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Bishop Copeland worship speaker for South Central Mission Conference

The South Central Mission Conference will be held at Mount Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, Fayetteville, July 27-31, and the Mission Week-end Workshop will be held July 31-Aug. 2.

Included in the leadership of one or both of these enterprises will be Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Houston Area, Dr. Francis L. Brockman, secretary of cultivation of the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief, the Rev. A. William Martin, Jr., professor at Union Theological Seminary, Mexico City, the Rev. William A. Cheyne, Director of Advance, San Antonio, Tex., the Rev. Brady B. Forman, director of Wesley Foundation at Southeastern Louisiana College, Hammond, La., Dr. Charles Richards, pastor of Goddard Memorial Church, Fort Smith, and Dr. Edward A. Kennedy, pastor of Bethany Church, New Orleans.

Bishop Copeland will speak at the 8:30 a.m. worship services each day in Clapp Auditorium, and Mr. Martin will be the preacher for the Sunday morning worship service of the week-end program.

The program of the Mission Conference will present opportunities for one group to pursue the mission studies, while another group will receive

training in special areas of concern related to their mission responsibilities.

There will also be high school and college youth groups engaged in mission study during the conference. Mr. Forman will lead the college youth group and the Rev. Aaron F. Barling, associate pastor of White Rock United Methodist Church, Dallas, will be chairman of the high school group.

The Mission Conference will begin with registration at 3:00 p.m. on Monday, July 27, and close with lunch on Friday.

The Mission Week-end Workshop will begin following registration at 1:00 p.m. on Friday, July 31, and will continue through lunch on Sunday.

Other leaders for the mission programs include: Miss Miriam Brattain, Dr. Bernard L. Cook, Leonard Perryman, Gilbert Galloway, Robert Holstein, Dr. Harold D. Neel, Dr. Ralph Mirse, the Rev. Leonard Smoot, and Dr. Joe Walker of the staff of the General Board of Missions; Dr. Woodie White, executive secretary of the Commission on Religion and Race. In addition there will be other leadership from within the jurisdiction headed by Dr. Brodace Elkins of El Paso, Tex., chairman of the Jurisdictional Board of Missions.

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New Publishing House head looks to future development

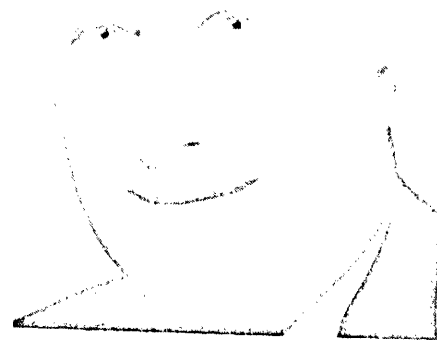
NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—John E. Procter, vice-president in charge of publishing for the Methodist Publishing House, has been elected president and publisher to succeed Lovick Pierce who is retiring this fall.

Mr. Procter, 51, was unanimously elected to the publishing agency's top post at a special meeting of the United Methodist Board of Publication here July 10. He will take office November 1.

The 45-member Board of Publication is the governing body of the Methodist Publishing House, headquartered here with regional mail order centers and retail book stores in 21 U.S. cities. The agency employs approximately 2,400 persons.

Following his election, Mr. Procter told the board that the Publishing House has had a long and impressive record of service to the church and all of Christendom but that attention must now be turned from the past achievement to the future.

"I am acutely aware of the need for the creation of a new Methodist Publishing House for a new future, a future that is now, he said. "A future demanding the development of an organi-



Mr. Procter

zation and the selection of a staff that is geared to optimum service in an age of rapid and drastic social change . . . that will respond to rapid social change and technological innovation . . . and that will remain aware of the past but not bound by it."

He said as president and publisher he would strive to have an organization and staff "that can and will maintain a high degree of open and thorough communication with all the United Methodist Church."

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE YOUTH RALLY

August 1, 1970

Hall High School—Little Rock

Principal Speaker—

Dr. Evelyn Duvall

Theme: Sex and the Single Christian

Entertainment—

John, Ginger, and John

Arkansas

Pastors' School in September

Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte Area will be the guest preacher for the 1970 Arkansas Area United Methodist Pastors' School which will be held September 14-17 at Hendrix College, according to the Rev. Charles P. McDonald of Rogers, chairman of the planning committee.

The three instructors for the school will be: Dr. Merrill S. Abbey, professor at Garrett Theological Seminary, who will lead a class on "Preaching"; Dr. John H. Leith, professor at Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va., who will lead the group on "Contemporary Theology"; and Dr. Lemuel K. Lord, district superintendent of the Worcester (Mass.) District of the United Methodist Church, whose class will deal with "Pastoral Ministry."

The school is scheduled to begin with registration prior to the opening assembly at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, September 14, with two class sessions being held that afternoon. The first preaching service with the message by Dr. Hunt will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday, with a dialogue with the professors following.

Plans are being made for the ministers attending the school to participate in a "Show and Tell" session on Tuesday evening in which they present their hobbies and interests, and in a "Fun and Frolic" talent program on Wednesday evening. The school will close with lunch on Thursday, Sept. 17.

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Gratitude is the sign of noble souls. —Acsop

District superintendents to speak in Lakeside August series

Five of the six District superintendents of the Little Rock Conference will be preaching at Lakeside United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff during the month of August. Last year the annual series featuring Methodist leaders in the state was led by former pastors.

Speakers for the 8:30 a.m. and 10:40 a.m. Sunday worship services will include the following: August 2, Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District; August 9, Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District; August 16, Dr. Raymond Franks, Monticello District; August 23, the Rev. Alf Eason, Hope District; August 30, the Rev. George Wayne Martin, Arkadelphia District.

The Rev. Elmo A. Thomason is pastor at Lakeside Church.

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Love of country and love of God are not conflicting experiences when the priorities are in the right order.

"Contact" ministries maturing

The maturation of the two "Contact" telephone ministries sponsored by United Methodist congregations in Arkansas was reported in recent newspaper articles concerning them.

The Arkansas Gazette, reporting the anniversary of the ministry begun July 12, 1969 by First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, said that more than 4,600 extended telephone conversations have been handled by 125 volunteers serving in their "Contact" ministry.

The Pine Bluff Commercial reported on the first three months of a similar ministry under the sponsorship of First United Methodist Church in that city, saying "After three months of operation, Pine Bluff's telephone ministry 'Contact' is considered by its sponsors and directors as an outstanding success. James Clark, chairman of the steering committee for the Pine Bluff project, reported that some 900 'legitimate' telephone calls have been received.

Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, was quoted in the Gazette article as saying the attrition rate of volunteers has been very small. He said, "The help of the professional community, especially medicine, has been encouraging. Back-up teams of professionals are in reach at all times to help the volunteer worker."

Robert Benz, director of Pine Bluff "Contact" and the only paid employee of the operation said, "We feel the program is definitely here to stay as a permanent service to the people of the Pine Bluff area. The trial period is over."

Following the close of the first year of the Little Rock telephone ministry, the following new officers of its board were elected: John Gilliland, president; Ed Wimberly, vice president in charge of recruitment; Mrs. Beulah Milwee, vice president for curriculum; Ed Phelan, vice president for publicity; and Philip English, treasurer.



Winfield Players rehearsing for "Like It Is" musical revue dealing with contemporary church problems and the relationship of man's religion to his life in this age of change. Words and lyrics were written by Helen Kromer with music composition by Frederick Silver. The cast and production crew involving 22 persons, under the direction of Roger Armstrong, Hendrix College senior and pastor of Mayflower United Methodist Church, is touring the state this week with nightly 8:00 o'clock performances. Stops on the tour have included the initial performance at Winfield Church in Little Rock; North Arkansas Youth Assembly at Hendrix College; First Presbyterian Church, Magnolia; Thursday night, July 23, the group will perform at First UM Church, Crossett; Friday night, First UM Church, Warren, and Saturday night, Fordyce UM Church. Dr. J. Edward Dunlap is pastor at Winfield Church.

Report on Pension Endowment Campaign

The Rev. Earl B. Carter, director of the Follow-up Program of the Pension Endowment Campaign, reported that \$160,684.52 has been received for the fund as of July 1, 1970.

Mr. Carter stated that in addition to the 9 churches previously reported as having paid their full fair share goals, 77 churches have paid or exceeded their first-year goals. They are as follows:

Batesville District: Antioch, Austin, Bull Shoals, Calico Rock, Cotter, Culpepper, Damascus, Dennard, Dogwood, Evening Shade, Goodloe, Heber Springs, Holiday Hills, Kensett, Leslie, McRae, Melbourne, Mt. Tabor, Mt. View, Norfolk, Oak Ridge, Pleasant Grove, Pleasant Hill, Scotland, Smyrna, Steele-Hopewell, St. James, Wilburn.

Conway District: Birta, Naylor, Perry, Plummerville.

Fayetteville District: Bellefonte, Delaney, Eureka Springs, Farmington, Har-

mon, Valley Springs.

Forrest City District: Aubrey, Bay Village, Blackfish Lake, Colt, Forrest Chapel, Hunter, LaGrange, Mellwood, Salem.

Fort Smith District: Branch, Cauthron, Central, Huntington, Lavaca, Moore's Chapel, Newberry Chapel, Vesta.

Jonesboro District: Black Oak, Caraway, Centerview, Christ, Community, Dell, Lunsford, New Haven, Pleasant Valley-Harrisburg, Pleasant Valley, Yarbrow.

Paragould District: Alicia, Knobel, Maynard, Oak Grove, Ramer's Chapel, Ravenden Springs, Rock Springs, Schugtown, Shiloh, St. Francis, Stranger's Home, Swifton.

The Pension Endowment office is ready to assist the churches of the conference in enabling them to reach their Fair Share Goals. Churches or pastors desiring the services of the Pension Endowment Director, please contact the office at 22nd and Poplar, North Little Rock 72114. Our new telephone number is 758-1210.

MKS. GRACE ELIZABETH ENGLISH

Mrs. Grace Elizabeth English, 65, widow of the late Rev. J. Cammel English of the North Arkansas Conference and head resident at Raney Hall, girl's dormitory at Hendrix College, died on Thursday, July 16, at Memorial Hospital in Conway.

The funeral service was held Saturday, July 18, at First United Methodist Church, Conway, with the Rev. Ben F. Jordan and Dr. J. Ralph Clayton officiating.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Mordenson, she was born in Kansas City, Mo. and attended Kansas City Junior College. She was a member of First Church, Conway, the Women's Society of Christian Service of that church, and PEO.

Mrs. English is survived by two sons: Dr. John C. English of Baldwin, Kans. and the Rev. Robert Morton English of Atlanta, Ga., and one sister, Mrs. James Baird of Delray Beach, Fla.

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BISHOP GALLOWAY TO ORDAIN ELDER AT WINFIELD

The Rev. Jerry Yarbrough, received into full connection and elected to elder's orders at the recent session of the Little Rock Annual Conference, will be ordained elder by Bishop Paul V. Galloway at Winfield United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sunday morning, July 26.

