

W. R. Patterson

## Hendrix College names new staff member

W. R. Patterson has been named Assistant Director of Admissions at Hendrix College according to an announcement by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix President.

Prior to July 1, Patterson was the Director of College Relations for Spartanburg Junior College, a Methodist related college in Spartanburg, S.C. In that position he was in charge of student recruitment and public relations.

At Hendrix Patterson will work mainly in the area of student recruitment and also will be the editor of a new publication, a magazine for Hen-

Patterson is a native of Fort Smith, Arkansas and a graduate from Fort Smith's Northside High School. He graduated from Hendrix in 1966 with the A.B. degree. From 1966 to 1968 he was employed by Southwestern Bell Telephone Company in its manager trainee program.

Bill is married to the former Cecelia Riley of Malvern.

The Pattersons are members of First Methodist Church in Conway. They reside at 18171/2 Caldwell.

#### **NEW PUBLISHER**

The new president of the Methodist Publishing House and publisher for the United Methodist Church will be John E. Procter. The 53-year-old vice-president for publishing has been a member of the staff of MPH since 1940.

The election took place at the July 10 meeting of the Board of Publications in Nashville. Mr. Procter will succeed Dr. Lovick M. Pierce on October 31.



Miss English N. Ark. Conference youth president

South Central Jurisdiction

## Evangelism Conference July 20-24

Featured at the South Central Jurisdiction's Evangelism Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Arkansas, July 20-24, will be The DeLaughter Brothers, Roger and Dennis, who have been singing together as a team for two years. They have appeared on TV, before service clubs, schools, and other organizations, in addition to their work

Other leaders for the Evangelism Conference, which begins with registration at 3:00 p.m., Monday, July 20, and closes at noon Friday, the 24th, include: Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, professor of preaching at Claremont School of Theology; Mrs. Burleigh Law, director of The Family Life Department of The Upper Room; the Rev. Robert L. Robertson, director of the Texas United Methodist Communications Council; Dr. Shrum Burton, minister of North Cross United Methodist Church, Kansas City, Mo.; Dr. Richard M. Freeman, pastor, First United Methodist Church, Waco, Tex.; Dr. Ira Galloway, superintendent of the Fort Worth-East District and president of the United Methodist Council of Evangelism; the Rev. Don Ford, minister of music, First United Methodist Church, Beaumont, Tex.; and Dr. M. Buren Stewart, superintendent of the El Paso District and chairman of the South Central Jurisdictional Board of Evangelism.

Additional leaders for the evangelism week-end are: Dr. Doug Esten, NASA scientist with the Space Center at Houston; Dr. Austin H. Dillion, minister of First United Methodist Church, Roswell, N. M.; the Rev. C. Jarrett Gray, pastor of Centennial United Methodist Church, Kansas City; and the Rev. Robert Tupper, associate

The North Arkansas Conference

Youth Assembly will be held July 20-

24 at Hendrix College, Conway, Ar-

kansas, according to the Rev. Tom Weir, Conference Coordinator of Youth

Ministries and Dean of the Assembly.

The Assembly theme will be "Celebra-

three issues: Poverty, Religion, and

Politics. Persons attending the Assem-

bly will not only discuss these issues

during the week, but opportunity wiil be provided for them to become actively involved in these areas of life. One of the highlights of the Assembly will be a drama presentation by the Winfield Players entitled, Like It Is! This two-act musical revue was written especially for the Christian Theological Seminary of Indianapolis, Indiana, and was previewed at the

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The drama deals with such topics as drug abuse, mechanization of society, communication, race relations,

war, commitment, etc. These are pre-

sented as they relate to the Bible and

the Christian Life. Roger Armstrong, a

senior ministerial student at Hendrix

Assembly

Church in Kansas City.

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"Celebration of All of Life,"

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## Memorial gifts will strengthen pensions program in conferences

United Methodists of Arkansas are being challenged to designate memorial gifts which will supplement the funds available for use in the pensions program of the two conferences.

Originally conceived by Dr. W. O. Scroggin, Jr., the memorials program is being carried in the next few weeks to each of the districts by representatives of the Boards of Pensions.

minister, First United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City.

General Board of Évangelism staff personnel taking part in the program of the week include: Dr. Charles Whittle, the Rev. Chester E. Custer, the Rev. Roberto Escamilla, the Rev. O. Dean Martin, and Vance Archer.

The evangelism conference is planned to inform evangelism leaders on the conference, district, and local church levels, and to inspire and challenge them to a better job.

Lay chairmen of work groups for the evangelism week-end include: Leo Baker, H. H. Fulbright, J. B. Williams and Robert P. Lay.

A beautiful altar will stand in the new Methodist Headquarters Building when it is completed at 7th and Center Streets in Little Rock, and on the altar will be the Book of Remembrance in which will be listed the one memorialized, the date of death and the donor.

Individual United Methodists are being challenged to give a minimum of one \$5 memorial gift a year through their local church and designated for this program of the Methodist Foundation of Arkansas which will invest the money with the proceeds going to the Boards of Pensions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Annual Confer-

Promotional materials which were prepared by The Leavitt Agency in consultation with Dr. Scroggin include a sound filmstrip and an attractive brochure. It is hoped that these will be used in all the local churches of Aransas in the near future to inform the membership of the program and its possibilities.

The office of The Methodist Foundation is now located in Suite 920, Three Hundred Spring Street Building (formerly The Rector Building) where the Memorials Program will be administered through the Program Council office of the Little Rock Annual Conference. Miss Joana Dean, who has been office secretary of The Methodist Foundation of Arkansas, will continue that responsibility as she also assumes her duties as office secretary of the Program Council.

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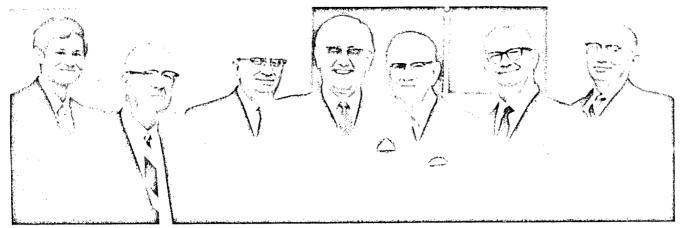
Methodist Church in Mayflower is the

Other features of the Assembly will

director of the Winfield Players.



The Rev. E. J. Holifield, Batesville District superintendent, presented the message at morning worship and presided over the June 28 groundbreaking ceremony (pictured here) at Mountain view First Church. The little man holding the shovel is David, two-year-old son of the Rev. Raymond Hawkins, pastor.



Participants in recent Service of Reconsecration at Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould. FROM LEFT Student Minister Keith Groza; the Rev. A. N. Storey and J. Albert Gatlin, present pastor; Bishop Paul V. Galloway; the Revs. Sam Watson and William Hightower, and Dr. S. B. Wilford, Paragould District superintendent. Storey, Watson and Hightower are former Griffin pastors. (Daily Press Photo)

## Pulaski Heights youth to present play

... And Into the Fire?
The youth of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock are now in advanced stages of rehearsal for their annual fund-raising play. This year's selection is the comedy "Out of the Frying Pan," a Samuel French Production. The story revolves around six actors and actresses living communestyle in New York City. Not so coincidentally, a famous Broadway producer rents the apartment below them. Action sparks when a girl-friend of one of the group drops in and then threatens to tell the father of the unusual manner in which her friend is living. Two policemen also join the cast when a fake murder is staged for the producer. Performers are (in order of appearance) Rick Sellers, Kenneth Keller, Beth Davies, David Harshfield, Carol St. John, Diana Harshfield, Alice Elrod, Carolyn Henderson, Jim Argue, Mike Cothren, Larry Benson, and Bill

"Out of the Frying Pan" will be presented July 30, 31, August 1, at 8:00 p.m. Adult tickets are \$1.00 and children, \$.50. A special price is offered to any United Methodist Youth groups that wish to come. For ten or more youths, the price is only \$.75; for twenty or more, the price drops to \$.50 per ticket. Any groups hoping to take advantage of this discount should contact Mrs. Rice of the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church Youth Division. The play will be held at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Woodlawn and Monroe Streets, in Little Rock, Arkansas, 72205. All proceeds from the play will sponsor the many activities of this church's youth throughout the coming year.

## LITTLE ROCK **CONFERENCE** YOUTH RALLY

August 1, 1970 Hall High School-Little Rock Principal Speaker-Dr. Evelyn Duvall Theme: Sex and the Single Christian

## North Arkansas Conference insurance benefits improved

The participants who are under 65 years old in the North Arkansas Conference Hospitalization and Medical Expense Program went into the improved benefits as of July 1, 1970. These new benefits are full hospital expenses with semi-private accommodations for accidents or sickness. This includes emergency out-patient, outout-patient in connection with surgical procedure, and patients in intensive care units.

