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Health and Welfare Ministries

In innovative move United Methodist agency contracts with Labor Department to train disadvantaged

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI)—A contract with the U.S. Department of Labor for \$1,329,459 to train more than 700 "hard-core disadvantaged" to work in five United Methodist-related hospitals has been signed by the denomination's General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries.

"This is a precedent-setting effort on our part," said Bishop Paul V. Galloway of Little Rock, Ark., president of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, in announcing the plan August 3.

"To the best of our knowledge, this is the first time a major Protestant denomination has signed such a contract with the federal government, although hospitals related to churches have been receiving federal funds for many years."

Bishop Galloway said the hospitals, located in Boston, Mass., Brooklyn, N. Y., Rochester, Minn., Omaha, Nebr.,

and Dallas, Texas, are "in this program to provide permanent jobs in the health-care field for persons disadvantaged because of race, educational handicaps or poverty."

The U.S. Department of Labor is providing the money under the JOBS 70 program. Under the program, persons classified as "disadvantaged" by state employment services will be hired by the hospitals. These persons will receive specialized courses of training for approximately five weeks to equip them with the skills needed to hold the job.

During the initial training, reimbursement will be made for salary costs and training expenses. Lesser payments will be made during a further period of on-the-job training lasting approximately 13 weeks.

Participants will be trained as inhalation therapists; ward, diet and X-ray clerks; and nursing, housekeeping, and

dietary aides.

"The key advantage of this program is that each of the 700 trainees will be on the hospital payroll at the beginning of training, and will be guaranteed a continuing job if training is completed satisfactorily," Bishop Galloway said. "Many other programs train people, but do not carry a job guarantee."

"The salary and benefits of those in training will be exactly the same as all other hospital employees . . . at the same time, they will be meeting a chronic need in the hospitals for new service personnel."

Hospitals in the consortium agreement represent several kinds of hospital care. Three are general service agencies and two are highly specialized with extensive research programs.

It is hoped that later the program can be expanded to others of the 80

hospitals related to the board.

The number of persons the hospitals have contracted to train include:

New England Deaconess, Boston, 117; Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, 99; Rochester Methodist, 198; Nebraska Methodist, 153; and Dallas Methodist, 148.

Disadvantaged persons who participate in the program will come from diverse areas and backgrounds. The initiators of the contract will study these factors closely, planning for a more highly-refined training program in the future.

Director of the program is the Rev. James C. Moore of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries staff. Assistant to the director will be the Rev. Charles E. Frazier, formerly on the staff of First United Methodist Church here.

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Pastors' School scheduled

Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte Area of the United Methodist church will be the guest preacher for the 1970 Arkansas Area United Methodist Pastors' School which will be held Sept. 14-17 at Hendrix College. The plans have been announced by the Rev. Charles P. McDonald of Rogers, chairman of the planning committee.

The 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 a group studying "Contemporary Theology"; and Dr. Lemuel K. Lord, district superintendent of the Worcester (Mass.) District of the United Methodist Church who will teach "Pastoral Ministry."

The school is scheduled to begin with registration prior to the opening assembly at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 14, with two classes being held that afternoon. Ministers are urged to register in advance for the school using the registration blank which appears elsewhere in this issue. All ministers attending one or more of the sessions will be expected to pay the \$2.50 registration fee. It is from this fund that

the honoraria and travel expenses of the faculty will come.

Room and board for the period will be \$16.50 with single meals costing \$1.25 and a single night's lodging costing \$3.00.

A faculty luncheon will be held at the Town House Restaurant on Monday at noon.

The first preaching service will be at 6:30 p.m. on Monday followed by a period of dialogue with the instructors.

On Tuesday evening following the preaching service, Dr. Roy Shilling and other staff personnel of Hendrix College will share plans and concerns of the students and faculty members with the group. A swimming period is scheduled for each evening beginning at 8:30 p.m.

Plans are being made for a talent night program with presentations by the ministers on Wednesday evening.

Those attending the school will be expected to bring towels, sheets, pillows and blankets. The registration blank should be sent to the Rev. James Major, Hendrix College, Conway. Registration on the opening day of the school will take place in the lounge of Hardin Hall.

E. H. "Tank" Harrison of the Memphis Police Department autographs one of his books for C. J. "Pop" Slocum of Hickory Ridge at the North Arkansas Laymen's Retreat at Mount Sequoyah.



BEARDEN TO ATTEND COUNCIL MEETING IN GENEVA

Dr. R. E. L. Bearden, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, will leave on Monday, August 17 to attend the annual meeting of the Executive Committee of the Methodist World Council in Geneva, Switzerland. He will be accompanied by Mrs. Bearden.

The next session of the World Conference, which meets every five years, will be held in Denver, Colorado in August, 1971. Plans for this event will be made during the Council meeting in Geneva next week.

The Rev. Maurice C. Webb, associate minister, will preach at First Church on August 23; Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, superintendent of the Little Rock District, will be guest minister on August 30. The Beardens expect to return September 1.

AIR SHOW TO FEATURE YOUTH RALLY NEAR AUGUSTA

An Air Show featuring sky divers from Jonesboro will be the center around which a Youth Rally will be held Saturday, August 15, in and near Augusta.

Sponsored by the Christian Youth Interdenominational Share Groups of Augusta, McCrory and Wynne, the Air Show which will begin at 10:30 a.m. will feature Les Bolton of KARK-TV, Little Rock, as announcer, and Harold Tapley of Shaw, Miss., Mrs. Dorothy Ethridge of Greenville, Miss., and Don Huenefeld of Gregory, Ark.

The Air Show feature of the rally will be held at the Huenefeld Farm at Gregory, 10 miles south of Augusta on Highway 33.

In the afternoon the young people and their adult leaders will enjoy a swimming and ski party on Taylor's Lake.

At 7:30 p.m. the Youth Rally will be held in Augusta High School Auditorium under the direction of "Rick" Proctor.

