formerly been related administratively to the Division of the Local Church of the Board of Education, located in Nashville, Tenn.

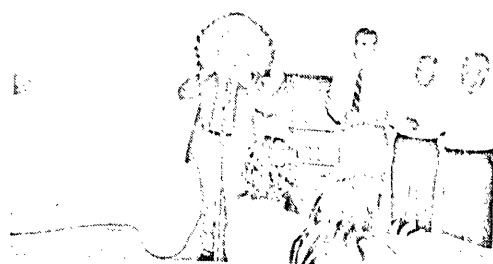
Miss Boening said the new associates will have basic responsibility for research, mobilization and coordination on issues and movements mandated by the UMCYM.

In high school, Miss Gum has had a special interest in political science and chemistry and has served as a member of the student senate and theatre groups. She has also been a leader in developing ecumenical ministries among youth in her hometown. She is a member of the United Methodist Board of Missions, UMCYM, and serves on the Montana Conference Program Council and Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Mr. Harvin has lived at the Wesley Foundation at the University of North Carolina during the past academic year where he was director of the Wesley Coffeehouse Project. He has served as editor of his conference Council on Youth Ministry newsletter and was recently a leader in the University of North Carolina student strike in response to the Cambodian invasion.

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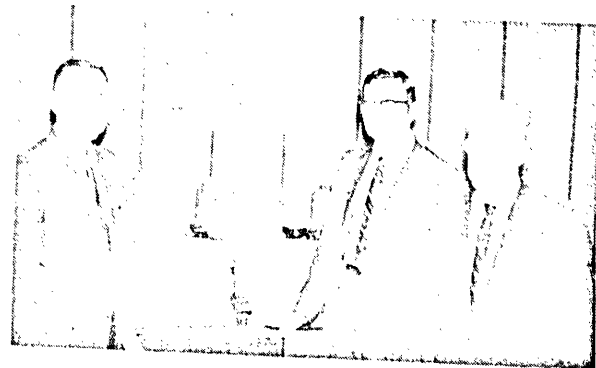
Wiggins celebrates Oklahoma Indian Day



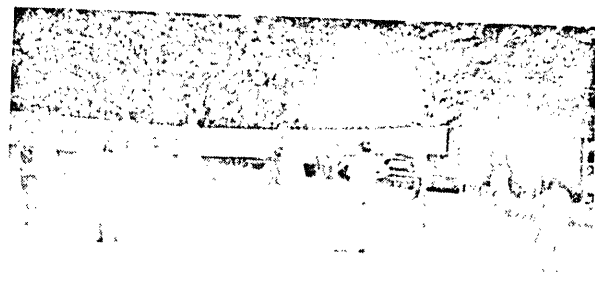
The Rev. Scott Bread, pastor of the Stilwell Indian United Methodist Church, wearing headdress of an Indian chief, remarked that as he and the 37 Indians from his church approached Wiggins Memorial in Fayetteville for the Oklahoma Indian Day celebration he expected to hear them say, "Circle the wagons!" The events of the day climaxed a year's experiment in missions and reconciliation between the Stilwell and Wiggins churches.

Guests from the Stilwell Church included this group of male singers who presented gospel songs in the Cherokee language. District Superintendent Deer's oldest son accompanied 20 youth and three adults to Boysland at Winslow to lead the third Sunday morning worship service—a project of Wiggins Men's Club.

FROM LEFT: The Rev. Scott Bread, Stilwell pastor, the Rev. Allan E. Hilliard, pastor at Wiggins church, and the Rev. W. A. Downum, pastor emeritus at Wiggins Church. The Rev. Kenneth Deer, superintendent of the Northeast District of the Oklahoma Indian Conference preached at morning worship.



Volleyball on the recently completed court (another Men's Club project) provided recreation during the afternoon. Miss Flute, a Stilwell UMYFer, (right) wore squaw costume of the 18th century. A potluck fellowship supper followed the afternoon activities.



Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas

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

JAMES H. JOHNSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Edward O. Manus
by Mrs. Ralph Koonce
by Rev. & Mrs. S. T. Baugh
MRS. ELLA KING
by Jennie & Carma McFerrin
MRS. IRENE KENNEDY
by Mr. & Mrs. M. E. Peace
LOIS KIRKLAND KNOX
by J. R. Florence Knox
by Charlotte Hendren
MRS. W. A. LANIER
by Mrs. Wallace F. Harris
LAWRENCE LEYTON
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Rogers Church leads in community projects by Junie Boyer

Under the leadership and guidance of the Rev. Charles McDonald, Central United Methodist Church in Rogers, Arkansas, has become concerned and involved in helping people in our own community. We would like to briefly discuss and explain some of our involvement so that you can share some of our experiences.

Day Care Center

One community project of which we are extremely proud is our Day Care Center for disadvantaged children. This project is a cooperative effort of the Methodist, Christian, Episcopal and Presbyterian Churches with the center housed in the Methodist Church.

The Center is governed by a Board composed of the ministers from the four cooperating churches and one layman from each church. It is financed by the four churches and the Rogers Community Fund. Each child is asked to pay a very minimum weekly fee.

The Day Care Center employs one director, Mrs. Charlotte Horvath; two assistants, Mrs. Jan Perry and Mrs. Bernice Fogle; and one cook, Mrs. Nellie Templin. There are 35 children from ages 3 to 6 years enrolled. The

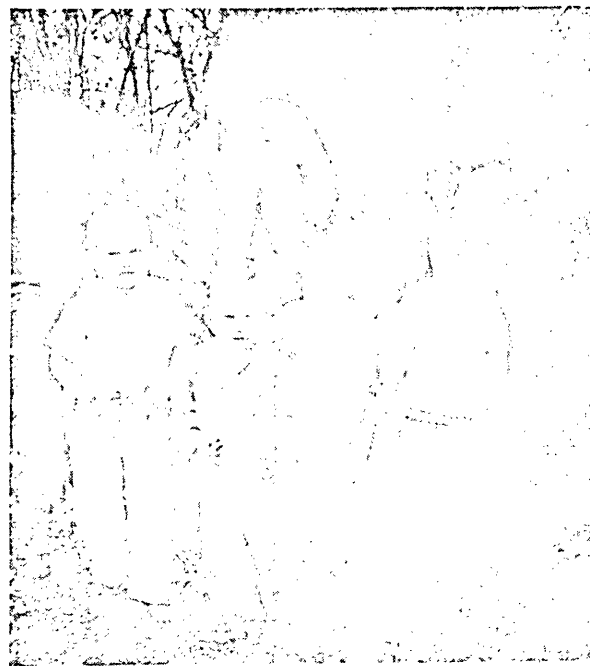
center provides care for these children of working parents and is open all year from 6:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The center is organized to help the children develop physically, mentally, emotionally, and culturally.

They are instructed in various crafts, activities, stories, music, etc. to help them develop in the above mentioned ways. They are fed breakfast, lunch, and two snacks each day. They are taken to the dentist and to the health clinic for their pre-school inoculations. The directors, through their own Christian attitudes, try to teach all of the activities so that the children will learn the value of love and understanding.