The other benefits remain the same. They are 80% of reasonable charges, after calendar year deductible of \$50 per person, of the total cost for doctors, private duty nurses, emergency transportation, prescribed drugs (includes self-administered drugs), medical supplies, X-Ray and Lab Exams, radiation therapy and medical equipment. (There is the possibility of going back to the previous October, November and December with doctor and medical expenses to meet the deductible and to receive the 80%.)

This policy does not cover "yearly physical examinations" but it does cover examinations because of injuries and to locate suspected causes of illnesses.

The District Superintendents of the North Arkansas Conference are being mailed the booklets and bar-sheets ex-

#### KEITH MILLER ON LITTLE ROCK RADIO

Ted Snider, general manager of Radio Station KARK, Little Rock, has announced that Keith Miller, author of The Taste of New Wine and A Second Touch, will be featured on The Art of Living program, 7:30-7:45 a.m. each Sunday. The feature which began on July 12 will continue through October

Miller, 43, a native of Tulsa, Okla., is an Episcopalian. His first book The Taste of New Wine, published in 1965, has sold more than 500,000 copies. A business consultant in the field of petroleum exploration, Mr. Miller received a B.D. degree from Earlham School of Religion in 1963, and has three years of graduate study in psychological counseling at the University of Texas. For several years he was director of Laity Lodge, an experimental conference center in Southwest

plaining the new benefits. These are to be distributed at their next preachers meeting to all active ministers and lay employees. The retired persons under 65 will have their booklets and bar-sheets mailed to them. (All participants 65 and over are to use their present booklets and information sheets as their benefits are supplemented to Medicare.) The present identification cards, policies and forms are to be used as only newly enrolled members will receive new identification cards,

If any of the participants have any questions or problems with their hospitalization insurance they are requested to write to Rev. Allan E. Hilliard, Chairman, Committee on Group Insurance, 205 W. 6, Fayetteville, Ark. 72701.

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**NEW LOCATION** 

The film library of Little Rock Conference TRAFCO, the film library of the Area Town and Country Commission, and The Methodist Foundation of Arkansas offices are now located at 920 Three Hundred Spring Street Building (formerly Rector Building), Little Rock. Arkansas 72201.

#### PLUMMERVILLE YOUTH **RECEIVES KING** MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Lynn Boone, a student at Hendrix College is the recipient of the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Scholarship for the second year. Boone, who is the son of Mrs. Odessia Boone, Route 1. Plummerville, Arkansas, will be a sophomore at Hendrix College in Sep-

The Martin Luther King Memorial Scholarship was established by an anonymous Conway resident in honor of the memory of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. It is awarded annually either to a deserving Negro student or to a senior student of any race who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the elimination of inequities and injustices in our society.

### CAMP TANAKO SCHEDULE

HOPE/CAMDEN DISTRICTS MIDDLE HIGH CAMP July 27 - 31

For youth entering 9th & 10th grades of public school this Rev John Ross, Direcfall. Registrations and fees should be sent to him by July

#### LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUNG ADULTS ELECT **NEW OFFICERS**

Mr. Ted Callaway of Trinity United Methodist Church in Little Rock was elected president of the Little Rock Conference Young Adult organization at the June 19-21 encampment held at Tanako. Mr. Callaway succeeds Chris Jones of Hamburg, who presided over this year's camp.

Phil Lomax of Pensacola, Florida served as coordinator of the laywitness phase of the weekend activities. He was accompanied by five additional witnesses from Pensacola, and three from Fort Walton Beach, Florida. In addition to general meetings and small group discussions recreation activities included swimming, boating, tennis, fishing, hiking and crafts. The largest delegation came from Stuttgart.

Other officers elected to serve during the next year included: Bobby Dunn, Lakeside Church in Pine Bluff, vicepresident; Mr. and Mrs. Ron Wenzel, St. James Church in Little Rock, secretary-treasurer; Mr. and Mrs. Burt Ragland, First Church in Stuttgart, recreation chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Gene Garland, First Church in Fordyce, worship chairmen; Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Schuh, Western Hills Church in Little Rock, publicity chairmen.

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include a shadow dialogue on the population explosion, a multi-media presentation on pollution prepared by Dr. McGehee, professor at Arkansas Tech, contemporary worship services, and the use of "I" group discussions. The Assembly is for all youth who

have finished the ninth grade and who have not as yet attended college. Miss Janis English of Rector is the president of the Conference Youth Council and Miss Becky Cathey of Melbourne is the vice-president. The Assembly will conclude with the noon meal on Fri-

- Earl Carter,

North Arkansas Program Council

### **ANNOUNCEMENT**

The Little Rock Conference Program Council is pleased to announce the transfer of Certification for Director of Christian Education of Mrs. Ann Stevens Calcote from the Louisiana Conference A.

Regretfully, the transfer was not received in time for Mrs. Calcote's name to be printed in the Journal; nevertheless, we welcome her to our Conference Family. Mrs. Calcote is presently serving as Director of Christian Education at First United Methodist Church, El Dorado.

## Editorial

## THE CREATURE and the creation

n a recent meeting at Geneva, Switzerland, outstanding scientists of the world met with representatives of the World Council of Churches in an effort to open channels of communication between the two groups of leaders. The week-long exploratory conference brought together 100 natural and social scientists, technologists, politicians and theologians from every corner of the globe and most of the streams of religious thought. Their findings concerning the relationship between the creature and the creation should be of real importance to us. We think their observations are particularly meaningful in the light of the International Sunday School Lesson on creation last Sunday.

Scientists and technologists were called on to help Christians see the potential impact of their discoveries on man and his society by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the World Council, when he addressed the opening session of the first worldwide Christian Conference on Technology and the Future. He defined three major areas for their consideration, all of which seem to us to be in the legitimate concern of contemporary Christians. These were: 1. the nature and scope of the revolution in science and technology, 2. its consequences for man and society and the problem of directing it to human ends, and 3. the ethical and theological issues particularly from the perspective of Christian

Speaking of the awesome responsibilities that confront modern man, a German biologist, Dr, Ernest Von Weisacker, of Heidelberg University, described recent biological discoveries. He said, "Science is beginning to get the hang of the central molecular workings of our human genotype and bodily functions. It is able to intervene, to copy and then correct, and finally to construct molecules." He predicted that these biological techniques will soon be automated and translated into computer programs so the highly complex synthesis of living structures can be achieved by extremely simple laboratory programming, but that technological plans cannot work unless they are sustained by broad public sup-

This same speaker pointed out that technology has "negative aspects, failures, abuses and unintended deficits," and he cautioned against three possible reactions: "A shallow, optimistic belief in technological progress, political and technological acquiescence, or a naive Christian optimism." It seems to us that this speaker sounded one of the deepest challenges of the confrontation when he called on scientists, politicians and Christians to discover a new way that would exchange despair for a constructive shaping of the future.

Suggesting that perhaps all man can do is anticipate changes in the environment and not force them to come about, Professor Kinhide Mushakoji, a Roman Catholic layman who directs the Institute of International Relations at Sophia University in Tokyo, challenged the assumption that man can ever gain 100% control over nature even with the aid of the machine.

In a presentation on environmental concern, Dr. J. N. Black, professor of forestry and natural resources at the University of Edinburgh (Scotland), said the idea of man's dominance over nature has been stronger through the history of Christian thought than the emphasis on man's responsibility in caring for the rest of nature. Other non-Western religious traditions have been more concerned with environmental care, Dr. Black said. He suggested that "the main contribution the World Council of Churches can make is to recall all the Christian traditions to a sense of responsibility for nature.'

Dr. L. Charles Birch, a biology professor at the University of Sydney (Australia) made a strong plea to the theologians for help in developing guidelines for the decisions which must be made soon in genetics. "The question is not whether man should influence his genetic future," said Dr. Birch. "He is already doing so.

The only question is, in what directions shall the influence be made."

Dr. Margaret Mead, American anthropologist, told the gathering that technology should not be viewed as demonic — that brotherhood and humanization can be built into it. She pointed to new opportunities that can well arise from the present crises. She said, "Just as the industrial revolution freed men for roles other than agricultural, so today's need for population control will free women for roles other than a life-time of childbearing.