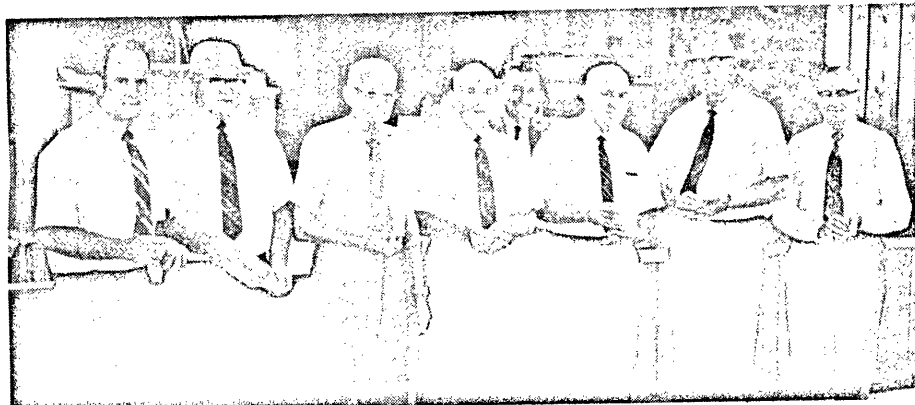
North Arkansas Laymen at Mt. Sequoyah



A part of the record attendance of almost 300 at the North Arkansas laymen's meeting at Mount Sequoyah last week-end



Dr. Paul M. Bumpers of First Church, Lubbock, Tex. was guest preacher.



District and conference lay leaders received "soul winning kits" from Pratt Rimmel, fifth from left.

Scarlet Thread folk group coming to Markham Methodist

Shad Williams and his Scarlet Thread folk music group from Memphis will lead a non-denominational youth rally to be held at Markham United Methodist Church, 9820 West Markham in Little Rock, on August 14 and 15. Programs are scheduled for Friday, 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; Saturday, 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. and again at 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.

Williams, a former rock musician who found Christ two years ago, and his group write and perform their own music. Last month when this comparatively new group led a youth rally at First Church in Jonesboro, more than one hundred young people responded with professions of faith in Christ and an equal number rededicated their lives, according to David Bentley, youth director at Markham Methodist. Tank Harrison, known for his work in Lay Witness Missions, said of the group, "They are good and they are loud. They play for the Lord and no one else."

"Pews will be pushed aside and seating will be on the floor" (for the Markham rally), the Rev. John S. Workman, pastor, said—"thus providing a relaxed atmosphere for the young people." Soft drinks will be sold to pay for the group's expenses.

Delegations from Van Buren, Fort Smith, Morrilton, Jonesboro, Conway, Wynne and other areas over the state have already made arrangements to come for the rally.

BELOW: General Conference delegates report on the recent St. Louis Special Session of the General Conference. BOTTOM: Bob Cheyne, Clay Bumpers, Pratt C. Rimmel and Jay Lawhon.



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Editorial

STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES IN THE MIDDLE EAST

We must have all been encouraged in the past few days by the steps taken in the direction of peace in the Middle East. However, in our optimism we should not be unmindful of the unusual complications which make such negotiations difficult. We must still be grateful for the outline of a peace plan by any significant number of the parties concerned because there have been three wars in this area since 1948 and never a peace conference.

You will remember that war first broke out on May 12, 1948 — the date the British gave up their mandate over Palestine. Under the partition plan approved by the United Nations, two new states were to be born — one a Jewish state and one an Arab state. The lines of partition set by the UN were never implemented, and the boundaries of Israel and the territory which came to be known as the West Bank of the Jordan were forged on the anvil of a war that lasted nearly a year. The city of Jerusalem was not included in either state, but became a divided city as a result of this war with the Arabs occupying East Jerusalem and the Israelis adding West Jerusalem to their new state.

War came in 1956 in connection with Egypt's move to nationalize the Suez Canal, and out of this second Israeli victory the Gaza Strip was occupied. Then, came the Six Days War in 1967 with a quick Israeli victory bringing the occupation of territory all the way to the Suez Canal, including East Jerusalem and the Golan Heights section of Syria and Jordan east of the Jordan River. One of the proposals of the present peace plan is that Israel withdraw to the boundaries that prevailed prior to the 1967 war. Although Israel has agreed to the plan for peace talks, Premier Golda Meir has made it perfectly clear that there are some territories taken in 1967 that will not be given up, prior to the discussions.

In an effort to bring us to an objective position regarding these approaching peace talks, we would like to confine ourselves here to what we see as the strong and weak points of the Israelis and the Arabs in the present state of affairs in the Holy Land. We hope each of you will note each carefully in order to see that neither side is blameless in this conflict and that both sides have strong positions from which to negotiate.

In briefly stating the strengths of the Israeli position, we would say that first priority should be

given to the fact that the State of Israel was legally constituted by the United Nations in 1948 and that they have a right to exist and to be recognized by all their neighbors. Palestine did not belong previously to any Arab state, but was ruled by Great Britain following World War I when it was taken from Turkey, an ally of Germany.

The second argument in favor of Israel's existence (not necessarily an argument for her holding present territory) is an emotional one. All the world felt a sympathy for Jews following the period of the Nazi holocaust, and in 1948 when partition of Palestine occurred there was a widespread favorable image for the creation of such a state for Jewish refugees from Europe. Another strong argument that is advanced by the Israelis is that borders have never been secure. There has not been a single day of peace since 1948 for those who lived near the border, especially those east of the sea of Galilee near the Golan Heights.

We feel there is an additional point of strength in the fact that the State of Israel, now in its 22nd year of successful existence as a government, has never been recognized by the Arab states and has never been granted the use of the Suez Canal, nor were they allowed, prior to 1967, in the old city of Jerusalem.

Weak points in the present Israeli position are their activities in the administration of territory occupied in 1967, and the religious or "Zionist" argument for their state. Although it is often difficult to discover the truth, it is this writer's conclusion that the military occupation has been characterized by a number of weaknesses, including overreaction to terrorist activities, and the confiscation of property and the construction of new Jewish villages in occupied territory. We do not feel the Israelis can justify their state as a great religious ven-

ture, even among their own people, and that their weakest political point is the great authority given the leaders of the Orthodox Jewish religious group.

The strong points of the Arab position also include an emotional argument — there is a sympathetic response worldwide for this group that was displaced by partition in 1948 — many of them becoming refugees the second time during the 1967 war — and who have never found a home since that time. A second strength in their position is the recollection that the British made promises to them for their support in World War I and the United States did vacillate in dealing with them.

In summarizing the weaknesses of the Arab position, we would mention that there has often been an overstatement of their case. We found that in many instances Arab leaders would admit that they had not been paid for land they previously held because of their own conviction that the acceptance of such money would constitute "fraternization with the enemy." A second major weakness has been their unwillingness to recognize the existence of the State of Israel and their lack of consideration of certain basic securities requirements of that government. Although the Jewish group used some of the same tactics in the days when they were hoping for the right to establish a new state, we can only feel that the terrorist tactics of the Arab guerillas is a major weakness and will continue to constitute the greatest threat to peace in the Middle East.