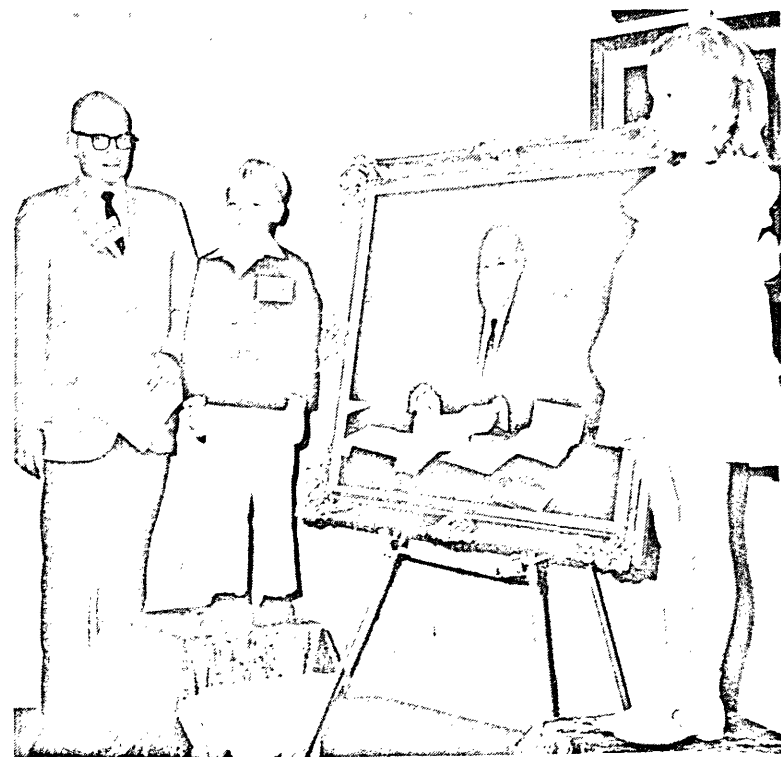
Mr. Yarbrough, who is the son-in-law of Dr. and Mrs. J. Edward Dunlap of Winfield Church, has received the degree of Master of Theology from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga., and is enrolled in the Ph. D. program at the University of Arkansas.

PRIMROSE HOMECOMING SUNDAY, JULY 26

A Homecoming will be held at Primrose United Methodist Church on Dixon Rd. near Little Rock in celebration of that church's one hundred and second anniversary. The Rev. Marion W. Miller, a former pastor will present the 11:00 a.m. sermon, which will be followed by a dinner and singing in the auditorium. Dr. Fred R. Harrison, also a former pastor, will preach at the 7:00 o'clock evening worship hour. The Rev. W. Shelton Kilgore is pastor of the Primrose church.

CORRECTION

The picture from Griffin Memorial Church, Paragould, on page 2 in last week's paper incorrectly identified one of the preachers as the Rev. William Hightower. This should have read the Rev. H. L. Robison. We apologize to both these men for this error.



The unveiling of an oil portrait of the late J. M. Crews, administrator of Methodist Hospital, Memphis for 25 years, provided the climax for the June 24 semi-annual meeting of the Board of Managers and Trustees. Mr. Leslie M. Stratton, III (left) was re-elected president of the Board of Trustees. Pictured with him are Mr. Crews' two grandchildren, Jimmy M. Crews, III and Kate Crews, who unveiled the portrait—the work of Paul Penczner, Memphis painter. Jimmy is the son of J. M. Crews Jr., and Kate is the daughter of Dr. John Crews. Plans for the erection of a six-story building, to cost approximately 4½ million dollars were outlined by Assistant Administrator J. D. Brown.

NOTICE

The film libraries of the Little Rock Conference Trafco and the Area Town and Country Commission will be closed August 1-15. Requests received before that time will be processed as usual.

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Little Rock District Superintendent, Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Room 910, Rector Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Telephone: 374-1376.

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. Telephone: 374-5027.

Little Rock Conference Program Council, Suite 920, Rector Bldg., Little Rock, Ark. 72201. Telephone: 374-5027.

CAMP TANAKO SCHEDULE

EXPERIMENTAL JUNIOR HIGH CAMP August 3 - 7

A Conference Pilot project for Socially deprived youth entering 7th & 8th grades of public school this fall. Rev. Ed Matthews, 4th & Spring St., Fordyce, Ark. 71742, Director. A Campership for one of these youth is \$22.00. If you or your Church has one available, please mail it to Rev. Matthews by July 27.

JULY 23, 1970

IS IT DEATH OR LIFE FOR WORLD MISSIONS ?

Several recent developments affecting the program of world missions have received careful consideration by leaders of the World Division of the Board of Missions and should receive the same thoughtful attention from us. Many feel that the months immediately ahead will decide the question of life or death for world missions.

Dr. John F. Schaefer, associate general secretary for the World Division, said recently: "In our desire to seek solutions for our domestic problems, we are in danger of neglecting our commitment to partner churches overseas." A second development which enters into the reorientation of the average United Methodist concerning world missions is the rapidly-developing concept of partnership with autonomous churches overseas with the minimizing of direction from the sending church and the sending country. Finally there is the financial squeeze resulting from the action of the 1970 General Conference which produced a six percent decrease in amounts going to all World Service agencies.

A recent statement from Dr. Schaefer said, "This is not the whole picture. It must be anticipated that local congregations — some already hard-pressed financially — will divert funds now pledged to Advance Specials, the second basic financial support of benevolences, to the causes of combatting in the United States, racism, poverty, pollution, powerlessness, and estrangement." We might add, concerning giving for Advance Specials, that the division itself took a great deal of the appeal out of the Advance Specials program when they began soliciting "undesignated" gifts to a program whose very heart was a person-to-person sense of relationship between the giver and the recipient.

Apparently United Methodists of the United States need to recover a sense of commitment to overseas missionary activity and the important part of it has always occupied in the total strategy of the Christian witness. The need for this new concept of what Christian mission is about was recently argued by Bishop Mortimer Arias of the Evangelical Methodist Church in Bolivia.

Bishop Arias said: "The focus of mission is local but its scope goes into the 'end of the world.' If this was true in the first cen-

tury, how can it be less true in this century when we have already become one world? If this was true for the Jewish believers of Palestine, how can it be less true for the most powerful people history has ever seen?

A news release from the Board of Missions speaks of a recent consultation in Latin America which proposed that the Methodist churches in these countries have a larger say in how U.S. mission funds are spent in their countries which would again mean the sharpening of priorities by the churches.

According to this report, other recommendations before the Board, probably for consideration at the annual meeting in October, call for increased foreign missionary efforts by Latin American Methodists, for making social action a stronger thrust of the churches and for more integrated programming under the guidance of their coordinating body, the Council of Latin American Evangelical Methodist Churches. Also recommended are links between the Latin American churches and two U.S. Hispanic American units in the United Methodist Church — the Rio Grande Conference (in Texas and New Mexico) and the Puerto Rico Conference.

Included in the suggestions from the recent consultation is one concerning "block grants" to the overseas annual conferences. In regard to the approximately \$885,000 appropriated annually by the World Division for work in Latin America, the consultation suggested that recurring budgets should contain block grants, giving the necessary freedom to the churches for detailed use of their funds. Also recommended was that support of Latin American national workers be included in the missionary support category of the World Division's budget.

Bishop Arias has suggested that another part of the world mission strategy as it affects Latin America is the bringing to bear of influence on the government of the United States to have fewer strings attached to the foreign aid money that goes in that direction.

Perhaps the most significant thing pointed out by Dr. Schaefer in his recent comments on the urgency of priorities as they relate to world missions is that United Methodism makes available for overseas mission only about three cents of every dollar received for missions. This means, he said, that 97 cents out of every dollar contributed is used for mission within the United States. We feel sure that he is giving a very broad definition of the word "mission" at this point and is not referring to the proportion of the mission dollar from World Service that goes overseas.

The World Division executive proposed in this recent statement that as the whole church re-orders its priorities a careful scrutiny should be made of how the 97 percent staying within the United States is utilized. He said that he fears that unless the trend is reversed, there will be less money for the programs of the World Division in the early years of the Seventies than we had during the latter years of the Sixties. This, he said, could mean a radical curtailment of all activities of the World Division and a significant retrenchment of personnel and missionaries.

We would also add that this statement and the situation described indicates sharp confrontations just ahead between persons representative of the two sets of priorities described. We ask with Dr. Schaefer, "Is this a matter of life or death for world missions?"

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the Editor's Corner

AN ANSWER TO A FABULOUS CLAIM

For several weeks we have had on our desk a clipping from a reader asking that we comment on Prof. John M. Allegro's book "The Sacred Mushroom and the Cross." This book, by a reputable scholar, has created quite a stir in Great Britain with its fantastic claim that the Christian religion is not more than an ancient fertility sect which went on "trips" after eating a certain species of mushroom.

The prestige publisher, Hodder and Stoughton, received such a reaction to their publication that a representative of the firm apologized for the book and promised a new book refuting the claim.

Dr. John A. Marvin of the Michigan Christian Advocate has dealt with this volume in a manner it deserves, and we would like to share some of his sage observations:

"The book is so far out in left field that it hardly deserves the recognition it is getting. It is not the first time, nor will it be the last, that some scholar, like the mountain, has labored and brought forth a mouse. A few years ago it was the death-of-God scholars that shook our complacency. Now they are all but forgotten. Today it is Prof. Allegro and tomorrow it will be somebody else."

"What this means is that Christians in every generation have to get used to their faith being challenged. Instead of censoring such heresy (if that be the word) we should analyze it for what it is and consider it perhaps a blessing in disguise. . . Freedom of thought must be allowed even though it entails some risks. God gave man the freedom to curse him or to deny him."

"In our opinion the greatest theologians are those who can make the complex simple rather than making the simple complex. There is much to be said for a simple gospel clearly stated, readily understood and easily believed. This is imperative if the man in the street is to believe the Christian faith."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A new version of the New Testament, translated originally for Eskimos in Northern Canada and limited to a vocabulary of 850 words, has been published by Word Books of Waco, Tex. Translated by Gleason Ledyard, a former missionary to the Eskimos in the Canadian central Arctic, it is said to be the first translation developed in the vocabulary of a child. The new volume features large, readable type. Difficult terms have been broken down into understandable words and phrases. Some examples are "church helpers" for "deacons," and a "preacher who goes from town to town" for "evangelist." The term "passover" is translated as a "special religious gathering to remember how the Jews left Egypt." A Spanish translation for children is presently in the works.

Anger and financial revolt of the "religious silent majority" in America against recent trends toward "secularization" of churches, is reportedly leading to a major shift in religious TV programming. More emphasis will be placed on spiritual concerns in future programs and less on social activism, according to a prediction carried in the June 13 issue of TV Guide magazine. "The somewhat dizzying charge that God, above all, is missing from religious programming is coming from some of the most important church leaders in America," notes Edith Efron of TV Guide. "Miss Efron observed that religious programs have moved into the field of political-social coverage — 'they have provided a major forum on the air waves for social reformers of every stripe, and for revolutionaries,' both lay and clerical," she said.