The meeting considered the sharp distinction between the concerns of the rich nations and the poor under the leadership of Dr. Rodrigo Gutierrez, dean of the medical faculty at the University of Costa Rica. He said the Latin American peoples are faced with the need to demilitarize their own governments and to renegotiate their trade relationships with the exploiting Northern nations. He said, "It is quite possible that an aspiration as simple as ours for the fundamental things of human existence like shelter, food, clothing, education, recreation — will find no room in the modern society of the rich nations that chase after the glory of space conquest and the complicated comfort created by their economy of consumption."

Certainly we should all be considering the questions raised by this world-wide meeting: "Is the natural world given for man to use?" "What is man himself for?" "How shall world justice and brotherhood be defined?"

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## Editor's Corner



#### A Great Man Passes

Quietly — without the attention in the secular press that he deserved — one of the truly great saints of our generation passed from the scene on June 11. This was Dr. Frank Laubach who died at the age of 85 after having been responsible for teaching more people to read than any man who ever lived.

A missionary to the Moslem area of the Philippines when a cut-back on funds for missionary activity came following the "crash" in 1929, Laubach was told by a Moro sultan, "This work shall not stop for lack of money. Everyone who learns to read has to teach. If he does not, I'll kill him."

The sultan killed no one and the Laubach literacy ministry did not stop. In fact, the incident gave a new impetus and the name to one of the most remarkable educational enterprises of all time — the "each one teach one" Laubach literacy method.

At the time of his death the famed clergyman had been responsible for literacy programs in 100 countries and his techniques and methods had been adapted to 300 languages and dialects.

Coming from a Methodist background in Pennsylvania, Dr. Laubach came to an understanding early in his missionary career that without the ability to read people could not improve their social, economic or political lot, could not overcome prejudices and fears and could not really be involved in the modern world.

He had not been at work long among the Muslim Moro people on the island of Mindanao until he started work on the development of his method. By learning to read the Koran in the native dialect he was able to write down for the first time the language the Moros spoke. By using a "look and say" method he taught the people to read their own dialect.

The experiment there was so successful that by 1935 the World Literacy Committee was functioning and the Laubach reputation in literacy work was soon worldwide.

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## news views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Scientists last week prodded churchmen into fresh thinking on the major ethical problems resulting from modern biological discoveries, at a conference in Geneva sponsored by the World Council of Churches. One spokesman said the conference on "The Future of Man and Society in a World of Science-based Technology" began a dialogue between natural and social scientists, technologists and theologians that could signal the end of a long and generally sterile conflict between science and religion. Consideration of the following priorities was recommended: ecology and population; implications of discoveries in the biological sciences; improvement of the quality of human life in backward areas and less industrialized nations; examination of the ideological presuppositions and interests served by modern systems of technology, study group to examine ethical problems arising from growing use of computers.

The United Methodist Church in the U. S. was represented for the first time at this year's recent annual session held in Manchester, Eng. A spokesman explained that four American representatives — Bishop Gerald Ensley, Bishop Roy Short, Dr. Charles Parlin and Miss Dorothy McConnell—were attending under a reciprocal arrangement made between the two Churches some years ago.

Eventual union of the Church of England and the Methodist Church in Britain became more probable, when the recent Conference gave a second resounding vote in favor of ultimate merger. Last July, the conference, meeting in Birmingham voted 77 per cent in favor of entering the first state of union—intercommunion. This time the vote was 485 to 124—79 percent favoring union with the Anglicans.

Speakers at a recent Communist Youth Conference held in Yugoslavia condemned religious leaders who go all-out "to organize various sports activities" to win young people to religion and complained that various religious communities were using their newspapers "to turn young people's minds toward religion."

To hold and attract members, a church must have a sense of mission, according to preliminary findings of a nine-man research committee of the Presbytery of Philadelphia in a research project on which a final report is not due until the Fall. Much of the data was based on interviews with drop-outs and church school teachers. It was determined that it may not matter what the mission is, just so the congregation has a strong sense that it is doing something worthwhile. Dr. William E. Chapman, committee chairman, said that churches functioning as little more than Sunday worship centers tend to lose people faster than those where members have on-going emotional involvement.

Differences in crime and preventive measures from continent to continent and even country to country, and proposed methods of dealing with crime more effectively, will be the subject of the United Nations Congress on the Prevention of Crime and the Treatment of Offenders in Kyoto, Japan, Aug. 17-26. The conferees, government experts, U.N. officials, members of the judiciary, non-governmental organizations in the social field, criminologists expect to benefit from a series of regional conferences held during the past year in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe and the Middle East.

Magnolia Ave. Methodist church in Knoxville, Tennis sponsoring a Chapter of Gamblers Anonymous in an effort to help an estimated 500 "compulsive gamblers" in its area. The project was undertaken at the request of a one-time compulsive gambler from a nearby community—a high school classmate of the Rev. James Green, pastor at Magnolia Ave. Gamblers Anonymous is a fellowship designed along lines similar to Alcoholics Anonymous. Its primary aim is to foster group support for individuals who wish to stop gambling. Spiritual rehabilitation is universally recognized among GA members as the most important element to change, according to Knoxville authorities.

Dr. L. C. Waddle, campus minister and associate professor of religion at Bethel College, McKenzie, Tenn., has been elected moderator of the 1970 Cumberland Presbyterian General Assembly. People, the moderator said, tend to classify themselves as "liberal" or "conservative," labels he avoids. "If by liberal you mean classifying the Bible as myth, I can't go along," he added. Dr. Waddle said he believes the writers of the Bible were "influenced by the spirit of God, but were quite free as human beings," not robots.

A Norwegian educator told the 86th general conference of the Evangelical Free Church of America meeting in Green Lake, Wis. that Norway may be on the verge of another "spiritual awakening." Dr. Ingulf Diesen of Oslo noted a new wave of spiritual concern in all areas of Norwegian society, especially among young people. He said that the Theological Seminary which had only six applications in the Fall of 1959 has 93 young people enrolled for the Fall term in 1970.

About 40 percent of Israeli girls eligible for compulsory military service were given exemptions on religious grounds during 1969, according to data provided by Defense Minister Moshe Dayan, replying to questions put to him by deputies in the Knesset (parliament). Israeli girls are supposed to serve 20 months under the terms of the National Service Act, but under pressure from Orthodox Jewish circles and the chief rabbinate, many girls claim exemptions.

Orthodox Jewish youth were called upon to "proclaim the values and joys of a life of piety and obscrvance, of modesty and reticence, in an age of sensuousness and hedonism (pleasure-seeking)," at the National Conference of Synagogue Youth. Rabbi Joseph Karasick, president of the Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America, told delegates, "A leader must have the courage to say 'no' to many of the prevalent patterns and habits which have infected American youth. The biblical ideals of virtue and chastity, vilified by so many of today's young people, still remain the foundation of a just and civilized society."

Optimism, that freedom from hunger can be achieved in this century if man makes use of the technology available to him with wisdom, compassion and a sense of urgency, marked the opening of the second World Food Congress in the Hague, Netherland. U Thant, secretary general of the United Nations, told 1,200 participants from more than 100 countries that food production may be on the verge of a breakthrough because of recent discoveries of high-yielding varieties of cereals through new genetic research.

William F. Yates won the prize for the most unusual transportation when he literally dropped out of the sky to attend Sunday School and worship on "Transportation Sunday" at Northside Baptist Church in Charlotte, N.C. Yates parachuted out of a plane at 8,000 feet and drifted down to a golf course near the church. A flag on his parachute read, "Follow Me to Northside." "Transportation Sunday" was in protest of the idea that Sunday School is no longer relevant. The church contends that it is so relevant people should come no matter how they get there.

The Second Annual Homecoming for former drug addicts was held last month at Teen Challenge, Inc. in Brooklyn, N.Y. The Rev. David Wilkerson, founder of the organization, formed to provide a spiritually oriented program of rehabilitation for young people who have become drug addicts said, "We're here today to say thanks to Jesus for the miracles he has wrought in the lives of so many." The roll call of alumni revealed that former addicts now are pastors, church and social workers, state narcotics workers, college students, roofers, printers, etc. Other Teen Challenge units have been established in other locations over the country.