All of these strengths and weaknesses may cancel themselves out, but we do feel it is necessary to consider them in these days when we are all praying for a peaceful settlement in that part of the world.

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the Editor's Corner



HIROSHIMA REVISITED

On last Thursday, Hiroshima, Japan, and the rest of the world quietly observed the 25th anniversary of the dropping of the first atom bomb on that city, and we were all reminded of the motto which has been placed in the peace center at "ground zero" — "Never Again Hiroshima."

As we have been reminded of this event we felt moved to take up again John Hersey's masterpiece "Hiroshima," in which he describes the anonymous heroism of six residents of that city who survived the blast. This is a poignant story, and we would suggest that every citizen of the world read it at least once a year.

This little book has special meaning for us because one of the heroes is the Rev. Kiyoshi Tanimoto, pastor of the Hiroshima Methodist Church and a classmate at Candler School of Theology in the late "thirties."

Others who quickly found their place of service in the city which had been spared any bombing in the war previously only to be wiped from the face of the earth by a single new awesome weapon included Toshiko Sasaki, a clerk in a tin works; Dr. Masakazu Fujii, who operated a private hospital; Mrs. Hatsuyo Nakamura, a tailor's widow; Father Wilhelm Kleinsorge, a German Jesuit priest; and Dr. Reufumi Sasaki, a staff member at the Red Cross Hospital.

Hersey describes how each quickly snapped back from the initial shock of impact and then from the shock of survival to move to check on the fate of his loved ones and property — and then to serve in the mission of binding up the wounds and helping to bury the dead — there were more than 100,000 of them.

The reason we feel Hersey's book should be required reading is that we have discovered how blasé the world has grown — especially the new generation — about the power of this weapon which was used first by Americans at Hiroshima. The story of this single weapon should have something to say to us as we talk so casually about the use of multiple warheads.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada have attributed the denomination's rapid growth to strong evangelical and biblical teaching among young people. Anticipating a strong youth emphasis at the biennial national general conference of the Assemblies in Victoria in late August, officials noted that it is the only evangelical denomination in Canada that has youth work organized on a national basis.

The 30-member youth delegation at the Lutheran World Federation Assembly meeting in Evian-Les-Bains, France, made some forceful anti-establishment presentations, and received some forceful responses. The Assembly was accused of betraying its theme, "Sent Into the World." Sister Rosemarie Eisenberg of West Germany had a question for the youths. She wanted to know where they were when it came to serving the poor, the sick and the ignorant. Dr. Paul C. Empie, general secretary of the U. S. Committee of the LWF, said, "We have the same goals, I hope, the dignity of man everywhere. But we disagree on the means. If you are disappointed, it is because you expected the impossible from this Assembly . . . the LWF is not a super church. The power lies within the congregations. Take home these resolutions and make them work there."

Referring to acceptance of a new parish education program to be introduced in Missouri Synod churches of the Lutheran Church, Dr. Allan H. Jahsmann, executive editor of the Synod's Board of Parish Education, said, "The question is not whether the new is going to be better than the old. The choice is between changes that are bound to come in being alive, changes you can't escape if you want to be with it, — or death, sterility, a dying through growing old and getting tired. That's why we've got to be willing to move, whatever direction the spirit of God provides. . . ." The new program, called "Mission: Life," is said to be the most complete and thorough overhaul any denomination has ever made of its religious educational program.

A majority of the English-speaking parents of Roman Catholic schoolchildren in Brossard, a Montreal suburb, have signed affidavits changing their religion of record to Protestant to permit their children to enter Protestant schools next fall. One hundred and three families signed affidavits transferring their taxes to the support of Protestant schools because Brossard's Catholic board said it could give no long-term assurance on where the children would go to school. No repercussions from the clergy have been reported.

An editorial appearing in a mid-July issue of Capital Baptist, published by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention suggested that Pope Paul and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake should go together to Northern Ireland and, if necessary, stand together in the streets to bring reconciliation to clashing Catholic and Protestant groups. It is time, the editorial said, for Pope Paul and Dr. Blake to "leave the seclusion of Rome and Geneva for the streets of Belfast and Londonderry and Ulster." The editorial said further, "We believe that the time has come for the moral persuasive power of Catholics and Protestants around the world to be used to speak to the crisis in Northern Ireland."

A major committee of the Episcopal Church has decided to "suspend" and refer to the denomination's policy-making unit a special offering to aid students working for political candidates in Fall elections. In letters to Church leaders Canon Charles M. Guilbert, executive council secretary said the action "was taken after receiving an opinion from attorneys of the Domestic and Foreign Missionary Society that donors to such a fund or funds would not be allowed to claim their gifts as tax-exempt and the attorneys' judgment that the administration of such an offering 'with political implications' would be 'inappropriate' for members of the staff of the Executive Council, which is a tax-exempt organization."

When an emergency arises for a missionary in Africa or South America, an amateur radio operator may help get his message to his family or missions board in this country. About a hundred of these "ham" operators attended the annual meeting of the Amateur Radio Missionary Service at Bethel College in St. Paul, Minn. The Rev. George Metcalf, a retired Episcopal rector who serves as communications manager for the league, said the members handle communications needs for missionaries from a dozen different fields.

Delegates at the United Nations World Youth Assembly shouted and pounded tables as a controversial report on world peace was read. The 10-point report—drawn up by a commission comprised of a Palestinian refugee, a Cuban, an East German, a Guinean and a Pakistani — denounced the U.S. eight times by name, according to one observer, but contained no mention of the Soviet Union's 1968 invasion of Czechoslovakia. In the view of one commentator, "the United Nations and the youth of the world clearly deserve better than this political circus. One can only hope that another opportunity will soon emerge for truly representative young people to come together without coaching by diplomats in the UN corridors."

Dr. Robert W. Baird, director of Haven Clinic in New York, has called for a "get-tough" drug policy in America which would include economic sanctions on nations producing opium. He said with the availability of synthetic agents for pain killers the harvesting of opium poppies is no longer necessary. The endocrinologist said he is "fed up with experts" at the national and state level who advocate relaxing laws on possession and use of marijuana. Recommending three examinations a year to check arms and wrists of students, he said, "The American Civil Liberties Union would get cerebral apoplexy, but what good are a kid's constitutional rights if he's dead of an overdose?"