Women of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) have taken a generally cool attitude toward the women's liberation movement according to a survey among women of that denomination — ranging in age from the 20's to 60's from 15 states — at the fourth quadrennial assembly of the International Christian Women's Fellowship held in Lafayette, Ind. Assembly interviewers said the majority showed "a lukewarm attitude toward its aims and a decided coolness toward the methods employed by the militant feminists." Said one of the interviewed, "I think this liberation business is stupid, we've got more freedom now than we've ever had."

Nigerian Christians who were divided by the civil war are becoming reconciled, according to Emmanuel Urhobo the Nigerian Christian Council's director of relief and rehabilitation. The Nigerian churchman, meeting in Geneva with leaders of the World Council of Churches Division of Inter-Church Aid, Refugee and World Council pleaded for support at this "critical stage" when hope can be raised.

A crowd of 13,500 Texas youths "turned on for Christ" in an evening march down Main Street in downtown Fort Worth to open a two-day Youth Evangelism conference. It was called the largest youth meeting in Southern Baptist history. As downtown lights were dimmed (with City Council permission) the youngsters switched on flashlights to light up the night in "torchlight parade" fashion. Typical messages on placards carried by marchers: "A Christian Revolution . . . Get High With God . . . Turn On With Jesus." Cliff Barrows of the Billy Graham evangelistic team and Debbie Patton of Odessa, Miss Teenage America, were featured on the program.

Dr. Warren A. Quanbeck, an eminent Lutheran scholar, credited the theological "knowledge explosion" of the past 50 years with overcoming obstacles to dialogue between Lutherans and Catholics, but he explained that "vexing problems" still exist — among them "papal primacy and infallibility of the Pope." "We do not see how we can overcome some of the difficulties," he continued, "although we recognize many converging trends in the theology and practices of our Churches."

In a sermon preached at Washington Cathedral, the Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., said he was sure the recent "landmark ruling" of the U. S. Supreme Court that belief in God need not be the only grounds for conscientious objection to military service is a "good law," but he is "not so certain that it is sound religion." He said, "It is quite clear that in our democracy no particular religion, nor religion as a whole, may be given any preference or favored weight under the law . . . But the much deeper question remains for the whole of our modern secular society: If you leave God out, how is it possible to have any ethics at all? . . . I've been trying to accept the legalistic logic that, for fear of violating the right of an atheist, (we) will sacrifice the roots of the whole tree."

The late 1960's saw a "recovery of transcendence" as a major theme in theology, according to an editorial team which has chronicled religious developments over the past several years. Drs. Martin Marty and Dean Peerman, editors of a series published by the Macmillan Co. note that "secularity," "death of God," "beyond the secular," "the new religiousness," theology of hope and theology of revolution have been among previous themes. Selection of transcendence in 1970, they say, is not an attempt to give "equal time" to an older concern but is meant to reflect the "creative new work" in theology. "Transcendence" is a theological term usually developed in relation to concepts of God. It is often considered over against "immanence," which has a more "this worldly" connotation.

The first World Youth Assembly opened at United Nations, N.Y., determined to show the older generation that peace is attainable and international cooperation is possible. Within a few hours, however, Lars Thalen of Sweden, the chairman of the 10-day event, gavelled an unruly participant down, saying "This is fantastic, the World Youth Assembly in the UN behaves like the elders have never done." A total of 638 youthful participants represent 112 countries and several non-self supporting territories.

Anglican Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury welcomed "with great thankfulness" the second and final vote of the British Methodist Conference in favor of the two Churches entering into union. The Methodist's recent vote in favor of merger increased to 79%. Writing on behalf of Archbishop Donald Coggan of York and himself to the Rev. Rupert E. Davies, Methodist Conference president, he said, "It is our hope that the newly-elected General Synod of the Church of England will, in due course, take up the matter of Anglican-Methodist unity."

The theological Research Fraternity — including leading Protestant, Anglican and Roman Catholic scholars and clergy living in Jerusalem and Israel — released a statement deploring along with a recent Beirut Conference group of "Christians," the sufferings of the Arabs, and expressing sympathy with the desire of Palestinian Arabs for a national homeland. On the other hand, the statement said the Fraternity was grieved that the "Christians" group "don't understand the sufferings of the Jewish people and don't recognize the legitimate claim of Israel to exist." "If justice is to be done to Jews as well as to Arabs," the statement concluded, "the link between the Jewish people and the land of Israel must be taken into consideration."

Some pastoral duties can be carried out better by women, according to Miss Cherry Watson, 25, slated to become the first woman pastor in the Baltimore Presbytery of the United Presbyterian Church. The graduate of Princeton (N.J.) Theological Seminary has been approved for ordination by the Philadelphia Presbytery. Citing counseling as one of the unique contributions women can make in the pastorate, Miss Watson said, "Certain individuals could come to a woman more easily for help. A man might feel he could show his emotions more, there'd be less of a virility hang-up than with a male pastor. And women might feel they'd get a more understanding hearing from another woman. It all depends on whether the individual is used to looking toward a father figure or a mother figure for help."

Protestants and Catholics joined at Essen, West Germany to publish an ecumenical hymnal containing some 75 musical works traditionally used by both confessions. The project was sponsored by the Evangelical Church of the Rhineland and the Catholic Diocese of Essen. In 1969, leaders of the two churches issued joint guidelines on prayer services for Protestant and Catholic Christians in the area.

(RNS photo)



WASHINGTON, D.C. — President Nixon, the first Chief Executive to hold regular religious services in the White House, is given Religious Heritage of America's "Churchman of the Year" award by Housing and Urban Development Secretary George Romney, who received the award in 1969. From left are: Father John A. O'Brien, winner of the first RHA Hall of Fame Award; W. Clement Stone of Chicago, president of RHA; Mr. Nixon; Mr. Romney; Archbishop Iakovos, primate of the Greek Orthodox Archdiocese of North and South America, honored as "Clergyman of the Year"; and Mrs. Anna May Moy-nihan of Washington, D.C., a Catholic laywoman, named "Churchwoman of the Year."

TWO RECEIVE UNITED METHODIST SCHOLARSHIPS

Bruce Kent Burton of Colt and Clinton Goodloe Melton of Searcy who will be freshmen at Hendrix College in September have been awarded United Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church.

Both young men have outstanding scholastic and leadership records in their high schools and both have been active in their local church U M Y F groups.

United Methodist Scholarship Awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Methodist Board of Education and its nationwide scholarship program. More than 9,000 United Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of United Methodist Scholarships are received from local Methodist churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on United Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.

PINE BLUFF SOPHOMORE AWARDED ROBBINS SCHOLARSHIP FOR SECOND YEAR

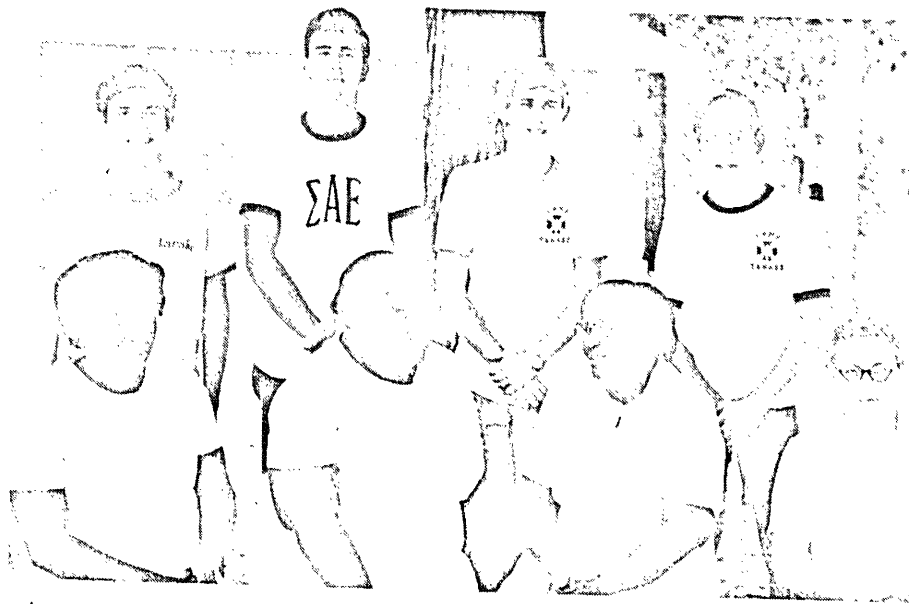
Dennis Go of Pine Bluff will receive the Dr. Joseph G. Robbins Scholarship for the second year. Go, a Chemistry major, will be a sophomore at Hendrix College in September. He has been a member of the Hendrix College Choir and the Hendrix Madrigals.

The Dr. Joseph G. Robbins Endowment Fund was established by Mrs. Iva May Robbins in honor of her husband, Dr. Joe Robbins who has been Professor of Physics at Hendrix since 1946.

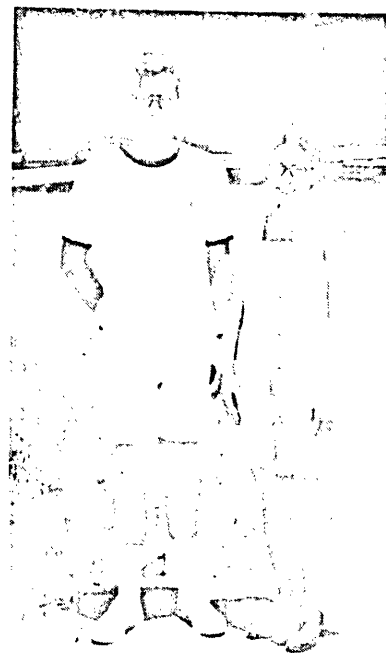
Dennis Go is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Soo Kwack Go of 1104 East Harding in Pine Bluff.



Alan B. Bell, former employee in the Methodist Hospital operating room (Memphis) and second year seminary student at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, is engaged in volunteer service as a chaplain extern at Methodist Hospital this summer. Mr. Bell's mother, a graduate of the School of Nursing, was head-nurse in the emergency room for several years.



An important part of the program of Camp Tanako, Little Rock Conference camp on Lake Catherine, are these persons who are on the staff there this summer: Front Row: Mrs. Ruby Wilson, Mrs. Lois Beulah, Mrs. Mattie Dockery and Mrs. W. F. Salee; Back Row: Greg Alagood, Steve Averitt, Alan Duncan and Joey Arnold.



Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tucker, members of Hawley Memorial Church in Pine Bluff, are serving as Summer Operations directors at Camp Tanako.