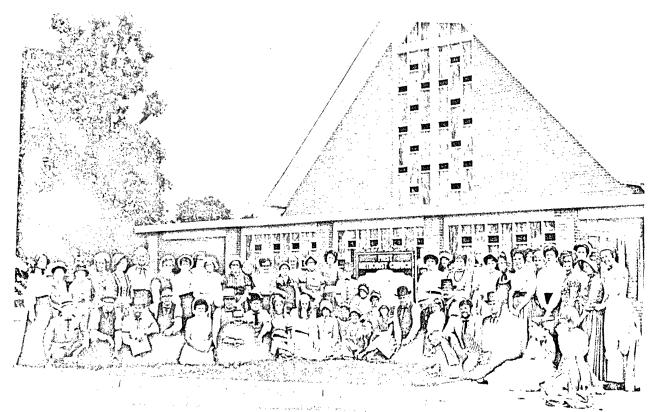
Daily prayer, offered for the President of the U.S., all national leaders, and for world peace, will be recited at noon in The Chapel of the Presidents in the new National Presbyterian Church and Center in Washington, D.C. The 10-minute, non-denominational service, open to the public, was inaugurated June 29. The Chapel of the Presidents was built in tribute to President Eisenhower. The Eisenhowers were members of the National Church during their White House years.

The American Assn. of Theological Schools voted at its annual meeting held in Claremont, Calif., to accept Jewish seminaries into its membership. The official accrediting agency for 183 Protestant, Catholic and Orthodox institutions also passed enabling legislation that recognizes "the right of member schools to move toward establishing programs for a professional doctorate" as a first professional degree. Several member schools have already replaced the traditional bachelors degree in theology (Bachelor of Divinity) with a doctorate. Master of Divinity programs will continue in some schools as the degree preparing candidates for ordination. The Assn. strongly recommended that the bachelor's degree be discontinued.

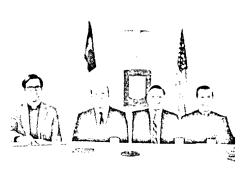


NEW YORK — New York Yankees' star relief pitcher Lindy McDaniel not only has a talent for putting down opposing batters but has a deep religious commitment as well. An offseason preacher and Bible teacher at his home church in Baytown, Texas, McDaniel's seriousness in life and on the mound has earned the respect of his teammates. Now 34, the Yankee star may consider a full-time ministerial career when he retires from baseball. (RNS Photo)

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The congregation of First United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, attired in pioneer garb posed for this photograph in front of sanctuary on Centennial Sunday as they observed the 100th year of their city. The sanctuary was completed in 1957 during the pastorate of the Rev. N. Lee Cate. The Rev. Bob Edwards is the present pastor. Present membership numbers 960 and the value of the property, including a 2-story education unit and parsonage, is estimated at \$417,500.



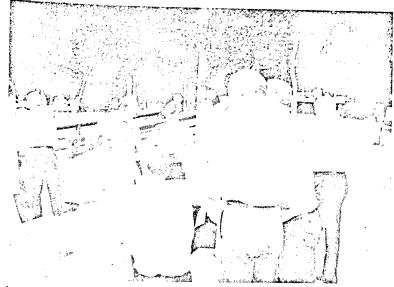
This panel appeared at Fairview UM Church in Camden to discuss, "the Church at work reconciling men across religious differences, during a series of six Sunday night programs entitled "Speak Out for Reconciliation." FROM LEFT: the Rev. Robert Van Hook of Bryant, Pastor Tom Abney; Mr. Joe Stuart of El Dorado representing the Jewish tradition, and Father A. G. Dunleavy of Camden, representing the Roman Catholic Church. Other programs (sponsored by the Commission on Missions) included a film, a dialogue, a panel of various age levels from the local church, a multi-media presentation, and the drama entitled, "No Man Is An Island."



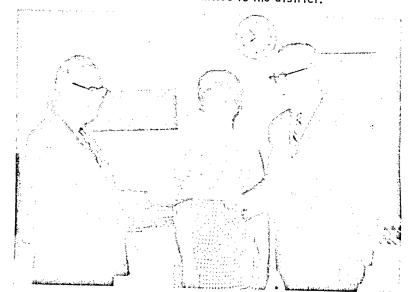
Arkadelphia District ministers and families held the annual picnic at Gulpa Gorge Park in Hot Springs. New ministers to the district were welcomed, as were retired ministers. The Rev. George Wayne Martin is the recently appointed district superintendent.



Batesville District ministers and families met June 30 at Greers Ferry Lake for a picnic with the Rev. L. L. Bounds of Salem furnishing a pig for barbecue. The Rev. Earl Hughes of Heber Springs was responsible for the barbecuing. The Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent, and Mrs. Holifield welcomed four new families to the district.



Blowing Spring Park in Bella Vista was the setting for the annual picnic of Fayetteville District ministers' families, June 29. Newly appointed pastors and families, retired ministers and wives, and preachers' widows were guests. Dr. Myers B. Curtis is district superintendent.



Parsonage families of the Jonesboro District recently welcomed their new district superintendent and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. William Watson. A reception given at Marked Tree also honored newly appointed pastors and their families of the district. Above, the Rev. William Wilder, host pastor, at left, presented the Watsons a leather bound Phillips translation of the Bible.

## MEWS OTES

THE ASHDOWN CHURCH has employed Richard and Carol Miller as summer associate pastors. They are students at Perkins School of Theology, SMU, Dallas. On weekends they are involved in outreach ministry on Millwood Lake. The Rev. Carr Dee Racop is the Ashdown minister.

ROUND ROBIN preaching services are being conducted in July by four Little Rock churches. The Rev. William Stewart of Oak Forest Church preached in Markham Street Church, July 5. The Rev. R. L. Diffee of Geyer Springs preached in St. Luke's July 12. The Rev. Alfred Deblack, St. Luke minister, will speak at Geyer Springs Church next Sunday. The Rev. John Workman, Markham Church pastor, will preach in Oak Forest Church, July 26.

MONETTE METHODISTS welcomed their pastor, the Rev. Dubois Petit, and his family to the pastorate, June 14. Special music and a skit "The Pastor's Visit" were presented by members. Max Cope gave the welcome speech. Debbie Buzick presented the minister a welcome mat inscribed with the names of members and outlined with currency of various denominations.

THE DESARC CHURCH observed Student Recognition Sunday in June with Elmer Berry, church lay leader and president of the Des Arc School Board, presenting Christian cross pins to all college students, graduating seniors and teachers who are members of the United Methodist Church in Des Arc. A praying-hands tie tac was presented to Henry Turner, high school principal, who sings in the choir. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is pastor.

MRS. EDDIE WARRINGTON, the former Scott Jamison of Blytheville, has been added to the staff of First Church, Blytheville, for the summer months. She has been

librarian for the Burdette School this past year. Her husband is presently stationed in Cu Chi, South Vietnam. She is working with the Rev. Virgil Keeley at First Church.



ECUMENICAL YOUTH WEEK in Fayetteville in June had participants from Presbyterian, Christian, United Methodist, Lutheran, Roman Catholic, Baptist and Episcopal Churches.

EL DORADO UMYFers of First Church will have the Rev. Darrel Smith, pastor of St. Mark's Church, Camden, as guest speaker during Youth Activities Week, July 19-23. An overnight camp-out at Anthony's Camp will climax the week. Mrs. Ann Calcote is youth director. Dr. Alvin Murray is pastor.

ALLOFFICERS AND TEACHERS were present when they were installed by the Rev. John M. McCormack at First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs, June 21. Administrative Board and Commission members had been installed the previous Sunday.

LARRY MARTINEAU of DeVall's Bluff is the summer youth worker in Highland United Methodist Church, Little Rock, working with the Rev. Bryan Stephens. Larry is a student at Arkansas State University, Beebe Branch, and plans to study for the ministry.

PRAIRIE VIEW CHURCH, Fayetteville District, held vacation school in June with 54 students and eight teachers. Mrs. Glen Earl Spicer was director and was assisted by the pastor, the Rev. Sam Sutherland.

AN EXPERIMENT IN ECUMENISM is enjoyed by the young people of four Osceola Churches this summer. The Episcopal, Presbyterian, Christian and United Methodist Churches have employed Miss Becca Jackson and Rod Graham, students at the University of Arkansas, to work with the youth program.

ROGER GLOVER committed himself to the ministry at worship services in Wyatt Memorial Church, Fort Smith, in June. He was recommended by the Charge Conference for a license to preach. He has a wife and two-year old daughter. His B. A. Degree is from Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, and he has completed his thesis for a Master's Degree.

DAVID McDONALD is summer youth worker in the Bentonville Church. A Hendrix College student, he is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. McDonald of Rogers. He served as youth director in Marked Tree last summer. The Bentonville minister is the Rev. Maurice Lanier.