Discussing what he called his "ecumenical program" 86-year-old Patriarch Athenagoras, spiritual leader of Eastern Orthodoxy, declared as his goal the establishment of the "common chalice" among all Christians. He said his goal was unity, not union, among the Christian Churches. The Patriarch observed that Martin Buber, the Jewish philosopher, wrote a book called "I-Thou" but that he had always preferred to put the pronouns in the reverse order, so that the other person comes first.

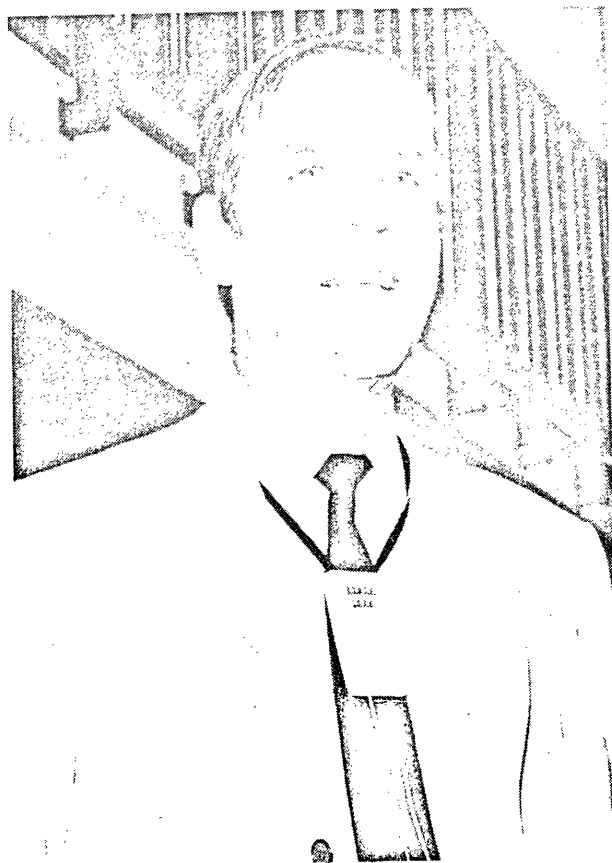
Westminster Abbey's future visitors may find the edifice, now 900 centuries old, a more peaceful and pleasant place as the result of an eight-day vigil—the first of its kind—by a team of time-and-motion experts. Millions of visitors have already made the Anglican Abbey Britain's leading tourist attraction. But they have also created problems of congestion and noise. In an effort to devise means for overcoming the twofold problem before it reaches the crisis stage, experts were stationed at three focal points—the Coronation Chair, the Unknown Warrior's Grave and Poet's Corner to count the tourists, record noise and otherwise make observations and remedial suggestions.

Astronaut James A. Lovell, Jr., commander of the Apollo 13 mooncraft, operated a digging machine to break ground for the first of four cottages for emotionally disturbed children at the Winnebago Children's Home at Neillsville, Wis. — a missionary institution of the United Church of Christ. Capt. Lovell, chairman of Winnebago Outreach — a drive to raise funds for the inter-racial home for children, formerly lived and attended school in Wisconsin. The buildings which will be in the shape of nine pointed stars were designed by the architect who designed the Air Force Academy Chapel in Colorado.

Major bugaboos which plague religious broadcasting may soon be eliminated by technical advances, according to Father Donald F. X. Connolly a communications specialist in Miami. As one example of a problem which will fade away, he cited the practice of scheduling religious programs during the "ghetto hours" of Sunday morning. He maintained that prime time no longer will be a factor when tape cassettes are developed so that the owner of a TV set can record any television program and then play it back when convenient.

For the first time in its history the National Council of Churches is making an organized attempt to find out what lay people think the church should be doing. Called the Listening to Lay People Project, the committee is receiving reports of discussions by lay groups in some 25-30 U.S. and Canadian cities. Dr. James Kuhn, chairman of the study committee, said "The implicit judgment of our committee so far is that we don't think much of the national structures. The higher church bodies serve the professional clergy—that is what the church has meant to most laymen and to most of society."

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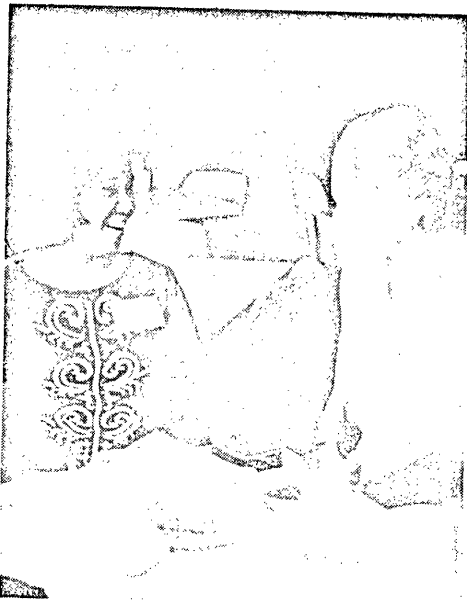
EVIAN-LES-BAINS, France — Mikko Einar Juva, a 51-year-old Finnish professor of church history was elected president of the Lutheran World Federation at the Fifth Assembly in Evian-Les-Bains. Prof. Juva, youngest man ever to be elected president of the LWF, succeeds Dr. Fredrik A. Schiøtz of Minneapolis, president of the American Lutheran Church. (RNS Photo)

little rock conference youth rally

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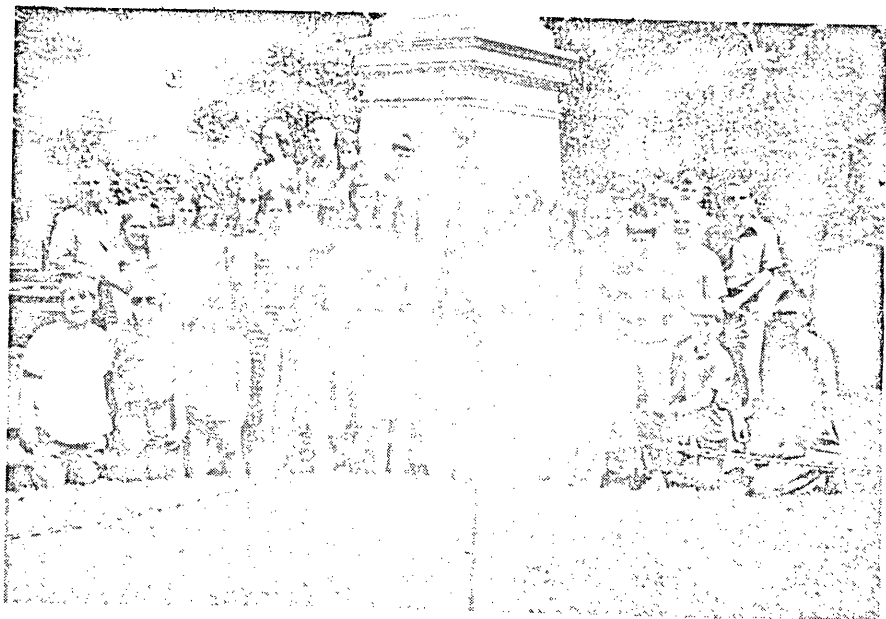
Conference President Jan Roseberry and Dr. Evelyn M. Duvall, who spoke to the young people on the general theme "Sex and the Single Christian."