Southwest Conference youth at Aldersgate Camp

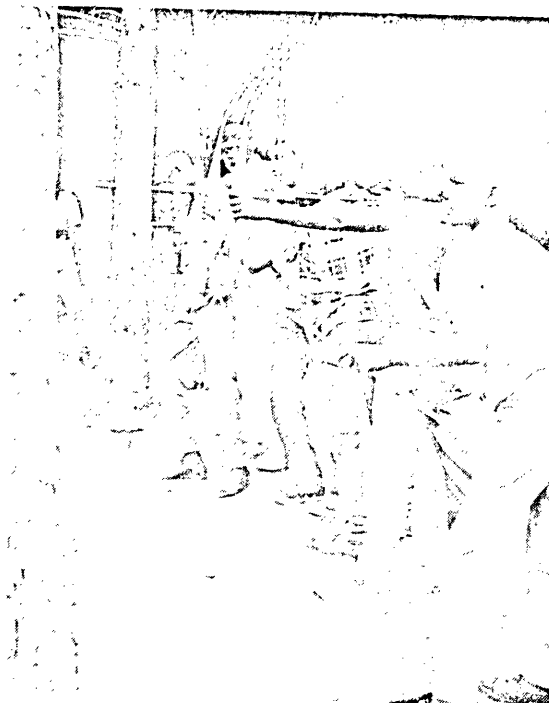
Young people of the Southwest Conference, The United Methodist Church, enjoyed the benefits of resident camping at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, during the two weeks of July 12-25. Directors of the program included the Rev. R. C. Preston, conference camp director, the Rev. J. W. Loftin, district director of youth ministries, the Rev. E. M. Johnson, district superintendent, and the Rev. W. M. Robinson, business manager. They were assisted by Mrs. Wanda Irby, Gretchen Flowers, Mrs. Hattie Smith, Mrs. H. M. McGill, Mrs. Edna Richardson, Mrs. Esther Parker, Mrs. J. H. Thompson and Mrs. Torrence Henry.



The boat dock was a popular place at Aldersgate, as was the swimming and diving area of the lake.



Between classes in craft and supervised recreation, this group found time to "get in the swing."



Archery practice was supervised by college counselors.



Officers attending the Southwest Conference youth camp at Aldersgate included, from left: Danny Earl Piggee, district camping representative; Karen Moore, SW Conference vice-president; Abraham Smith, district president; Doris Barnes, conference president; and Varnell Norman, district vice-president.

NEWS and NOTES

SEARCY FIRST CHURCH members will participate in a NewLife Mission this weekend. Leadership is by Charles Wells, visiting coordinator, Jim Wilson, general chairman of local arrangements, and Wesley Boyd, formerly with the Billy Graham Crusade, will be director of Music. Dr. Mouzon Mann is pastor.

CARR MEMORIAL Church of Pine Bluff is going ahead with expansion plans under the leadership of Don Puckett who is serving as chairman of the building committee. The Rev. Carl V. Matthew is pastor.

THE REV. A. N. STOREY, retired minister of Jonesboro, preached in the Harrisburg pulpit, July 12, in the absence of the Rev. Bob Orr.

METHODISTS OF GENTRY heard Field Wasson, delegate to the Constitutional Convention, speak at a fellowship dinner in the church, June 23. He gave a first-hand report of the manner in which the convention drafted a new constitution which they hope will be adopted. During the evening, a money-tree was presented to the Rev. and Mrs. Hershel McClurkin in appreciation of their return to the Gentry pastorate.

DR. DON DAVIS, president of The College of the Ozarks, was the speaker at the July 22 meeting of United Methodist Men of First Church, Clarksville. His subject was "The Proposed New Arkansas Constitution."

THE BLYTHEVILLE AREA WIDE Interdenominational Tent Crusade in July had Dr. James Argue, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, speaking on "Methodist Night," July 19. Dr. Argue preached in Blytheville last spring during special services at First Methodist.

THE INTERDENOMINATIONAL Youth Rally held in First United Methodist Church of Jonesboro, July 10, featured Shad Williams and his band from Memphis. Christian witnessing was by young people from many churches of Northeast Arkansas.

THE REV. VERNON CHALFANT, retired minister of Augusta, occupied the pulpit at the morning service in Augusta First Church, July 19, and the Rev. Irving Prince, Baptist minister of Brinkley, preached at the evening service. The Rev. Harold Wilson, pastor, was serving as associate dean of the Inter-Conference School of Christian Mission at Hendrix College.

THE REV. GLADWIN CONNELL, pastor of St. Paul U.M.C. in El Dorado, was the preacher for the revival held at Marysville, July 5-10. Jack Edwards was song leader and Mrs. Ron Calloway was pianist. The pastor is the Rev. Fred H. Haustein.

HARRY PRICE APPRECIATION Day was observed at Cherry Valley, July 12, honoring the minister of the Cherry Valley, Bay Village and Farm Hill churches. Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City district superintendent, was guest speaker.

FORTY-SIX PERSONS are on the European tour being conducted by the Rev. David Hankins and Mrs. Hankins. The group left July 7. Mr. Hankins is director of the Arkadelphia Wesley Foundation and pastor of the Okolona Circuit.

AN ALTAR SET consisting of candlesticks, flower vases and cross, was dedicated during a morning worship service in the Des Arc United Methodist Church. The set was given by the Carlock family in memory of Gary Wayne Carlock. The Rev. Bennie G. Ruth is pastor.

A PRAYER AND PRAISE Breakfast in First Church, Siloam Springs every fourth Wednesday morning features personal witnessing and prayer — and the Rev. John McCormack's buttermilk biscuits.

WEST MEMPHIS SUMMER ADULT SERIES FEATURES VARIETY

The adult classes of West Memphis First United Methodist Church are uniting for a 13-week series, bringing in guest speakers for a variety of subjects. The Sunday morning sessions are held at 9:50, between the two morning worship services. The Commission on Education is in charge with Bill Mitchell as chairman of planning.

The June classes were initiated by Dr. Ray Allen, director of Admissions at Southwestern University, Memphis, speaking on "The Life and Teachings of Jesus". Chaplain Jim Robnolt, former associate pastor at West Memphis, reported on his experiences as a Vietnam chaplain, June 14. The Rev. Jon Guthrie, former Congo missionary now minister to students at Hendrix College, spoke concerning the problem of drugs.

Fred Owen moderated a panel on "The Meaning of Patriotism", directing questions to Robert Smith, Mrs. M. D. Deneke, and P. G. Para III, on Independence weekend. Helen Wilson of Hot Springs, missionary to Bolivia, reported on her work in a missionary hospital at La Paz. The Rev. William Vaughn, director of the Interfaith Center at University of Tennessee Medical School, led two Sunday sessions on "Christian Beliefs".

The August series will have a report on "Modern-Day Tensions in the Holy Land", given August 2 by Dr. Alfred Knox, editor of *The Arkansas Methodist*, whose most recent trip to the Near East was in January. Dr. Vaughn will lead the third and fourth of his series on "Christian Beliefs", August 9 and 16. The August 23 and 30 subjects are "The Question of Abortion" and "The Generation Gap — Fact or Fiction?"

Dr. Clint Burleson is pastor of First Church, West Memphis.

LEVY UNITED METHODIST youth of North Little Rock hope to collect 5,000 pop bottles to raise money for the youth fund. Mrs. Elmer Sims is adult counselor. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is their pastor.

CHILDREN ATTENDING the Elementary Camp at Shoal Creek, July 6-10, gave \$27.15 for aid in earthquake ravaged Peru.

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.

July 26—Sunday	Genesis 12:1-8
July 27	Numbers 20:2-13
July 28	Deut. 4:5-14
July 29	Joshua 1:1-9
July 30	Joshua 24:1-15
July 31	Isaiah 50:4-10
Aug. 1	Matt. 7:21-27
Aug. 2—Sunday	Genesis 1:1-25

JOHN ANSELM is the newly elected president of United Methodist Men in Central Church, Rogers. Billy Henderson is vice-president and Emery Wilson is secretary-treasurer. The group meets every fourth Monday. The Rev. Charles McDonald is their pastor.

TIM DEMOTT was presented Scouting's God and Country Award by the Rev. Gaither A. McKelvey in June at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

GARDNER AND NEW SALEM United Methodist Churches welcomed their new pastor, the Rev. Claude Barron, at recent receptions and a family night supper.

ASHDOWN METHODIST children of Elementary 5-6 were scheduled to sing for the Rotary Club program yesterday, July 22. Mrs. Jim Cauthron directs the group. The Rev. Tom Abney is their pastor.

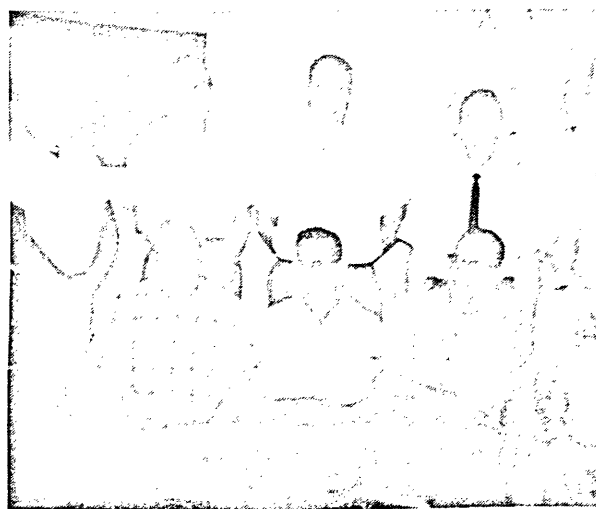
P. K. KORNER

MR. AND MRS. JOE DAL EASON have their first child, a son, Gregory Dallas, born June 26. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Sharp of Dermott and the Rev. and Mrs. Alf A. Eason of Hope. Great-grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. G. D. Eason of North Little Rock and Mrs. Joe A. Goetz of Little Rock.

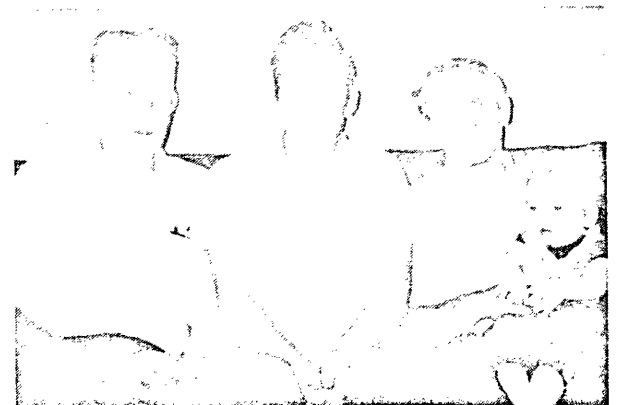
PATTY SUSAN IVEY, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Ivey, Jr., of Dallas, was administered the Sacrament of Infant Baptism, July 5, by her grand-father, Dr. George F. Ivey, in First Church, Hot Springs.



The Lay Witness Mission in Wesley Church, Ft. Smith, resulted in six active prayer groups. The



groups shown above are members of one of the prayer circles.



Howard C. Cook, at left, teaches a weekly Bible study and a Sunday school class at Saint Joe United Methodist Church. He is shown with three generations of male descendants: his son, Charles E., grandson, Charles E. Jr., and great-grandson, Charles C. Cook.

Cooperative Schools reported successful

The second Interconference School of Christian Missions measured up to hopes and expectations last week when 435 men and women from the three Arkansas conferences of The United Methodist Church registered for two three-day sessions at Hendrix College. The mid-week school, July 15-17, was attended by 259, and the week-end school, July 17-19, had 176 registered.

Organizations promoting the schools include: Boards of Missions, Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild of the Southwest, North Arkansas and Little Rock Conferences. That the schools are gaining momentum bears out the wisdom of uniting the conference schools, pooling leadership and attracting a stronger faculty, according to the evaluation of staff members.