THE SMITHVILLE United Methodist Church, Paragould District, made note of the outstanding school accomplishments by members of its youth division. following are honor students, have excelled in 4-H Club work and school sports, and are very active in choir and youth work: Myra and Beverly Perkins, Patti and Ben Starr, Nancy, Lois and John Rooker, Yvonne and Ray Wade. Lois and Ray were valedictorians at Williford High and Imboden High, respectively. Their pastor last year was the Rev. Elbert Bruner. The new Smithville-Imboden pastor is the Rev. Orville Stahl.

THE CHANCEL DRAMA "From Here to There" was directed by Fred Barbee, youth director, when the presentation was made in First Church, Siloam Springs, Sunday evening, June 21. The Rev. John M. McCormack is pastor.

#### 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.

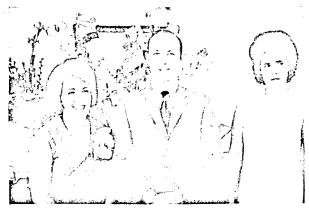
Numbers 21:4-9
John 3:14-21
Matt. 9:18-31
Mark 9:14-29
Heb. 11:1-10
Heb. 11:17-26
James 2:14-26
Gen. 12:1-8

THE SILOAM SPRINGS vacation church school was an ecumenical affair, June 1-7, with First Presbyterian members participating in classes at First United Methodist Church. The closing session Sunday evening had 288 in attendance. The two congregations were so pleased with the experience that they are planning an exchange of pulpits, the Rev. F. H. Stebbing preaching in First Methodist August 2 and the Rev. John M. McCormack preaching at First Presbyterian August 9.

#### P. K. KORNER

CATHERINE MICHELLE WIL-LIAMS was born to the Rev. and Mrs. Larry R. Williams on July 3, -their first child. Mr. Williams is pastor of Parkdale and Miller's Chapel United Methodist Churches, Monticello District.

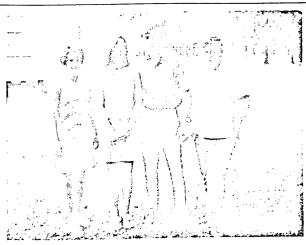
SUZANNE VINSON and James Melvin Dunn were married June 27 in St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock. She is the daughter of the Rev. Everett M. Vinson, executive director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council, and Mrs. Vinson. He is the son of prominent Methodists of Booneville, Mr. and Mrs. Melvin R. Dunn. The groom is summer youth director in Gardner Memorial Church, North Little Rock, and will enter law school in Little Rock. Suzanne will teach in Little Rock. Both are Hendrix College graduates.



Mr. and Mrs. James D. Harrison, at left, were honored at First Church, North Little Rock, on June 14 previous to their departure for Atlanta where he will enroll in Candler School of Theology. He will work part-time at Grace Church as recreational director and she will work there as church secretary. The Harrison family, including three daughters, was presented a set of Interpreter's Bible and a moneytree by Mrs. Joe Reynolds, at right, WSCS president, on behalf of the congregation.



A reception at Bethesda Church honored the church organist Mrs. Walter Eckstein (formerly Elsie Cornella) on her recent marriage to Mr. Eckstein. The event on Sunday afternoon, June 28 was hosted by by Mrs. Eckstein's piano students and included Carol, Donna and Regina McSpadden, Darlene Williams and Dena Harmon.



The Sulphur Springs Church honored this group of seniors with a snack supper at the church June 14. From left are Kay West, Sheila Gilcrest, Keith Raymick and Ronnie Chambers. Kay and Ronnie are graduates of Watson Chapel High; Keith and Sheila are graduates of Pine Bluff High. The Rev. Robert L. Riggan is their pastor.

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## News in Brief

THE FORREST CITY Wesleyan Service Guild and Women's Society held the annual picnic on June 23 at 6:30 p.m. The program consisted of a talk by Holly Almond, summer youth director, in which she outlined projects and activities for the youth. Mrs. L. B. Gwinn presented the devotional. WSCS President Mrs. Walter Gene Prewett presided.

CAMDEN DISTRICT Parsonettes met on June 5 at Monsanto Park near El Dorado. The following new officers were elected: Betty Ruth Graham, president; Nancy Smith, vice-president; Ellavee Swift, treasurer; and Mildred Alston, secretary-reporter. After the business meeting, the Parsonettes and their families enjoyed a picnic together.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS were presented to Mrs. Elith Greenfield and Mrs. J. E. Wallace by the Women's Society of First Church, Harrison, at the June 26 meeting.

THE FIRST WEDDING held in Nell Naylor Memorial Chapel, Springdale, was that of Sandra Edmondson and Troy Dale Repass, both of Fayetteville, in June.

RECEIPTS

Pledge to Missions

My World Bank

E.T.W. Fund

Special Memberships

In Remembrance Gifts

Supplementary Gifts

Assembly Offering

Total Receipts

DISBURSEMENTS

Pledge to Missions

My Would Bank

Special Memberships

In Remembrance Gifts

Supplementary Gifts

Meetings-Conference

Assembly (Reserve)

Assembly Offering

Administration

Total Credit on Pledge

Call to Prayer and Self Denial

Total sent to the Division

Regional School

Guild Retreat

Christian Social Relations (Reserve)

Program Council (incl. Partial salary

Youth Ministry)

E. T.W. Fund (partial salary Youth Ministry 250.00

Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts June 30, 1970

Church Women United of Arkansas

Gift-Lillian Johnson Scholarship

Itineration to District Meetings

Total Disbursements

Total Accounted for

Guild Retreat Offering

Miscellaneous Refunds

Taylor Endowment Fund

Total to account for

Total Credit on Pledge

Call to Prayer and Self-Denial

Total Receipts from Districts

Financial Statement

Second Quarterly Report March 31, 1970 to June 30, 1970

W.S.G.

\$4,587,25

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Ada May Smith, Conference Treasurer

10.00

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Women's Society of Christian Service

Little Rock Conference

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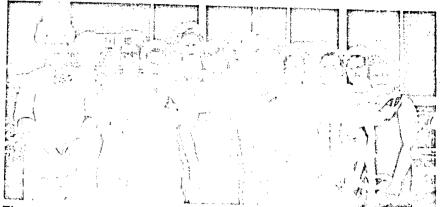
Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts March 31, 1970

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This group of North Arkansas Conference women attended the recent West Gulf Regional School of Missions at Mt. Sequoyah.



Officers of the Duncan Chapel WSCS pictured above at a recent meeting in Little Rock are: Mrs. R. L. Burks, program; Mrs. B. Henderson, missionary education; Mrs. P. Barber, spiritual growth; Mrs. F. Fuller, local activities; Mrs. V. Norman, circle chairman; Mrs. J. Hampton, vice-president.

TOTAL

(28, 625.27)

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TOTAL

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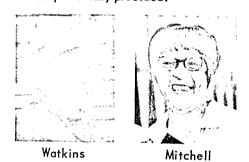
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AT RIGHT: Mrs. P. Coley, left, is chairman of program material at Duncan; Mrs. L. McQuancy is circle chairman, and Mrs. B. Bailey is treasurer. BELOW: Mrs. Marie Watkins, district president, was the speaker; Mrs. C. Mitchell, Duncan WSCS president, presided.



#### NEW HAVEN HOSTED CLUSTER NO. 4

WSCS Cluster Group No. 4, Mrs. Elsie Coley, enabler, met at New Haven United Methodist Church at Hensley, Sunday, June 21. Churches included in this "cluster" are Haven Church of Hot Springs, First Church, Sweet Home, White Memorial and Duncan, both of Little Rock. All churches were represented.

Mrs. Sadie Hammock, local president, was chairman of the program. Scripture and prayer were by Mrs. Mosella Mitchell.

Using the theme "Listen", Mrs. Hunter was the leader. Mrs. Zenia Williams of Hot Springs shared with the group what she heard, felt and saw at the Houston Assembly in May.

Mrs. Marie Watkins, district president, announced a training session for new officers to be Saturday, September 5 at Little Rock.

Two ministers present were both former pastors of the host church, the Rev. J. H. Oliver and the Rev. R. B. Brown.

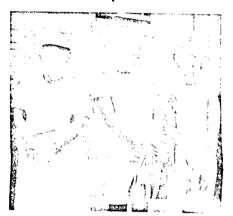
## POCAHONTAS WSCS HOST TO PARAGOULD DISTRICT

Mrs. George Peck of Cherokee Village reviewed Charles Allen's book "God's Psychiatry" at the recent Paragould district meeting of the women's Society, held in First Church, Pocahontas.

During the business session, presided over by Mrs. Tyler Williams, reports were given by all department chairmen. The roll call showed a total of 126 present, representing 22 societies.