Zenny Lumba, student from the Philippines who has spent some time at Camp Tanako this summer, visits with Dr. Duvall.



Officers of Little Rock Conference Youth Council at August 1 Rally held at Hall High School in Little Rock. Conference Youth President, Jan Roseberry, and the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, director of Conference youth work stand at right front.



The Senior and Junior Youth Groups of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Stuttgart, made a trip to Nashville, Tenn. August 3-6, by chartered Greyhound bus, to visit places of Methodist significance and historical interest. The youth raised the money by various work and social projects throughout the last year. Thirty-nine made the trip, including the chaperones, Rev. Louis M. Mulkey, pastor of Grand Avenue Church; Mrs. Mulkey; Miss Barbara Scott, the summer youth director; and Leslie R. Patterson.

John, Ginger, and John, folksinging group entertained the Rally audience which numbered more than 600.



Lunch hour scene.

86th ENCAMPMENT AT DAVIDSON CAMP GROUNDS

The 86th annual encampment at Davidson Camp Grounds will begin Friday, August 14, and continue through Sunday, August 23.

Davidson is located 12 miles west of Arkadelphia and one mile south of State Hwy. #26.

The Rev. George Wayne Martin, district superintendent of Arkadelphia District and former pastor of Malvern First United Methodist Church, will be the evangelist. Preaching services will be daily at 11 a.m. and 7:45 p.m.

Randall Mathis, Clark County Judge, will be song leader. Mrs. Henry Miller of Gurdon will be pianist.

In addition to preaching services, daily meetings will be held for adults,

children and youth. Mrs. Daisy Carroll from Antoine will have charge of adult prayer meetings. Mrs. Austin Capps of Gurdon and Mrs. Sharon Cash of Norphlet will be in charge of children's work.

Berry Scott of Dyer, Tennessee, who helped in the Lay Witness Mission at St. Andrew's Church, Arkadelphia, will lead youth sections, junior high and senior high. A special youth service of music will be at 3 p.m. Sunday, August 16.

The Memorial Service will be a 3 p.m., Sunday, August 23, with the Rev. David Hankins bringing the sermon. Mr. Hankins is Wesley Foundation director at Arkadelphia and pastor of the Okolona Charge.

For the convenience of campers, new sanitary facilities have been added.

THE PRIMROSE UMY of Little Rock took a trip to Dogpatch July 25. The group sponsored a chili supper and sold candy to earn enough money to hire a bus and pay the admission into Dogpatch for the 31 persons who went. The Rev. Shelton Kilgore is pastor.

CHRISTIE'S CHAPEL of Magnolia enjoyed recently a week of Revival services, July 5 through 10, with the Rev. Billy W. A. McLean of Magnolia as the evangelist. The Rev. Welcome R. Burleson is pastor.

THE REV. JOHN McCORMACK, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Siloam Springs, was the evangelist for revival services held in the Fisher Church of Poinsett County, August 2-6. The Rev. John W. Lee was host pastor.

ATLANTA UNITED METHODIST Church is in revival every night this week with the Rev. Billy W. A. McLean, pastor of the Unity Methodist Church of Magnolia, as the evangelist. August 9 through 14. Mr. McLean and his wife, Nila, are bringing special music each evening. The Rev. Welcome R. Burleson is pastor.

THE SWIFTON UNITED Methodist Church is holding a revival this week, Sunday through Friday, August 9-14, with the Rev. J. William Watson, district superintendent of the Paragould District, as the evangelist. The Rev. Elbert Bruner of Sedgewick is the song leader. The Rev. Theo Luter is the pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

H. RODNEY SHOWALTER has been added to the staff of Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock as organist. He is a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Searcy, where he served as organist during his junior and senior years at Hendrix College, where he graduated in 1969. He is employed by Allied Telephone Company as an accountant.

MISS ETTA PACKARD of Fort Smith was honored at a tea held in the St. Paul parsonage on Sunday afternoon, August 2. Miss Packard is the oldest member of St. Paul's Church and one of its most benevolent members. The tea was sponsored by the WSCS and WSG. The Rev. Gaither McKelvey is pastor.

HOLLY SPRINGS UNITED Methodist Church, one of the oldest churches in Miller County, held its revival July 27 through 30 with the Rev. Dorsie Caldwell, pastor of the church, officiating. Miss Bernedean Bellow, pianist of the church, was in charge of the music. The services began each evening at 8:00 p.m. Holly Springs is located between Genoa and Fouke in the Hope District on the Rondo Circuit.

A PICNIC AT WALCOTT State Park climaxed the vacation Bible school at the United Methodist Church of Stanford, in the Paragould District. There were 23 children in attendance. The teachers were Mrs. Donnie Rowland, Mrs. Don Crick, Mrs. Charles Southard, Linda Newberry and Pam Barron. Mrs. Earl Gramling was in charge of the music. The Rev. Charles Southard is pastor.

THE REV. LUTHER BEASLEY, retired minister, was honored at a fish-fry by members of Mt. Tabor United Methodist Church, on the Austin Circuit where the Rev. T. G. Poss is pastor. The Mt. Tabor UMY presented the program in the form of a play, July 29. Cast members included Mark Kennedy, Janet Murphy, Brenda Howard, Robert Garner, Joe Waller, Mike Howard, Kenny Howard and the Rev. Poss.

PRIMROSE CHURCH, 103-year old Methodist church located at 4000 Dixon Road, Little Rock, held homecoming services on Sunday, July 26. The Rev. M. W. Miller of Camden, Primrose pastor from 1935-42, spoke at the 11 a.m. service. Dr. Fred Harrison of Malvern, pastor from 1927-30, spoke at 7 p.m. A potluck dinner and afternoon singing and visiting were enjoyed. The Rev. Shelton Kilgore is the present pastor.