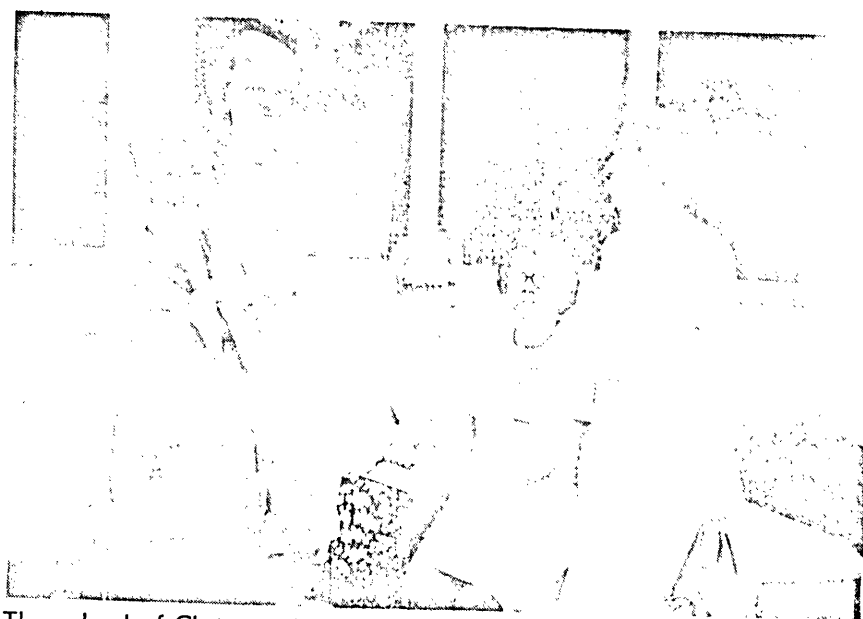
The staff was headed by Mrs. John D. Christian of Little Rock as dean and the Rev. Harold Wilson, Augusta, as associate dean, and both were elected to fill the same positions next year.

Mrs. Maurice Lanier of Bentonville was in charge of registration, which proceeded after an unfortunate accident to a member of her committee the opening hour: Mrs. Lillie Burgess, Conway District Guild chairman, fell and broke her hip.

Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson of Pine Bluff, secretary, Mrs. N. R. Coulter of Mineral Springs, treasurer, and Mrs. Grafton Thomas of Little Rock, business manager, were assisted by many others in the mechanics of the schools.

The offerings, nearly \$500, were designated for the pediatric wing of Pfeiffer Hospital, LaPaz, Boliva. This was a special tribute to Miss Helen Wilson of Hot Springs, a medical technician missionary serving in the hospital, who was resource person in both Conway schools last week. The hospital is an approved Advance Special for all three conferences.

The faculty included two Arkansans and eight teachers from out of the state. The Arkansans were Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro and Dr. Edward Hollenbeck of Benton. Mrs. Lamar Clark of Baytown, Texas, and Mrs. Frank Calhoun of Nashville, Tenn., are both members of the Board of Missions, Woman's Division. The Rev. Hans L. Aurbakken, a former missionary, is a member of the Board of Missions staff. Mrs. J. LaVon Wilson and Miss Mildred B. Davis are educators in Springfield, Illinois, and Dallas, Texas, respectively. Mr. Clifton D. Ackerman is principal of an Indian missions school in New Mexico.



The school of Christian Mission interconference staff included, from left: Mrs. John D. Christian, dean, Mrs. Truman Stephens, Mrs. Maurice Lanier, Mrs. N. R. Coulter and Mrs. Grafton Thomas. Associate dean, the Rev. Harold Wilson, is not shown.

Mrs. Fred Pfisterer of Louisville, Kentucky, is a widely sought teacher for church schools and leader for retreats.

Dr. William S. Sparks was the only faculty member who had every student in both schools in his classes. His groups studying *The Psalms* met in Staples Auditorium during the week, and in Reves Recital Hall during the weekend. He is a professor in St. Paul School of Theology, Methodist, Kansas City.

Participation by students was reported by faculty as excellent, and students were high in their praise of the teachers. Extra sessions proving helpful were those for officer training, led by conference authorities, and the Saturday session for Work Area Missions chairmen, led by Dr. Fred Harrison of Malvern.

Pre-vues of films proved helpful, as did brouing in the literature room. The evening feature, "Life Stations: Earth", allowed for interviews with Church and Community Workers Grace Dwyer and Bernice Rogers, and Missionary Helen Wilson. Miss Edith Martin, 36-year missionary to the Congo, was also present.

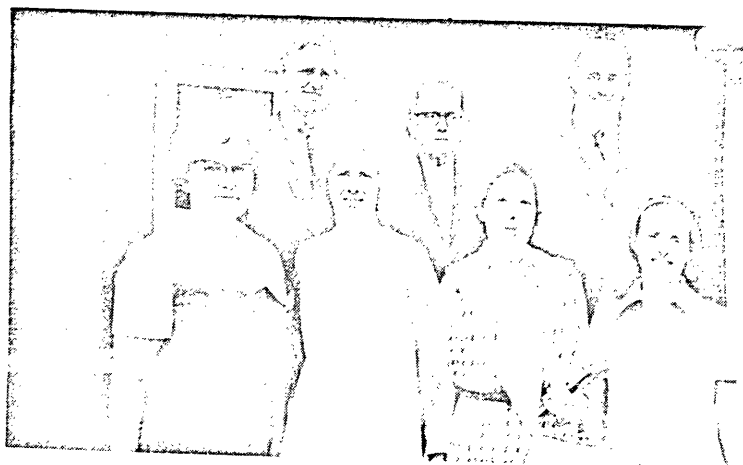
Those attending will be better prepared to lead local church groups in studying "How the Word Gets Around" and "The Americas: How Many Worlds," as well as the Bible study of *Psalms*.

Many felt the pressure of cramming



The ladies in charge of the literature room at Conway present resources for the studies. Mrs. Jay McLarty, at left, modeled the old and the new in literature. Pinned to her back were the out of date magazine and book covers. The up to date material is displayed in front. Mrs. John Page holds poster promoting the Bible study for next year.

the usual five-day activities into three days, yet admitted that they could not have attended had it been longer.



Wynne set an example for future schools by sending four couples from First United Methodist Church to the weekend school. Shown above are, from left: Mrs. Homer Mitchell (Mr. Mitchell attended classes but was not present for picture), Mr. and Mrs. Rex Brawner, Mr. and Mrs. Neal Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Bob Ford. Mrs. T. B. Murray, Jr., also from Wynne, attended the mid-week school.

Financial Statement

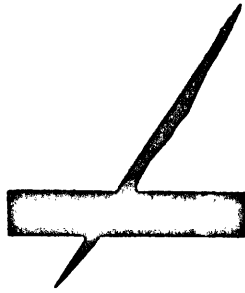
NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE
WOMEN'S SOCIETY OF CHRISTIAN SERVICE
January 31 - June 30, 1970

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$40,428.94	\$9,839.39	
Memberships	1,890.00	730.00	
In Remembrance	518.03	88.00	
Result of Study	10.00		
World Bank & Thank Offering	545.39	406.66	
TOTAL RECEIVED on Pledge	\$43,392.36	\$11,064.05	\$54,456.41
Supplemental	133.75	89.68	
Call to Prayer	2,725.49	1,071.33	
School of Christian Mission	545.00	302.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	232.50	69.70	
District Cultivation	37.11		
Magazine & Picture Fund		53.00	
1970 Assembly Offering	425.65	64.75	
Annual Meeting Offerings	366.02	263.00	
Misc.	43.50		
TOTAL	\$ 4,509.02	\$1,913.46	6,422.48
TOTAL RECEIVED			\$60,878.89
Balance January 1, 1970			5,328.42
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
TOTAL TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR			\$72,207.31
DISBURSEMENTS			
Pledge to Missions	39,396.05	8,855.46	
Memberships	1,990.00	730.00	
In Remembrance	518.03	88.00	
World Bank	545.39	406.66	
TOTAL PAID ON PLEDGE	39,449.47	10,080.12	49,529.59
Supplemental	133.75	89.68	
Christian Civic Foundation	232.50	69.70	
Call to Prayer	2,725.49	1,071.33	
Conference Cultivation	3,553.61	1,068.60	
(Includes School of Mission)			
District Cultivation	1,995.00	630.00	
Printing	175.25	39.98	
1970 Assembly Offering	425.65	64.75	
Insurance for Rural Worker	78.90		
Magazine and Picture Fund		53.00	
Annual Meeting Speakers	303.70	100.00	
Misc.	32.50	81.50	
TOTAL	9,656.35	3,268.54	12,924.89
TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS			\$62,454.48
Saving Certificate			6,000.00
Balance June 30, 1970			3,752.83
TOTAL ACCOUNTED FOR			\$72,207.31

Mrs. James E. Nix, treasurer

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR AUGUST 2: The Fruit of Hate

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 4:1-24;
I John 3:11-15

MEMORY SELECTION: Any one who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life abiding in him. (I John 3:15)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To lead members of the class to develop a conviction that a right relationship to God must find expression in a right relationship toward one's fellowman; to gain an understanding of the poison that is released in the world through hating.

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Everywhere people are concerned about the manifestations of violence in our world. Pictures in magazines and newspapers reflect the ungodly hate that dominates the actions of people of every age in every corner of the world. These hatreds have sprung from many diverse seeds, but always the greatest destruction of this emotion is within the one who is possessed of it.

Our lesson today concerns the first murder recorded in the Bible. It tells of the jealousy that prompted it and the characteristic rationalization which occurred when the murderer knew he had been found out. As in most of our lessons from Genesis, we are not dealing just with events that occur at the beginning of history. Much that we shall say is as up-to-date as this morning's newspaper and last night's television news.

In last week's lesson we dealt with the beginnings of man's alienation from God. Today we speak of the first biblical account of one man's offense against another man. In this story we stand at the beginning of a long trail of violence and bloodshed which has been, in no small measure, the story of the human race through the centuries. The lesson is especially suited to our times in which many people believe that the violence of man toward man is more prevalent than in any previous generation.

Dr. Charles Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "We are frustrated and strike back. We are envious and wish to hurt others. It may even be that we see injustice being done and hate those who perpetrate it, calling our feelings righteous indignation. Someone said: 'You can't win; man has been hating since the dawn of history. Cain has been with us always.' Is this the answer? Maybe today's lesson can help us understand more about this destructive attitude."

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THE CAIN AND ABEL STORY

Perhaps we should hastily summarize the story of Cain and Abel which we find in the first part of the fourth chapter of Genesis. The two brothers — one a shepherd and one a farmer — came to a moment when they were moved to worship God by bringing a portion of what they had raised as an offering. For some reason God did not respect the offering Cain brought, although verse 4 tells us, "And the Lord has respect unto Abel and his offering."

There is so much left out of this story that it is almost beyond our interpretation. First of all, there must have been jealousies and resentments between the two brothers. Then, we wish we knew what there was about the situation that made God have disrespect for the gift of Cain. It could not be simply that it was fruit of the ground rather than

an animal offering. It was all Cain had, and only an unjust God would turn his back on a gift which was the best a man could do. No, somewhere in a part of the story that we do not have there must have been something said about a difference in attitude in the heart of the givers. This has always differentiated between acts of worship.