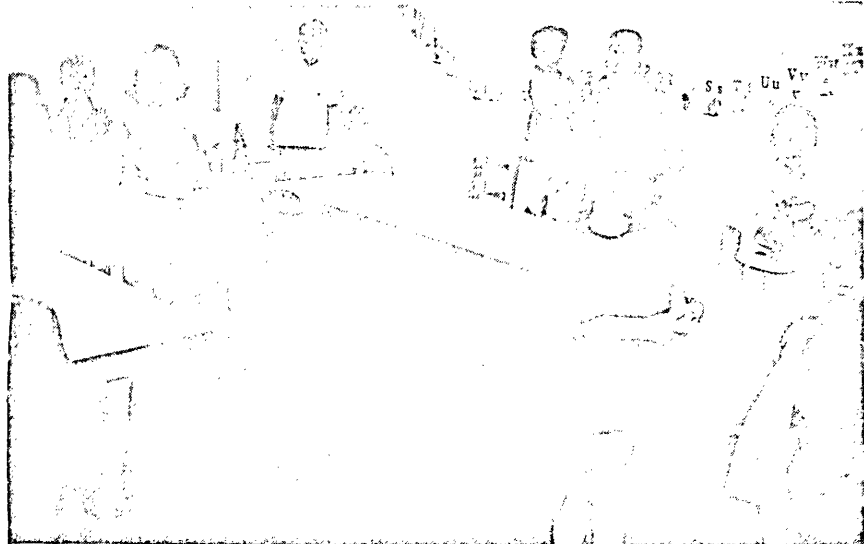
Community Service Center

A second community project which we are involved in is the Community Service Center. This is under the direction of the Office of Economic Opportunity with the Center being held in our church. Mrs. Ruby Tuck, community service worker, helps low-income persons find methods for better living and informs them of existing facilities for their benefit in the community. Mrs. Tuck works with families to try to keep children in school; refers

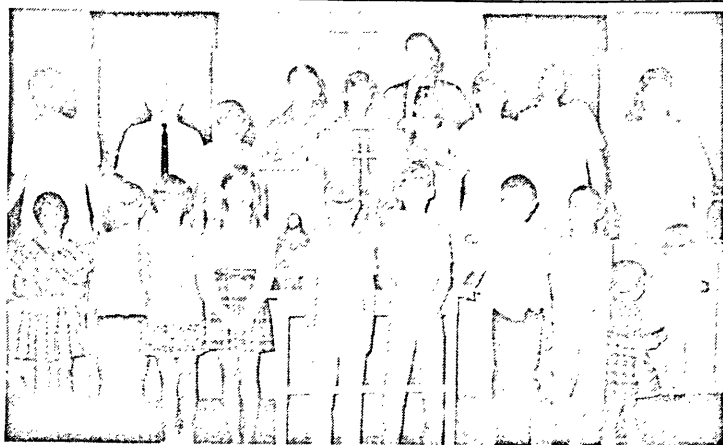
Day Care Center children brushing teeth.



Mrs. Charlotte Horvath, director, with children on playground.



Children in Day Care Center activities room.



Vacation church school group at Welcome UM Church with the Rev. Leonard Yates, pastor. The 20 children enrolled brought \$16.50 for the Children's Fund for Christian Missions and \$4.30 for the American Bible Society.

Forty-two children from all churches in Jasper attended the recent vacation church school at the United Methodist Church. \$7.25 was mailed from the school to Arkansas Methodist Children's Home. Mrs. G. H. Orr was director; the Rev. Lindsey Rolland is pastor.



people to the employment office or helps them find employment; helps them obtain dental, medical and legal services, and works with the elderly.

Several lasting programs have originated through this office. One of these is a Basic Education Class which meets at the church twice each week. The purpose of this class is to bring the person's educational level up to seventh or eighth grade, thereby helping him to be better equipped to obtain employment and lead a more pleasant life. Another of these programs is the Buyers' Club. This is actually a Buyers' Co-op where the low-income people buy food wholesale and resell it to themselves.

Food Bank and Clothing Bank

A third project which our church sponsors is the Food Bank and Clothing Bank. Many people in the church, especially W.S.C.S. members, bring

canned goods, staple foods, and clothing to contribute to this project. The food and clothing is distributed as needed to the disadvantaged. In addition to this food and clothing, we contribute to the disadvantaged in another way. We use our communion offering each month to form a "Special Fund." This money is used by our minister to help buy medicine, shoes, groceries, etc. for those who need assistance.

X. Y. Z. Club

A final way in which we minister to the community is through the X. Y. Z. Club. This "Xtra Years of Zest" Club is for our senior citizens. The group meets in our church twice each month for fellowship, activities, and refreshments.

We at Central Church in Rogers realize we are indeed fortunate to be able to share in our community projects.

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The vacation church school at First Church, Magnolia enrolled 206 boys and girls with 42 adults and teenagers working with various age groups. The theme, "Conflicts Faced by Christians of the 1970's," was used. Classes brought offerings for the Children's Fund for Christian Missions, and many of the children brought used glasses to be sent to the Eye Glass Clinic at Arkansas Children's Hospital. Mrs. Ruby Henderson directed the school; the Rev. Howard L. Williams is minister.