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Youth Activities

"TELL IT LIKE IT IS," a Christian folk musical, will be presented by young people from several Stuttgart churches. It will be presented on Sunday, August 16 in Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, and on Monday, August 17, in First United Methodist. Terri Curtis is director and Wanda Mayfield pianist.

THE UMYF OF WEST HELENA First Church made a tour of Methodist points of interest in Nashville, Tennessee the weekend of August 1. They were accompanied by the Heidelbergers and the Haltoms. In the absence of the Rev. William Haltom, the pulpit was occupied by Herbert Hill, Jr., summer youth worker in First Methodist, Helena.

LAKEWOOD CHURCH YOUTH of North Little Rock have scheduled planning retreats. The senior high group camped out at Sugarloaf on Greers Ferry, August 7, 8 and 9. The junior high group will have a camping trip to Choctaw on Greers Ferry, August 14, 15 and 16. The Rev. John B. Hays is their pastor.

"WHAT ABOUT JESUS?" was the theme of Youth Activities Week in Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church of Jonesboro this week, August 10-14. The Rev. Wayne Clark, Corning minister, was guest speaker. The Rev. W. Leonard Byers is pastor.

GEYER SPRINGS CHURCH in Little Rock had speakers from the University of Arkansas Crusade for Christ on Sunday evening, August 2. They were Bill Wellons, Barbara Brewer and Harold May. The Rev. Rayford L. Diffie is the Geyer Springs pastor.

THE REV. WILLIAM D. ELLIOTT is currently studying at Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colorado, in their continuing theological education program. In his absence, Dr. Fred R. Harrison of Malvern and the Rev. Joe Arnold of Little Rock will be preaching in Monticello First Church.

THE REV. AND MRS. LARRY POWELL of the Cavanaugh United Methodist Church in Fort Smith attended the Regional Communications Workshop which was held on the S.M.U. Campus at Perkins School of Theology in June.

AMBOY AND LEVY Churches of North Little Rock held a joint worship service on Sunday evening, August 1, at which time the guest speaker was Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of First United Methodist of Little Rock. The combined choirs sang. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is the Levy minister and the Rev. Dois Kennedy is the Amboy pastor.

BENTON FIRST CHURCH young people held Activities Week August 2-5. Guest speakers included Ted Boswell on the subject "The Christian as a Citizen," and Gary DuVall from Conway, speaking on the rehabilitation of handicapped children. Kristie Garrison is summer youth director. Dr. Edward Hollenbeck is the Benton pastor.

OVERNIGHT GUESTS of the young people of Asbury Church, Little Rock, were members of the UMYF of Maplewood United Methodist Church, Maplewood, Louisiana. The group was on tour, heading for Eureka Springs.

AN ALL DAY RETREAT at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, was made by young people from First Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday, July 26. The schedule included a mock political rally, singing, picnic, swimming, boating and devotional time. Mrs. Saville Henry is youth director. The Rev. Lloyd Conyers is their minister.

MARKED TREE YOUTH Activities Week had as guest speakers the Rev. Cleve Yarbrough of Tyrone and the Rev. Gail Anderson of Parkin. The group spent Thursday through Saturday, August 6-8, at Myers Ranch for a retreat. They were in charge of the Sunday morning worship at Marked Tree, August 9, and on Sunday evening, presented the play, "Dangerfield Newby Comes to Town." The Rev. William Wilder is their pastor.

LARRY SMITH, Rogers public school band director, has been added to the staff of Central Church, Rogers, as choir director. He will be working with the Rev. Charles McDonald.

ELM SPRINGS UNITED Methodist Church recognized Mrs. Frank (Bessie) Holcomb on her fiftieth anniversary as a Sunday School teacher with the presentation of an Appreciation Folder. The other Church School officers and teachers honored this half-century of serving the Lord in a service of re-dedication. The Rev. Roland King is pastor.

DR. P. K. MERRILL, head of the Liberal Arts Division of Arkansas Polytechnical College, Russellville, spoke at Central United Methodist Church, Batesville, August 2, in the absence of Dr. Charles Casteel, pastor.

JAY HOLSTED, North Little Rock Methodist layman, brought the morning sermon in Washington Avenue United Methodist Church on August 9. Dr. Ralph Clayton, district superintendent, preached there on Sunday evening, August 2. The Rev. Roy Poyner 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.

August 16—Sun	Psalm 46:1-11
August 17	Psalm 121:1-8
August 18	Isaiah 40:21-31
August 19	Lam. 3:25-33
August 20	I Cor. 10:1-13
August 21	II Cor. 12:1-10
August 22	Philp. 4:4-19
August 23—Sun	Job 19:13-27

MINISTER WALKING "TRAIL OF TEARS" THROUGH ARKANSAS

A Methodist minister from Crawford, Nebraska, filled several speaking dates in Northwest Arkansas late in July as he walked through the state following the Cherokee "Trail of Tears."

The Rev. Billy Richardson began the walking trek in 1969 to "atone for the injustices suffered by the Indians under white man's rule." He made the trip from Murphy, North Carolina to Cape Girardeau, Missouri, by walking 15 to 20 miles per day last year. This summer he was to complete the trip from Cape Girardeau to Tahlequah, Oklahoma, by July 30, passing through the Northwest Arkansas portion of the trail.

His speaking dates in Arkansas included Methodist Churches in Green Forest, Alpena, Eureka Springs, Rogers and Springdale.

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GUEST SPEAKERS at Booneville First Church in August include the Rev. Archie Boyd, district superintendent, on Sunday morning, August 2, and Pete Prewett in the evening. The Rev. Wildon McLean preached August 9 and Lyle Yarbrough presided at the evening sharing period. The Rev. I. L. Claud, retired, will preach at both services next Sunday, August 16. The Rev. Norman Carter is pastor.

FAMILY ACTIVITIES at Forrest City First Church included an ice cream supper on Sunday evening, July 26. Homemade ice cream and homemade cake drew a full house. Mrs. Larry Pankey is family coordinator. Holly Almond, summer youth worker, directed the Junior Choir in presenting entertainment for the event. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is pastor.

P. K. KORNER

W. MIKE WILDER, son of the Rev. and Mrs. William M. Wilder of Marked Tree, is attending the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, having received his appointment through Congressman Bill Alexander of Osceola. The Wilder family plans to attend the Naval Academy Open House for Parents late in August.