The important thing is that Cain reacted violently through jealousy and struck his brother down and killed him. The story then brings God right into the picture as he asks Cain, "Where is Abel thy brother?" Cain tried to hide the whole episode from God and flippantly replied, "I know not. Am I my brother's keeper?"

A high point in the story comes when Cain later cries out, "My punishment is greater than I can bear," expressing a fear that he will be pursued through the world by other men. God assures him that he will protect him assuring him in an interesting statement, "Therefore whosoever slayeth Cain, vengeance shall be taken on him seven-fold." Then follows that vague ambiguous verse which has been widely misinterpreted, "And the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him." (verse 15)

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THE FRUITS OF HATRED

As we think today of the fruits of hatred there are two quotations that come to mind. The first is from Jesus: "Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not kill . . . but I say that whosoever shall be angry with his brother without a cause shall be in danger of the judgment." (Matt. 5:21-22). The other is from the great Negro educator Booker T. Washington who said: "I will not permit any man to narrow and degrade my soul by making me hate him." In both statements we are told of the intensity of the poison that is released within a man when he hates. Modern discoveries in psychosomatic medicine have demonstrated that instances of real physical disease have resulted not from germs contacted by contagion but from poison released within the body in periods of hate.

Dr. Leon J. Saul in his book *The Hostile Mind* speaks of the nature and fruits of hate as he says: "Hate expresses hostility, implies hurt to others, anger. Hate, like hostility, implies hurt to others, expresses enmity and seeks directly no socially constructive end." Dr. H. A. Overstreet speaks in *The Mature Mind* of the power of hate and hostility to bring a person to a point at which love becomes almost impossible. He says of such persons: "They have grown to adulthood carrying with them fears and hostilities born of childhood failures and intensified by a continued effort to effect a childish, not a responsible and mature, relationship to life. By and large, they have been unable to apply the insight of Jesus of Nazareth because what they have called love, even in their most intimate associations, has not been love."

Our lesson is built around this poisonous fruit of hatred. It killed Abel, but Cain was a casualty of hatred also. He was henceforth to be a wanderer and a fugitive. "Behold thou hast driven me this day away from the ground; and from thy face I shall be hidden; and I shall be a fugitive and a wanderer on the earth." (verse 14) Out of this story has come an expression of that area in which the fruits of hatred are harvested. It is called "East of Eden," and you will remember that John Steinbeck wrote a novel of hatred dealing with modern counterparts of Cain.

THE RESULTS OF DIFFERENT ATTITUDES

When Cain and Abel brought their gifts to God they chose from the best of that which they possessed. Some would oversimplify this story by making it appear that later Hebrew laws concerning worship were already known to these brothers. This cannot be substantiated. There was a difference in their attitudes as they came to God with their gifts.

We do not have enough information in this Bible story to tell us why God rejected Cain's gift. It does not appear that the difference could have been in any way related to the externals of the offering — the nature of the gifts or the manner in which they were placed before God. There must have been something within the hearts of the two brothers that made them so different.

As Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "False motives in worship do not long remain hidden. Spiritually sensitive persons soon recognize such practices in themselves and in others as well. The church is long-suffering at this point, for it knows that ultimately a tree will be declared by its fruit."

The story of Cain and Abel brings us face to face with the necessity for making our daily lives consistent with our outward profession of faith in the God of all mankind through Jesus Christ our Lord. As the writer in *Broadman Comments* says: "The tragic scene of the first murder in the recorded history of man centers around an act of worship. Even in the very act of making a sacrificial offering to God, Cain harbored jealousy and hatred toward his brother. No wonder God was thoroughly displeased with him. Cain went through the act of paying allegiance to God, but his act did not faithfully represent the inward condition of his heart."

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THE MARK OF MERCY

After Cain had initiated violence and murder in the world, he was deprived of his livelihood. He was condemned as a wanderer. He learned what others have learned down through the ages that "the wages of sin is death." He complained bitterly that the punishment which had been meted out to him was too severe. There is no account of repentance, but only self-pity. Cain was sorry for himself and was overwhelmed by the hopelessness of his future.

But the story also reminds us that God invariably tempers his judgment with mercy. This he did in dealing with Cain in spite of the immensity of Cain's sin. In response to the pitiful entreaty we are told "the Lord set a mark upon Cain, lest any finding him should kill him" (verse 15). There have been many strange misinterpretations of this verse, but it means basically that even a murderer is under the protection of God. In the eyes of God Cain did still have some rights as a human being even though he had not repented of his deed.

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"AM I MY BROTHER'S KEEPER?"

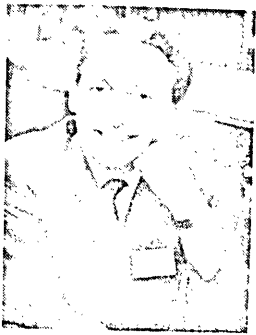
To this writer it seems that the key verse in our lesson is the pitiful answer Cain gave to God when he inquired concerning Abel, "Am I my brother's keeper?" (verse 9) God's answer to him left no doubt that he was responsible for his brother. This was true not only in the sense that his death could be charged against him but also in the fact that he would have been his brother's keeper if he had lived.

The minute we begin to feel responsibility for our brothers it becomes impossible for us to hate them or kill them no matter what their status or plight. Responsibility and hatred are basically contradictory, although many still will not face up to this. The Rev. Ross Lilly says in *Adult Bible Studies*: "Brothers are made for each other. Men are to be helpers one to another. This is what it means to be a brother's keeper and watcher. Man has a responsibility to and for man, and all men are brothers."

We are gradually moving away from a kind of "rugged individualism" which advocated the policy of every man for himself. Jesus taught his followers to minister to the needs of others. He taught that ministry to our fellowman is ministry to our Lord. Whenever a Christian comes face to face with human need, he is under obligation to minister to that need if he has the resources to do so.

JULY 23, 1970

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
THE METHODIST RECORDER
Editorial Board

The Methodist Conference is over. For the first time American delegates were present in it. The many Conferences when we were so glad to have visitors from the USA were a preparation for an official voting and speaking delegation from the American Conference.

It was a historic moment, even of moving dimensions, when some of us reflected how long it had taken for this to happen! Bishop Ensley of Ohio, who led the representatives may have been exaggerating when he said: "Mr. President, sometimes I look westward from my office, and behold Satan fall-

ing as lightning from heaven. Then I know the British Conference is in Session!" But it was the kind of exaggeration we liked to hear because it spoke of the warm affection which we feel, and I am sure your representative felt as they came.

Another historic moment was the confirmation by a majority of almost 80% of the decision taken last year to enter Stage One of the Anglican-Methodist scheme. Now, it is hoped that before too long the new Synod of the Church of England will also confirm their intention. Then the process will begin which will eventually bring together the church founded by John Wesley and his own mother church.

One more step — and one which, it was hinted, might imperil to some extent the very relationships which are being so carefully nurtured, was the decision to ask next year's ministerial session of the Conference to note that the Representative Session is in favor of admitting women to the ministry of the church. The Representative Session has no power to do this — it is the Conference in its ministerial session which decides all matters having to do with the ministry. But next year, without doubt, the ministerial session will not be able to ignore the very large majority which asked that ways

should be found to do this thing.

Not everyone — even some of those who voted for women in the ministry — is entirely happy about this because without doubt it is hard to see how the condition that women should be accepted on the same basis as men can be carried out exactly. But not a shadow of question lay in the large number who voted for it.

The new President, the Rev. Rupert E. Davies who is Principal of Wesley College Bristol set a new style of Presidency when he and his Vice-President, Professor Russell Hindmarsh both spoke on the opening evening of Conference and spoke relatively briefly. It was, however, all very much to the point, sharpened, when the Professor a young man whose subject is Atomic Physics) told us that what he had been saying was why "I profess physics and confess Christ."

It seems to some of us who are very interested in the mass media a heartening thing that both of these men are more aware than usual of the possibilities of using press and TV and radio if they have something which they believe ought to be heard.

They are modern men, aware of the world in which they, and unlike many leaders, are quite sure that their particular church world is not the end of

the world by any means.

It was a dull Conference, people said. Yet in fact it was workmanlike. A great deal of business was done with a moderate amount of despatch, and there can not be any doubt that as a result of the Manchester Conference, a lot of far-reaching changes will eventually be made in the structure of the church, the way it organizes its money, and the attitude it adopts to the whole mission of the church in the world.

That well-worn phrase which asks Christians to allow the world to write the agenda was never more alive than in the sessions of the Conference which may have seemed to the casual observer the most dull and unthrilling. But it is often that way with the Conference.

It is not the fireworks which eventually matter — they are bright and exciting but often non-productive. It is almost pedestrian routines of business which eventually produce what looks like revolution.

However that may be, as Methodism in this country begins another year, we felt nearer to the USA, and prayer-partnership for each other will influence all that we do.

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Book Reviews

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Erling Jorstad, *THE POLITICS OF DOOMSDAY*, \$4.95, Abingdon.

This is a concise history of the rise of ultrafundamentalism in this country and of its entrance into the field of "right wing" politics in the days of McCarthyism. He describes the more active political efforts during the campaigns of Barry Goldwater and George Wallace and indicates that today it is almost impossible to separate the biblical and political emphasis.

Dr. Jorstad, who is a professor of history at St. Olaf College in Northfield, Minn., examines both the political ideology and the religious dogmas of ultrafundamentalism, analyzing why the group sees itself as the savior of modern man and how it seeks to implement its mission.

The author gives evidence of most careful inquiry in this subject, so that the book is of great value to those who are interested in the backgrounds of this revitalized movement.

Grace Russell, *RINGS . . . AND THINGS*, \$1.50, The Upper Room.

In this book the wife of a Kentucky United Methodist pastor indicates what she means when she says, "I rather resent being called a housewife. I married no house. I married a man and am far more interested in marriagekeeping than housekeeping."

The book contains 57 brief essays on all the aspects of family living from "Ajax and Incense" to "Moving." Each of the little essays is followed by a brief prayer, and together they offer excellent material for individual and group experiences within the home.

Wayne Dehoney, editor, *BAPTISTS SEE BLACK*, \$3.50, Word Books.

Dr. Dehoney, pastor of Walnut Street Baptist Church, Louisville, Ky. and former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, has compiled a dozen accounts of leadership by Southern Baptist ministers and laymen in racial crises during the past 13 or 14 years.

These are sermons preached in Baptist pulpits in moments of racial tensions. Included are sermons by Dr. John H. McClanahan of First Baptist Church, Pine Bluff, Ark.; Dr. C. Avery Lee of St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans; and Dr. Brooks Ramsey, pastor of Second Baptist Church, Memphis, Tenn.

This excellent collection of sermons during turbulent times is recommended.

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TRAFCO PRODUCES SERIES FOR MENNONITES

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A second series of public service television spots sponsored by the Mennonite Church have been produced here by the Television, Radio and Film Communications Division of the United Methodist Program Council.

Producer of the series on family life is TRAFCO staff member J. Fred Rowles who also produced two of the first series of three spots. One of these was acclaimed by T.V. Byers in *Advertising Age* as the best public service spot of the year. The first series was telecast on more than 330 stations in the United States and Australia.