Reports of the Assembly in Houston were given by those who atended, namely: Miss Janette Dacus and Mrs. Williams, both of Beech Grove, Mrs. J. W. Recker, Hoxie, Mrs. Earl Gramling, Stanford, and Mrs. Claude Shaver, Cherokee Village.

The following officers were elected and installed: President, Mrs. Williams; vice-president, Mrs. Rudy Stark, Paragould First Church; secretary, Mrs. Shaver; treasurer, Mrs. Harry Hurt, Griffin Memorial, Paragould; Christian social relations, Mrs. Everett Bates, Pocahontas; missionary education, Mrs. Edwin Grissom, Strangers Home; spiritual growth, Mrs. Gramling; program material, Mrs. Paul Logan, Alicia.



#### LIVINGSTON CHURCH HOST TO DISTRICT MEETING

The Little Rock District Women's Society of Christian Service of the Southwest Conference met for the annual meeting at Livingston United Methodist Church at Marianna.

Mrs. Marie Watkins, district president, presided over the meeting, which had for its theme "Choose Life."

The local church adult and youth choirs furnished music, and words of welcome by Mrs. Carrie Taylor, and response by Mrs. Willie Mae Love.

The main speaker was Miss Helen Wilson of Hot Springs, who shared experiences and slides on her work in Bolivia. Her mother was present and stayed for Saturday too.

In the business session, reports were given by all officers with 16 local societies reporting. Reports were heard from six "clusters" and they reported \$96.02 from "My World Bank." Mrs. Watkins brought a message and report from the Houston Assembly.

Two mission films were shown by the District Missionary Secretary, Rev. W. M. Robinson. Memorial service was led by Mrs. Lula Brown and three candles were lighted for the deceased members. Miss Wilson presented prayer calendars to Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Watkins. A service of pledge was conducted by Mrs. Janie Bledsoe.

Several ministers were present and St. Mark's Church at Pankey's Addition issued an invitation for the next meeting.

## The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR JULY 26: The Problem of Sin

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 3; Luke 15:11-32; Romans 1 through 3

MEMORY SELECTION: I came not to call the righteous, but sinners. (Matthew 9:13)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain a new understanding of the meaning of sin and its implications for our lives; to help members become more aware of the nature of temptation in their own lives and more able to speak of the importance of a Savior for all men.

Many people have different ideas of what sin is and how it came to be a part of the life of man who was pronounced "good" after his creation. An inadequate interpretation of the meaning of sin leaves a person with an incomplete idea of his relationship with God and the factors that contribute to his salvation.

The third chapter of Genesis gives us the story of how sin came into being recorded by the ancient writer whom we have previously called the "J" source. Here a serpent called "more subtle than any other wild animal that the Lord God had made" is represented as the agent of temptation appealing to Eve to partake of the forbidden fruit by telling her that God did not really mean what he said when he forbade the eating of the fruit.

Someone has said that the third chapter of Genesis is the most important chapter in the Bible. If the story of the fall of man had been omitted, the rest of the Bible would have seemed quite unintelligible to its readers. The first two chapters tell of the time when God was in complete control of his creation and everything was good. In chapter 4 we read of a world in which many things have gone wrong and from then on we read of alienation from God and of the divine effort to win back his fallen creature-man. The question which humanity has been asking down through the centuries is what happened to bring about such a drastic change from peace and harmony to bitterness and hatred? One attempt to explain this alienation is the background of our lesson today. We will not be able to come to the end of today's lesson with a complete answer to the question of sin. However, we should all be helped in that direction as we spend this time together.

Man's state—separation and rebellion—is dramatically described by the "J" author in one of the most famous and influential writings in all literature, the story of the Garden of Eden and man's fall. Here man's sinful condition is portrayed as his alienation from God and his failure to resist temptation.

Perhaps we should spell out in the beginning what is the central truth of the lesson. Broadman's Comments gives it as follows: "God's good world and man's high estate were defiled and debased by the entrance of sin into the world through the deliberate choice of man to live in disobedience to the will of God." It is far too easy to blame it on the snake. Keep in mind it was "man's deliberate choice" which made him a sinner.

## THE NEED FOR AN EXPLANATION OF SIN

In discussing the origin of sin, Edgar Young Mullins in The Christian Religion in Its Doctrinal Expres-

sion, wrote: "No explanation of the origin of sin has ever been given which is free from difficulties. The old objection against Christian theism is familiar. It takes the form of a dilemma: if God was good and failed to prevent sin, he must have been lacking in power. If he possessed the power and failed to prevent it, he was lacking in goodness."

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Dr. Rhoda C. Edmeston says in International Lesson Annual: "This passage shows the influence of earlier unrecorded narratives. These narratives were attempts by men to explain, in terms of the thinking of their times, the origin or basis of certain aspects of human experience. The writer of this passage uses some of these thought forms and explanations. By means of them he sets forth some profound insights as to how sin originates and develops. These can be seen to be true of sin at any time and place. Since the author was a Hebrew, he did not discuss in abstract terms the beginning of sin. Instead he presented his theory as to the story of the first sin of the first man."

There is obviously much that went wrong with creation soon after it was completed. At the time this portion of Genesis was written the serpent was regarded as the most despised of all creatures, and so it was natural for the writer to make it the incarnation of evil and the agent of temptation.

#### THE NATURE OF TEMPTATION

At the beginning of our story the man and the woman were content in their Eden. They had everything they needed, though they did not have access to everything. "And the woman said to the serpent, 'We may eat of the fruit of the trees of the garden, but God said, 'You shall not eat of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden.' " (Gen. 3:2-3)

The serpent was quick with a convenient doubt: "Did God really say that?" Perhaps you only thought he did. And if he said it, why did he? The fruit is good. What sense can their be in not enjoying it? Why listen to unreasonable commands of God that fence you off from full experience?" The serpent made these suggestions to Eve and it did not take much manipulation of her conscience to arrive at the conclusion the tempter had planted in her mind.

Fundamentally we must see the temptation as a suggestion that man should take over from God. Mature man must learn that this is never possible. Man's freedom was the greatest gift God gave him in creation, but his choices never included moving against the will of God and still being master of God's universe.

Dr. Walter Russell Bowie says in Interpreter's Bible: "The fact is that we are in a universe which God controls, not we. When he put us here to learn our lessons and to grow up spiritually, he did not intend that we should take over the school and change the requirements to suit ourselves. We have to meet conditions and meet them none the less when we are not grown up enough to know the reasons why they have been set."

After the serpent had planted the seed in the minds of the man and the woman he bowed out for a while. He had implanted in the thinking of the two a genuine doubt as to the goodness and the wisdom of God. For a time they could imagine themselves as superior to God, and this is the true nature of temptation.

#### WHAT IS SIN?

We cannot go further into this lesson without stopping to seek an understandable definition of sin. Chris-

tians have not agreed on such a definition, and many would like to eliminate the word from the vocabulary

Dr. L. Paul Neufer in Adult Leader says: "Most Christians do not fully understand the Christian concept of sin. For many sin is a breaking of a moralistic code, in which some regulations may be quite trivial. This interpretation has led some persons, who see what limitations this places on religion, to reject the Christian faith. One damaging outcome of a strictly moralistic view of religion is the false pride of those who fulfill the limited restrictions of the code."

The two indispensible ingredients which must go into any definition of sin are the will of God and the exercise of man's freedom of choice. Two simple definitions of sin are: "A voluntary choosing for the worse instead of for the better" and "an inner consent to a wrong influence." In every instance if the word "sin" is used the wrong and the lesser must be seen in the light of God's will. Banks in his Manual of Christian Doctrine says: "All definitions of sin include the idea of deviation which presupposes a fixed rule or law. The rule or law exists first—right comes before wrong—the giving of law to man implies he is a free moral being—capable of keeping or violating it. Sin is disobedience to the law of God in will or deed. Strictly speaking we cannot sin against man."

#### AT THE HEART OF SIN IS FREEDOM

One of the most misleading terms in Christian doctrine is "original sin," because with so many it connotes the idea that man is charged with sins over which he had no control. The great gift of God to man was the gift of freedom. Once the creator had determined this would be a part of man, he knew that he would be inclined to sin. But this is far different than saying that God built sin into our beings.

Dr. Leslie Weatherhead discusses the place of freedom in his book When the Lamp Flickers. He said: "Even an omnipotent God cannot do self-contradictory things. God cannot make a free man who is incapable of evil. If he cannot choose evil, he is no longer a person with free will. In such a case, even his goodness is without moral worth, since his power to be otherwise has vanished. He has ceased to be a real person at all unless his power to choose remains."