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COLLEGE YOUTHS SERVE AS CAMP COUNSELORS

Summer camps do not operate without children and youth. Neither do they function without the supervision of college youth counselors, paid and volunteer.

The ten-week camping programs at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Little Rock, this summer have involved 28 college youths on the staff. Approximately 40 volunteer helpers have assisted for shorter periods - some as long as two weeks.

Many camping programs are dependent upon these volunteer helpers. Especially the program for retarded and handicapped needs extra workers, — sometimes at the ratio of one for one.

Guiding the counselors, and the entire camping program have been Ray Tribble, camp director, Chris Williams, summer program director, Mrs. Sarah Williams, residence-camp director, and Mrs. Cornelia Bowman, day-camp director.

An unusual source of help this year was from a VISTA worker — Gerald Greig, who is assigned to Land Management, Inc. He brought with him six youths employed by the Neighborhood Youth Corps who were assigned to him.

Phil Rankin, who is working at the North Hills Exceptional School on a federal grant, gave six weeks of service to Aldersgate.

NATIONAL DIVISION PAID SALARIES OF FIVE

The National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions sent Aldersgate five of the 71 "missioners" delegated to community and rural centers this summer.

They are Paul M. Holmes, Rome, N.Y., student at Hamilton College, Clinton, N.Y.; John Vincent Arey, Jr. of Concord, N.C., student at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill; Gay Cheney, Statesboro, Georgia, student at Georgia Southern College; Karen Sue Logan, Monticello, Indiana, student at Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind.; and Bernadette Jeffers, Wellington, Illinois, graduate of Iowa Wesleyan, preparing to enter Boston University School of Theology.

These "Summer Service '70" students are majoring in social services, political science, theology and medicine and welcome the opportunity for involvement in the mission of the church.

STAFF COUNSELORS REPRESENT 13 COLLEGES

Aldersgate Camp counselors included students from 13 colleges. In addition to the "missioners" listed above, other staff members include: Mary Susan Worley, Fort Smith, U. of Oklahoma student; Edward Alexander, Conway, S.C.A.; Nancy Kay Oates of Dayton, Texas, student at E. Texas Baptist College in Marshall; Louise English Rice, Little Rock, Queens College, Charlotte, N.C.; Patricia A. Jackson of North Little Rock, Bishop College, Dallas; plus these 14 students from Hendrix College: Janet Barger, Monticello; Carolyn Laux, Morrilton; Ron McDonald, Conway; Jerry Ellen Jump, Conway; Glenn L. Dalton, Pine Bluff; Lynn Boone, Plummerville; Rebecca A. Coleman, Conway; Norma Jean Carter, Booneville; Nick Brown, Helena; Mary Ann Gwinn, Forrest City; Marsha Ann Hawkins, Mountain View; Robert Marvin Williams, Little Rock; and Chris and Sarah Williams, Little Rock.

ARKADELPHIA CAMP PROJECT BENEFITS FIFTEEN

A Christian Social Concerns project of members of First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia sent 15 children to Little Rock for two weeks of residence camping at Aldersgate. The children were selected from educationally deprived areas. First Church members raised \$435 to pay their expenses and those of the seven counselors who accompanied them.

Mrs. Glen Taylor, chairman of Christian Social Concerns work area in the Arkadelphia church, accompanied the group. The volunteer counselors assisting her were Judy Spears, Minnie Beth Delavan, Gini Samuels (a visitor from St. Louis), Debi Miles, Tony Gonzales and Bobby Gulley.

The Arkadelphia campers were amalgamated with other children from over the state, and the Arkadelphia counselors assisted the staff counselors in all phases of the work. One evening the Arkadelphia group had charge of the vesper service.

Dr. John O. Miles is pastor of First Church, Arkadelphia.

WINFIELD & BATESVILLE SENT VOLUNTEER WORKERS

The volunteer helpers from Winfield Church, Little Rock, and First United Methodist, Batesville, have been invaluable to Aldersgate Camp this summer, according to Director Ray Tribble.

Seven Winfielders spent a week at camp to help with the retarded residence-camp. Then most of the group volunteered to come back the next week and assist with the day camping program. Most of these counselors were high school students. Some of this group are pictured on this page.

The Batesville work-campers included Pat Ault, who is summer youth director in that church, Sammy Stokes, Greg Golden and Dan Murphy.

CONWAY SENT DAY CAMPERS FOR FOURTH YEAR

For the fourth year, Conway's First United Methodist Church filled a bus with children from deprived areas and sent them to Aldersgate for a week of day camping. The 47 children were loaded in Conway at 8:30 a.m. each day, and began their return trip from Little Rock at 3 p.m.

Bill Townsend served as general chairman of the camp project — which fills the entire year on the Conway calendar, since the membership follows up on the campers to see that the children have the necessities, including tutoring and fellowship.

Rogers Mills was chairman of finance, and his group raised \$470 above the church budget for the camperships.

Mrs. O. L. Lynch was chairman of volunteers, and this refers to counselors who accompanied the children to camp. Those working in this capacity were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Faris, Mrs. Jon Guthrie, Frances Alexander, Phyllis Welch, Ann Fronabarger, Andy Berry, Kirby Williams, Cathy Coleman, Marsha Maxey, James Stanley and Anne Watkins.

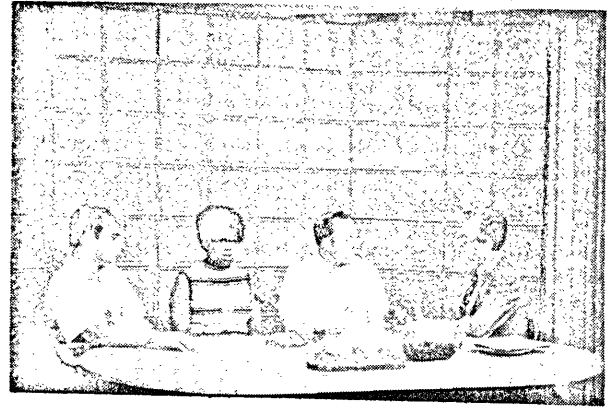
Mrs. Tommy Smith was chairman of transportation, which included cars to transport children from home to bus, as well as drivers for the bus.

Other volunteer chairmen were Mrs. Gene Wilbourn, visitation; Ferris Baker and Mrs. Frank Bean, equipment; and Mrs. James Pew, food.

The Rev. Ben F. Jordan is the Conway pastor.