The public service spots are being distributed internationally by the Mennonite Church headquartered in Harrisonburg, Va., and Elkhart, Ind.

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I fear God, and next to God I chiefly fear him who fears Him not.—Saadi

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He returned to the Publishing House in 1952 following service during the Korean War as a navigation and staff intelligence officer with the rank of major. In 1956 he became accountant supervisor of the forms and procedures department of the accounting division and in 1960 was named manager of that department. He was appointed vice-president in charge of publishing in 1964.

Mr. Procter graduated from Pleasant Hill Academy, Pleasant Hill, Tenn., in 1938. He was employed as a management trainee with S. H. Kress and Company, Nashville, in 1939 and 1940, prior to his employment with the Publishing House. Following his work at Peabody College he entered Vander-

bilt University in 1941. Shortly thereafter he was enlisted in the U. S. Air Force Training Program and, under that program, attended Memphis State College, Rockhurst College, in Kansas City, Mo., and the University of Miami at Coral Gables, Fla. Since his return to the Publishing House in 1946 he has continued his education at the University of Tennessee Extension School in Nashville.

Mr. Procter has held the offices of secretary, treasurer, vice-president, and president of the Nashville Chapter of the Administrative Management Society, having served on its board of directors since 1956. He holds membership in the Protestant Church-Owned Publishers' Association, the Chamber of Commerce, the American Book Publishers' Council, and the National Council of Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. Publishers' Associated Section. He is active in various charitable efforts including Red Cross, United Givers Fund, and the Cancer Crusade. A member of Calvary United Methodist Church in Nashville, he serves on the adult planning committee and has been president of his church school class. He is also a member of the United Methodist Program-Curriculum Committee.

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MAKING IT OFFICIAL. Dr. J. Edward Carothers (left), New York, associate general secretary of the United Methodist Board of Missions for its National Division, presents a statement of commitment for a \$300,000 line of credit to Communications Improvement, Inc., an integrated non-profit corporation seeking temporarily to run TV station WLBT in Jackson, Miss. Receiving the statement is Earl K. Moore, New York, attorney and member of the board of directors of Communications Improvement, Inc. The line of credit has been granted by the Mission Enterprise Loan and Investment Committee (MELIC) of the Board of Missions. (UMI Photo)

Record number of youths training for church vocations in Pennsylvania

PITTSBURGH, Pa. — The Western Pennsylvania Conference of the United Methodist Church has more young men and women in training for the ministry than at any time in its history, according to information just released by the office of Bishop Roy C. Nichols of Pittsburgh.

A total of 213 young men and women are currently in various stages of preparation for the ministry, the latest statistics indicate.

The Rev. Paul J. Meuschke, Pittsburgh District superintendent and former chairman of the Conference's Board of the Ministry, stated that the 213 students include 72 probationary conference members, still in seminaries or recently graduated; 36 ministerial students enrolled for September admission to seminaries; and 105 college students reorganized as pre-ministerial candidates on the basis of their declaration of intention.

"These 213 students in training put the lie to the assertion so often heard

that youth is losing interest in the church as a vocation," Mr. Meuschke said. He attributed the large number to the effective efforts of the present ministry of the conference.

"Equally stimulating is the large number of seminary graduates who elect to remain and serve in the Western Pennsylvania Conference after graduation. This reflects their enthusiasm and confidence in their episcopal leadership," Mr. Meuschke concluded.

A total of 81 men and women were ordained in the United Methodist ministry by Bishop Nichols at the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference in Grove City, several weeks ago.

National authorities of the denomination concerned with ministerial training recently indicated that the large preministerial enrollment of the Western Pennsylvania Conference was the highest of any conference in the United Methodist Church.

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Algerian Hospital Re-Opening

NEW YORK (UMI) — From Algeria, where nine United Methodist missionaries were expelled in December from the city of Algiers, has come word to the United Methodist Board of Missions that a church-related hospital has been turned over to the government, and that it is scheduled to be reactivated under a partnership arrangement involving both civil authorities and the church.

At the time of the official signing over the 40-bed hospital, representatives of the Algerian Ministry of Health thanked the United Methodist Church for what they said is the church's contribution to the Algerian people, according to reports to the board. Dr. Esther Megill, an executive of the board's World Division, termed the transfer of the hospital and the agreement to continue services under the new civil-ecclesiastical partnership significant.

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God helps those who help themselves. — Algernon Sidney: **Discourses Concerning Government**

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Iowa D.S. to serve in Division of Local Church

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Alvin T. Maberry, superintendent of the Council Bluffs, Ia., District of the United Methodist Church since 1966, has been appointed to the staff of the United Methodist Board of Education here.

Beginning September 1, Dr. Maberry will serve the Board's Division of the Local Church as director of services to pastors and district superintendents. He succeeds the Rev. Carl L. Stocking who recently retired.

Dr. Howard M. Ham, a general secretary of the board, said Dr. Maberry will assist pastors and superintendents by providing ready access to all consultant services, guidance and educational resources they desire as they lead congregations in nurturing, instructing, and equipping persons through education for their responsibilities as Christians.

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PREACHING FELLOWSHIPS AWARDED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Carl B. Rife, Camp Hill, Pa., and the Rev. Peter D. Weaver, Boston, Mass., have been awarded Fellowships in Preaching by the United Methodist Board of Education's Department of the Ministry for graduate study during the 1970-71 year.

Fellowships in Preaching, awarded annually, were established in 1966 to enhance the ministry of the church through emphasis on excellence in preaching and are for persons committed to careers in the parish ministry.

Steps underway to internationalize motive

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. James H. Stenzel, managing editor of *motive* magazine, will work and travel overseas for a year beginning August 1 as the first step in a program to "internationalize" the ecumenical student publication.

The 25,000-mile trip will include a seven-month stay in Japan and six-week working visits to Korea and the Philippines.

Funds for the project were raised outside *motive's* regular budget. The Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism awarded Mr. Stenzel a

\$3,000 Pulitzer Traveling Fellowship. Departments of the United Methodist Board of Missions related to East Asia, university world and communications provided additional support.

According to Mr. Stenzel and Robert Maurer, *motive* editor, the internationalization of the magazine has been a top priority with the staff and editorial board since the two came to *motive* 13 months ago.

The second phase of the internationalization program will be the employment of an editor from outside the United States who has special familiar-

ity with the Third World—Africa, Asia and South America. The editor, working for three years in the *motive* office beginning in 1971, will plan strategy, gather materials, develop contacts and coordinate the international emphasis.

While Mr. Stenzel is abroad, *motive's* managing editor will be Steve Nickerson, 26, from Ethete, Wyoming.

motive, controversial publication with primarily a student audience, was begun in 1941 and is now published eight times annually by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education.



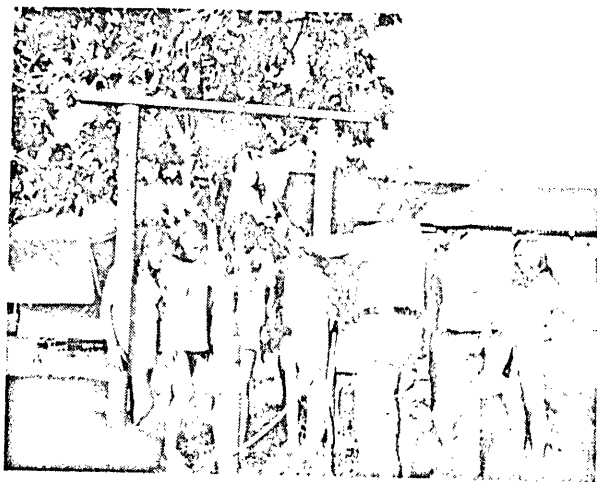
Seventh grade boys assisted by the Rev. Willie Gooden, pastor of neighboring Claremore Indian church, paint the ceiling.



Choska (pronounced "chooska") Indian Mission's Pastor Smith with seventh grade work crew.



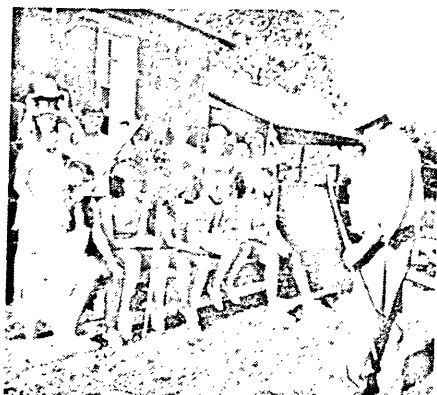
Girls with their Indian friend, Joanna, sand the floor in preparation for enameling.



Mr. Anderson Bigpond, chairman of the Board of trustees, demonstrated how to "draw" water for cooking from the well.



Standing in the center on the porch is Mrs. Ella Hawkins with whom the group corresponded concerning arrangements for the workcamp prior to their trip. Seated at right rear is Mrs. Fannie Tiger, nearly 90 years of age—and oldest active member of Choska Mission Church.



Mr. Eli Deere (father of the Rev. Kenneth Deere, superintendent of the Indian Conference in the area) shows the work crew how he made "fishing arrows" of cane.

Church school class befriends Creeks

The Choska Indian Mission Church (Methodist) near Bristow, Oklahoma, has a new roof, freshly painted interior walls, ceiling and floor, and among other improvements, a four-foot wooden cross—thanks to the industrious efforts of a seventh grade church school class, its teacher and other interested adults.

Several months ago, when Mr. Gene Swepston (owner and manager of a school supply company in the work-a-day world) accepted the responsibility of teaching a class of 12 and 13 year old boys and girls at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Little Rock, he sensed the need for involving the group in a project that would utilize their energies in helping someone who needed help. As the months went by a casual suggestion developed into a carefully planned project ready for execution.

On a recent Thursday afternoon the group of 12 young persons accompanied by four adults arrived at the Indian Mission ready for a weekend workcamp experience under (for them) somewhat primitive conditions. With assistance from the Rev. Martin Smith, host minister and his congregation, and pastors from neighboring Indian churches, the group worked through Friday and Saturday to accomplish the work which had been mapped out in advance.

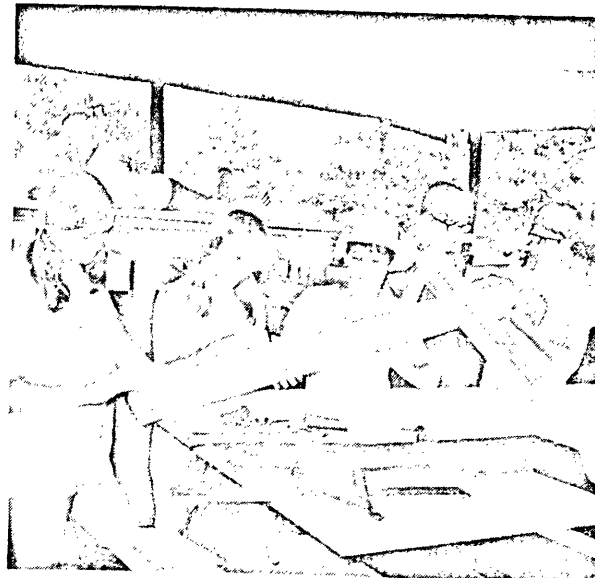
Except for several voluntary contributions, the seventh graders earned all of the money to cover the cost of materials and trip expenses. This was done outside the church in order to avoid a conflict with the regular financial program of the church.