Sin is related to the great waste of human resources. When a boy with a brilliant mind leaves school or when a musician abandons a promising career, we often say, "It is a sin." This is no mere colloquialism for the essence of sin is to choose the second best, to fall away from the perfection which God intended us to have."

## SIN AS SELFISHNESS

Bishop Gerald Kennedy in his book Who Speaks For God tells of a conservative Christian college which advertised in its catalogue that it was "seven miles from every known form of sin." Of this claim Bishop Kennedy says: "That would be a good trick if you could do it. If I believed that there were such a college, I would apply immediately for a job on the faculty, and if that were not forthcoming I would apply for a job as custodian. There are few things I would be unwilling to do to get seven miles from sin. But because sin is in my heart, and no one is able to tell me how to get seven miles from myself, the whole idea is futile. It is in the heart that a man has to face the great issues of his life."

Several years ago at Wellesley College Dr. Emil Brunner was giving a lecture to a large student assembly. During his lecture he talked a great deal about the Garden of Eden, Adam and Eve, the Fall on original sin. At the end of the lecture, various questions were presented in writing. Brunner picked up the first question and read it. It went like this: "What date would you assign to the incident in the Garden of Eden to which you have referred so much in this lecture?" As soon as the speaker read it he broke into a hearty laugh, and then he said: "I'm so glad that someone has asked this question." Looking out over the great assembly of young women, Brunner said, "I am not talking about history or some event in the far distant past when I am speaking of the Fall. I am talking about you. For every man is his own Adam; and as for Eve, I see hundreds of her before me."

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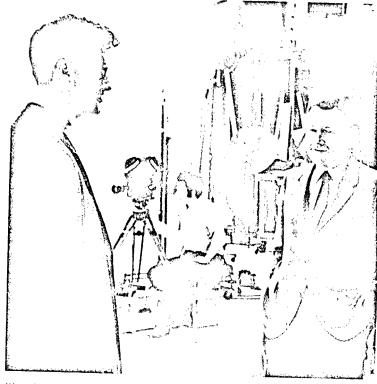
## United Methodist

## World Service

The American Bible Society has an active program to publish Scriptures in Spanish for the Spanish-speaking people of the United States. This is just one part of a vast program of publishing and distributing the Bible and portions of the Scriptures. World Service is the source of United Methodist support to the American Bible Society.



Between 1968 and 1972 the World Service Fund provides \$770,000 a year to seven colleges related to the former Evangelical United Brethren Church. This helps maintain the schools through their transition to conference and regional support. The picture is from North Central College, Naperville, III.



World Service serves people and it is also a servant to the church. The Program Council, supported from this fund, gives assistance to local churches and conferences. Two Program Council divisions with communications responsibilities — TRAFCO and the Division of Interpretation—frequently collaborate. (H. F. Lowe, Jr.)



# Benevolence giving running behind

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Support of the worldwide benevolence programs of the United Methodist Church for the first half of 1970 is running behind the same period a year ago, according to a report released here July 7 by the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance.

Decreases in individual categories range from a fraction of a per cent to more than 34 per cent. Three general administrative funds are also running behind a year ago.

World Service, the church's basic benevolence fund, is 3.26 per cent behind the first six months of 1969 with a total through June 30 of \$8,893,612. Annual goal is \$25,000,000.

Although the totals for the six months are behind a year ago, giving to World Service in June this year was \$45,000 ahead of June of 1969. Dr. R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, termed this increase an encouraging sign for the remainder of the year.

The benevolence report for the six months ending June 30 shows:

World Service — \$8,893,612, down 3.26 per cent.

World Missions Advance Specials — \$3,717,206, down 12.79 per cent.

National Missions Advance Specials

— \$968,914, down 6.34 per cent.

Overseas Relief Advance Specials —

\$593,312, down 21.67 per cent.
One Great Hour of Sharing —
\$578,087, down 9.90 per cent

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Fellowship of Suffering and Service
— \$116,910, down 34.27 per cent.
World Service Specials — \$136,461,

down 7.53 per cent.

Temporary General Aid — \$313,-775, down .28 per cent.

Fund for Reconciliation — \$982,-257, down 10.22 per cent.

Three benevolence funds have been added to the report this year — Ministerial Education with \$1,252,412; Race Relations with \$483,452; and Methodist Student Day with \$49,625.

The report on three administrative funds shows:

Episcopal Fund — \$1,162,396, down .35 per cent.

General Administration — \$535,-932, down 3.06 per cent.

Interdenominational Cooperation — \$242,588, down 9.94 per cent.

#### STOCK MARKET DECLINES HAVING LITTLE EFFECT ON UM RETIREMENT FUNDS

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—Declines in the stock market and other concerns for the nation's economy have had little adverse effect on the United Methodist retirement reserve funds for ministers, Board of Pensions officials said here June 29.

Although the market value of the total assets managed by the board has decreased in recent months, such depreciation had been anticipated and adequate reserves were maintained, according to the Rev. Claire C. Hoyt, general secretary of the board.

Dr. Hoyt said that payments and other moneys coming into the account make it unnecessary to liquidate holdings at low levels, and the payout during a number of years of retirement assures that the reserve system is not subject to sudden large-volume withdrawals.

In fact, the general secretary added, investments are managed in such a way as to make it possible to take advantage of buying opportunities presented by the decline in the stock market which should produce favorable results in the years ahead.

Of the total of \$264,384,274 in assets managed by the board at the close of the first quarter of 1970, about \$117,622,000 was in common stocks.

#### FIFTY-FOUR AGENCIES QUALIFIED TO PARTICIPATE IN CONSCIENTIOUS OBJECTOR WORK PROGRAM

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodism's General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries here is seeking the names of conscientious objectors to the military draft who would be interested in alternate service work in hospitals and facilities for the young or the aging

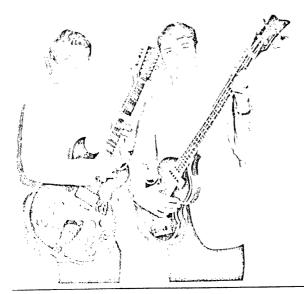
A total of 54 agencies related to the denomination are qualified to participate in the conscientious objector work program, according to Merlin Outcalt, Director of Consultation Services for the board. Another 69 agencies have requested information.

The 1967 draft law provides that registrants who are classified as conscientious objectors by their local boards because they are opposed to war in any form are required to perform 24 months of civilian work contributing to the national health, safety and interest. Local boards determine what constitutes "suitable work."

Institutions presently approved under the program are located in Alabama, California, Colorado, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, West Virginia and Wisconsin.

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Roger and Dennis De-Laughter, sons of a United Methodist parsonage couple, will participate in the South Central Jurisdictional Evangelism Conference at Mt. Sequoyah, Fayetteville, Ark., July 20-24.

## Proposed social principles nearly ready for local churches' suggestions

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI)—Local United Methodist Churches will have their second opportunity this fall to get in their old-fashioned "two cents' worth" concerning a statement of social

The first proposals to be considered for a new denominational statement will be available after Sept. 15 from the Social Principles Study Commission. They consist of drafts written by five persons, which local churches, classes, circles and other groups are urged to study, discuss and react to, according to Bishop James S. Thomas of Des

Moines, Iowa, commission chairman.
The resultant comments and suggestions will be employed by the commission in preparation of its final recommendation to the 1972 General Con-

The churches had their first opportunity last winter and spring when the commission conducted five regional hearings across the United States to gain churchmen's ideas as to both con-

## Invitation to persons under 30

Persons whose ages are under thirty by September 1, 1971 are being sought to write meditations for the September-October 1971 issue of The Upper Room, a world-read daily, devotional

Russell Q. Chilcote, managing editor of the Nashville-based religious publication, said The Upper Room is making an appeal for meditations from "teens to 30." The meditations should be approximately 250 words, a Bible text, short prayer and a one sentence "Thought for The Day."

Chilcote said youthful writers must: 1. Develop only one idea; 2. Try to write a pointed story out of your own experience; 3. Use clear simple Eng-

The managing editor said persons are asked to write on "non-seasonal" topics such as "God's Will for Our Life Today," "Youth Speaks For Christ," "The Beauty of Nature, God's gift" and many other topics of Christian teachings and practice

to edit all contributions selected for publication. When these meditations are published, they are copyrighted and become the property of The Upper Room, Chilcote said. He added: "A check for \$5.00 is sent to each contributor whose meditation is used."

tent and format of a new statement. It is planned to succeed the "Social Creed" of the former Methodist Church and the "Basic Beliefs Regarding Social Issues" of the former Evangelical United Brethren Church.