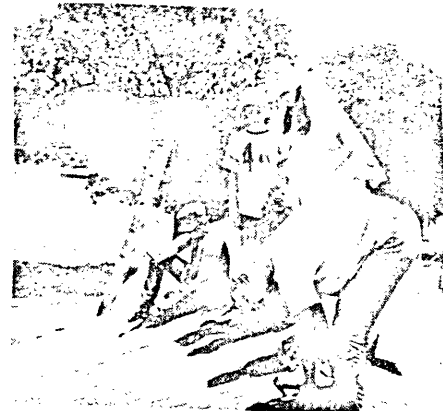
The weekend activities culminated in a moving Sunday morning worship experience in the redecorated sanctuary. Sally Harry (at center) led visitors and the Indian congregation (with membership of nearly 40) in singing Creek hymns. After a period of sharing the worshipers were dismissed with a Creek blessing.



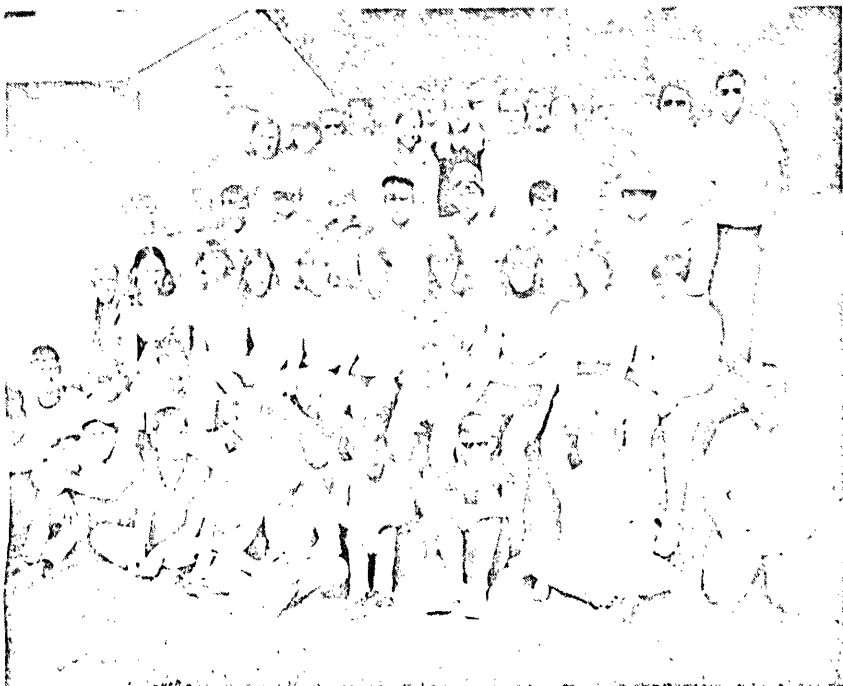
Mrs. Winey Harjo explains that the old house in the background (more than 100 years old) was where the Indian congregation met for the first time.



Class members put finishing touches on cross for the sanctuary. Mr. D. R. Thompson, a member of St. Paul church, constructed the cross which was mounted on the wall behind the pulpit. A local factory donated a strip of carpeting laid in the center aisle.



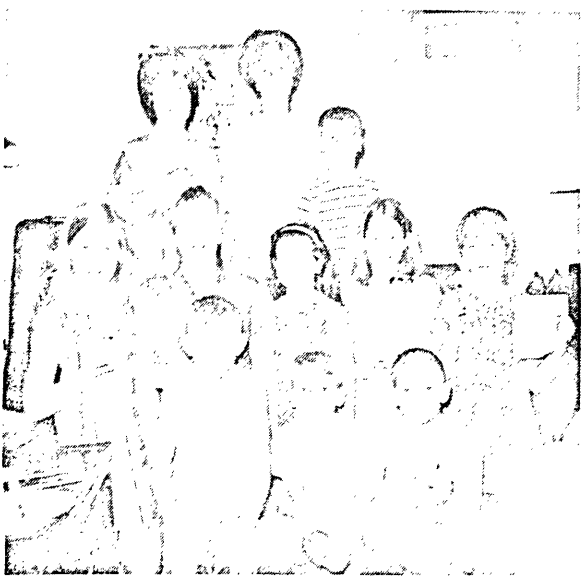
The "hottest" job of all—putting on the new roof!



Thirty-eight campers and counselors attended the 7th and 8th grade camp at Kaetzell, June 22-26. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon was director of the camp; the Rev. Calvin Mitchell served as registrar.



Girls from Cottage 3 at Arkansas Methodist Children's home learn the lessons of playing and sharing together during leisure summer hours.



Mrs. Roy Weld (at rear left), a recent visitor on Oahu—chief of the Hawaiian Islands—was hostess for a Japanese session in her home during the vacation church school held at the Fisher church. The Elementary IV-VI class ate rice with chopsticks, learned to sing the Doxology in Japanese and viewed slides from the Island. Mrs. Leon Glenn (right rear) was teacher of the class. The Rev. John Lee is pastor.

Its the 35th Anniversary for Methodist's Parking Device

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — When you park your car this summer and fish out a coin for the box showing a red flag, you will be marking the 35th anniversary of a device prompted by an active Methodist layman—and brother of a now-retired bishop.

It was in July of 1935 that the world's first parking meters were installed in Oklahoma City, Okla. The idea was conceived by the late Carl Magee, churchman, newspaper editor who played a major role in uncovering the Teapot Dome scandal, and brother of retired Bishop J. Ralph Magee of Evanston.

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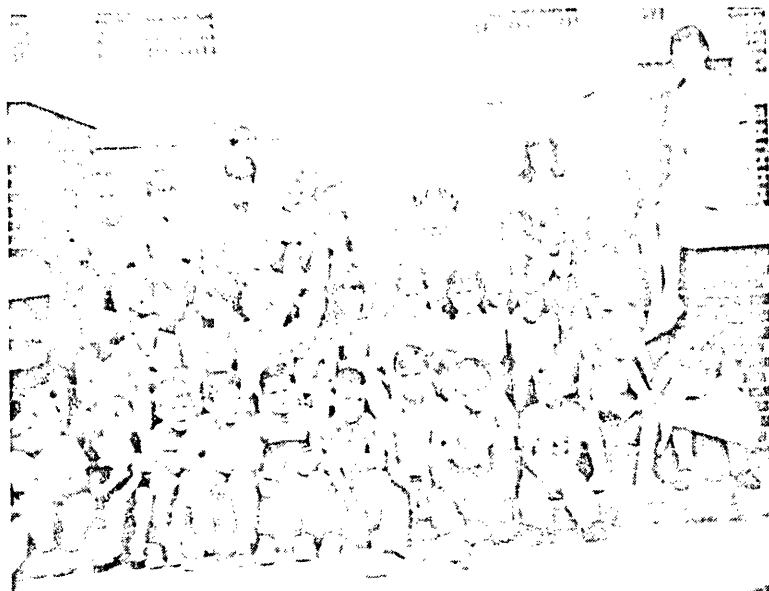
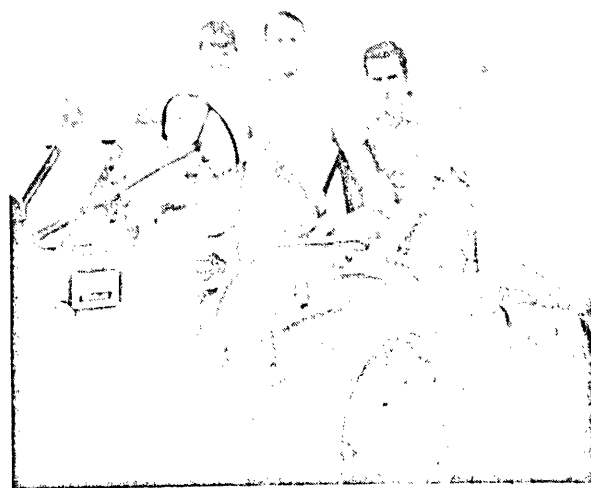
News In Brief

The Rev. Marvin J. Taylor has resigned from the post of academic dean of Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Mo., to become associate director of the American Association of Theological Schools in Dayton, Ohio. Dr. Taylor, a member of the Western Pennsylvania Annual Conference, has been at Saint Paul since 1962.

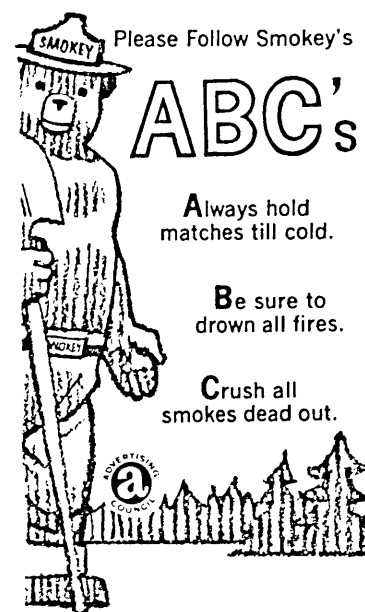
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The seventh annual program of the National Training Center for Human Relations and Design Skills, sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church, will be held at Palmer Lake, Colo., August 12-21. Featured for the first time will be a basic human relations laboratory with a section on black-white encounter under the guidance of a black trainer.

Taking part in "God's Acre" project, sponsored by Nettleton Methodist Men (l. to r.): Young Tracy Smith, Gary Smith, his father, and Brooks Griffith. Nettleton men planted eight acres of beans "for God and His Church" on land donated by Veon Kiech. Cleveland Kohonkie is president of the group; the Rev. J. D. Lawrence is pastor.



Forty boys and girls enrolled for the vacation church school at Mansfield. An offering from the school was sent to earthquake victims in Peru. The school was directed by Mrs. Ruby Laster, assisted by six helpers. The Rev. Felix Holland is pastor.



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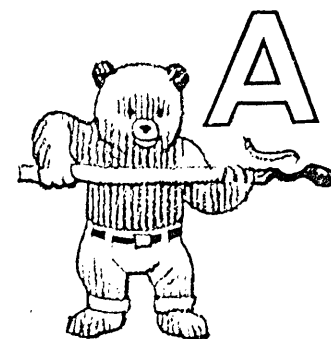
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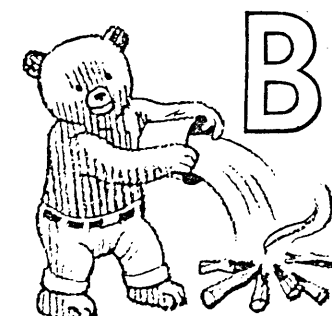
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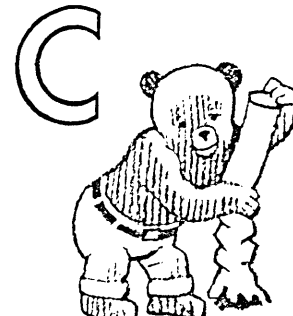
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