The commission process during the past two years has also included several study papers by commission members and others.

Writers of the drafts are Bishop James Armstrong of the Dakotas Area; Miss Thelma Stevens, Leonia, N. J., retired social relations executive of the Women's Division; Julius Lester, New York, author and social commentator; Dr. Roger L. Shinn, professor at Union Theological Seminary, New York; Dr. Richard Tholin, professor at Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville,

The documents will be available upon request to the commission at 1019 Chestnut St., Des Moines, Iowa 50309.

#### SUPREME COURT DECISION IN LINE WITH GENERAL CONFERENCE ACTION

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI)—The new Supreme Court decision permitting conscientious objector status on nonreligious grounds is in line with actions urged by the United Methodist Church's Conference.

The court, in a 5-3 decision, said that those with "deeply held" moral and ethical convictions in opposition to all wars may claim CO status, rather than only those who base their objection on "religious training and belief" as the current Selective Service law-

The ruling came on the appeal of Elliot A. Welsh II of Los Angeles from his conviction for failing to report for induction. He had explicitly denied that

his views were religious.

The 1968 General Conference of United Methodism, as well as the 1964 Methodist General Conference, voted:

"Christians cannot complacently accept rights or privileges accorded to them because of their religious views but denied to others equally sincere who do not meet a religious test. So The Upper Room reserves the right long as military conscription legislation remains in effect, we believe that all those who conscientiously object to participation in all wars should be granted recognition and assigned to appropriate civilian service regardless of whether they profess religious grounds as the basis of their stand."

## Campus ministry workbook centers on youth culture and church relationships

A workbook of resources for dialogue and worship, centering on youth culture and the relations between young people and the church, has been produced by the Department of Campus Ministry on behalf of the UMHE for use in local churches. The purpose of this booklet is to stimulate conversation on the student generation and to provide current sources of helpful materials that will assist local churches to take seriously what young people

Since this workbook went to press our nation has witnessed the expansion of the Vietnam War into the sovereignty of Cambodia. The ensuing student unrest in relation to this military venture culminated in the deaths of Kent State University and Jackson State University students. But, still, the essence of what these events symbolized to the student generation across the land was a continuation of the dangerous course of national divisiveness and alienation.

The students' response calls the Church to proclaim anew, in these troubled times, its Gospel of Reconcilation and Love.

Thus, it seems to the Department of Campus Ministry staff that the relevancy of the resources and statements of this brochure could be used even more fruitfully by congregations, now, than when it was originally published.

Copies of this booklet may be obtained for 10c a copy, postage included, by writing, The Department of Campus Ministry, c/o Samuel Kirk, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tennessee 37202.

## New youth ministry coordinators named

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI)—The "young guard," rather than the "old guard," is changing in Washington, as three new coordinators for the legislative affairs project of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministry move in.

Going into its third year with fulltime coordinators, the project this year will have a staff augmented from two to three youth, partially due to the occurrence of an election period.

The new coordinators, with office in the United Methodist Building, are Miss Martha Crawford of Dallas, Tex., Larry Ekin of Galesburg, Ill., and Lee Ferguson of Bozeman, Mont.

They replace Dick Johnson of Chico, Calif., and Claus Rohlfs Jr. of Dallas. Johnson is remaining here through the summer to orient his successors before returning to San Francisco State College as a junior, and to work with young people of the church's California-Nevada Conference. Rohlfs is working this summer in Nashville, Tenn., to aid transition of the Youth Service Fund from adult to youth control, as ordered by the General Conference in April. Then he will attend

Bishop Henley weds

LAKELAND, Fla.,-Methodist Bishop James W. Henley and Mrs. Margaret Ward Hollis, also of Lakeland, were married here at noon June 20.

Bishop Henley administers the Florida episcopal area of the United Methodist Church.

This was the second marriage for both Bishop Henley and his bride.

A widow for 12 years, the new Mrs. Henley has been director of children's work for the United Methodist Church's Florida Conference since 1962, and worked previously at churches in Tampa and Sarasota. A native of Blacksburg, S.C., she was reared in Rock Hill, S.C., and attended Winthrop College there.

Bishop Henley, a native of Cleveland, Tenn., was the pastor of West End Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn., for 16 years prior to his election to the bishopric in 1960.

the University of Texas.

The new team hopes to widen the base of support for the project by reaching more of the church's young people on a personal level, through correspondence, newsletter, regional seminars and participation in the public affairs seminars of the Washington Study Program under the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns. They're also "available" as speakers and discussion leaders.

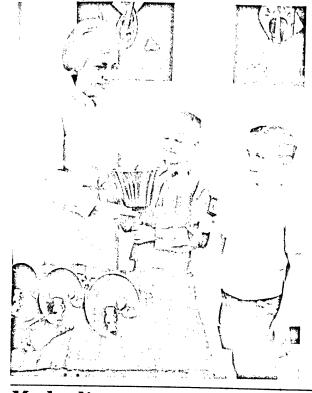
Working through a coordinator in each annual conference, they want to increase involvement where the youth live and will aid them with factual materials, techniques and study ideas to encourage them in making decisions on political issues. They stress that their effort will be bi-partisan.



Chaplain (R. Adm.) Francis L. Garrett became Navy Chief of Chaplains in an unprecedented, colorful, full-dress ceremony, punctuated by cannon fire and underscored with sprightly martial music on July 1. Chaplain Garrett, 51, is the second Methodist to hold the Navy Chaplain Corps' highest post. Educated at Wofford College, Spartanburg, S.C., Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, and Union Theological Seminary, N.Y., and with 26 years of continuous service in the Navy chaplaincy, he succeeds Rear Adm. James W. Kelly, a Southern Baptist and native Arkansan.

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Looking over the I. C. Rouse Memorial Whitechapel Handbells are these two children from the Methodist Children's Home and Mrs. Evalyn The 49 bells Rouse. were purchased last winter with memorial gifts sent to the Home in memory of Mr. Rouse, and were dedicated at the May meeting of the MCH Board.

## Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas

The follow ng people gave memorial gifts to Methodist Children's Home in June as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

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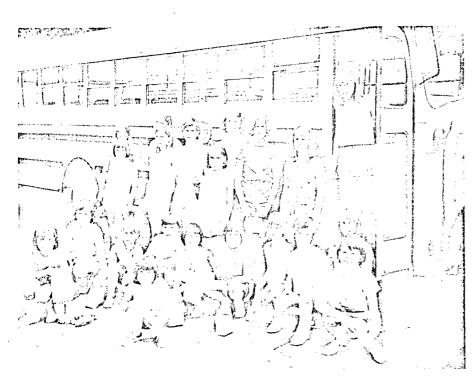
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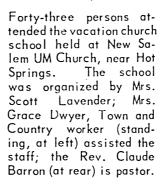
A group of vacation church school boys, girls and staff members at Indian Hills UM Church, North Little Rock. Average attendance for the week was 125 students and 20 teachers, directors and teenagers. The Rev. Samuel Teague is pastor.



Elementary and junior high girls at the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock prepare for an early morning departure for Girl Scout Camp at Camp Ouachita.



Workers from St. Joseph's Orphanage in North Little Rock plan and discuss summer recreation activities with Mr. Leon Sanders, staff member at the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock.





Lodge's Corner vacation church school group (near Stuttgart). Thirty-three children were enrolled with five adults and seven teenage helpers. The Rev. and Mrs. Myron C. Pearce, new pastor and wife, were honored with a pound party following the closing Sunday night program.



#### AUCTION AT BAYOU METO

The Bayou Meto vacation church school climaxed with a closing night auction of items made by the children during the week. The auction netted \$66.75, which were sent to the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. Seven adults and five teenage helpers assisted the 34 children enrolled. The Rev. Myron C. Pearce is pastor of the Bayou Meto-Lodge's Corner Charge.

MEMBERS OF THE WELCOME United Methodist Church observed the regular monthly family night supper in Fellowship Hall honoring the Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Yates with a "pounding". The devotional was brought by John David Gosdin, a UMYF member.

THE CONGREGATION OF MIDway United Methodist Church, Hope District, entertained their pastor, the Rev. Calvin Miller, with an ice cream supper and oldfashioned pounding.



Staff members for recent vacation church school held at Henderson UM church in Little Rock. The school, which enrolled 82 pupils, was directed by Mrs. Ruthie Hughes (who stands at rear left, next to son Gary). The group sent \$10 to the Children's Fund for Christian Mission. The Rev. Darrel Bone is minister.

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