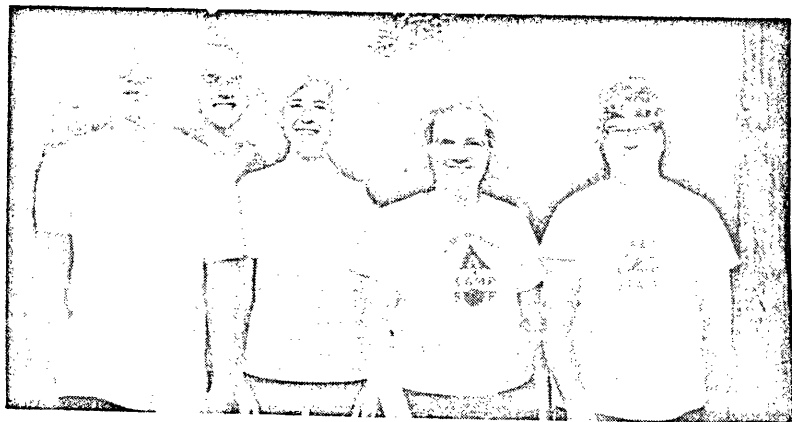
Aldersgate is —

Aldersgate Camp counselors were interviewed by Bob Hicks on "Arkansas A.M." TV Channel 11, Wednesday, August 5. Shown in action are Counselors Paul Holmes and Patricia Jackson with Camp Director Ray Tribble and M.C. Bob Hicks.



Chris Williams and Sarah Williams (Mr. and Mrs.) are serving as program director and director of resident camping respectively.

Other officials are Camp Director Ray Tribble (permanent staff) and Cornelia Bowman, director of day camping.



Counselors from North Carolina, New York, Georgia, Indiana and Illinois were assigned to Aldersgate by the National Division of the Board of Missions. From left are: John Arey, Paul Holmes, Gay Cheney, Karen Sue Logan and Bernadette Jeffers.

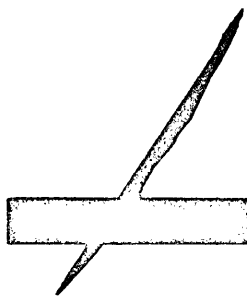
Representative of volunteer workers is this group from Winfield Church, Little Rock. From left are Debbie Biniore, Joy Albright, Nancy Biniore and Kim Calder. Other Winfield volunteers were Don Armstrong, Cliff Whisnant and Rosemary Knox.



Seven of the 28 college counselors on the Aldersgate Camp staff this summer are shown. From left are: Ed Alexander, Jan Barger, Glenn Dalton, Norma Jean Carter, Nick Brown, Ron McDonald and Lynn Boone.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR AUGUST 23: An Adventure in Faith

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 12 through 23; Romans 4; Hebrews 11:8-12, 17-19

MEMORY SELECTION: Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness. (Romans 4:3)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help members redefine the word "faith"; to gain an understanding of the great example in faith that we see more than once in the life of Abraham; to help members clarify their own understanding of obedience to the call of God.

With Genesis 12 we enter into a second division of the book. In the remaining chapters we will be studying the narratives of the great leaders of the Jewish faith — patriarchs who have meaning for Christians as well as for Jews. We will be studying about Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and Joseph. They represent important aspects in the life of Israel, and each has an important message for contemporary Christianity.

What we do this week takes us from the history of mankind in general to the beginnings of the history of God's chosen people. We believe there are common elements in the stream of faith we call the Judeo-Christian tradition, so we must see that the beginnings of the Jewish faith are also the beginnings of the Christian faith. Dr. Hugh R. Peterson puts it this way in Broadman Comments: "The first eleven chapters of Genesis may be regarded as the history of the children of Adam, while the remainder of the Old Testament is the story of the children of Abraham."

The important words in this lesson are "faith" and "adventure." Sometimes religion has lost its challenge for people because they have separated these two words. They should be seen almost as synonyms, and the story of Abraham should help us see how this is so.

The call of Abraham described in Genesis 12 really marks the beginning of our religion. The Rev. Ross Lilly introduces the material in Adult Bible Studies by saying, "The account begins abruptly with the testimony that the Lord spoke to Abraham (the short or root form of Abraham), calling him to depart from his native land and father's home and to travel by divine direction to a region where he would become father of a great nation." The first test of Abraham's faith in God was his willingness to go to an unknown land believing the promises of God.

The second great test of Abraham is described in chapter 22 when he is directed to make a sacrifice of his son Isaac — the one so long awaited. It is difficult for us to even picture the details of such a test as this, but we should remember that in Abraham's day many pagan people, including the Canaanites among whom he lived, did include human sacrifice in their religious practice.

THE CALL TO ADVENTURE IN FAITH

God's call came to Abraham when he was living in the city of Ur, which archaeologists have located as being in southern Mesopotamia near the north end of the Persian Gulf. We read that it came by way of simple directive: "Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred, and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee." (Gen. 12:1)

Mr. Lilly says of Abraham's native land, "Mes-

opotamia might be called 'the great society' of the ancient world. Agriculture and animal husbandry were highly developed. Life was specialized and urbanized there." In a sense the call was to move adventurously from a highly developed country to one that was so underdeveloped that Abraham had no opportunity to discover any information about even the name of it.

We are told that Abraham had reached the ripe age of 75 when he began his western pilgrimage which was to mean so much to a great part of mankind. Certainly we need to underscore that he left home at such a mature age for religious reasons. In a land where men believed in many gods, he had been persuaded that there was but one God of heaven and earth. When that God spoke to him he was ready to listen and to obey.

Abraham obeyed God's call and went to this new land. When he arrived he discovered that God was at home in that land, and this had special meaning for him even in that ancient day. Although all around him pagan gods were being worshiped, Abraham made the discovery that God still existed in more than one place. He was convinced that the God who spoke to him in Mesopotamia was the same God with whom he conversed in Canaan.

GOD'S PROMISES TO ABRAHAM

An important part of today's lesson is the promise that God made to Abraham. Though Abraham's destination was not at first revealed to him, the purpose of the migration was clearly stated in the covenant which was made. The command was accompanied by a series of promises. This was a four-fold covenant. (1) God promised to make Abraham's name great, to prosper him, and multiply his family; (2) he said he would protect him from his enemies and give to him and his descendants the land of Canaan; (3) he said he would continue to be the God of his family; and (4) he said that the whole earth would be blessed by Abraham's descendants.

In the use of the word "blessed" in the fourth promise we have the first implication of the use of such a people for bringing salvation to others who were not as near to God. God promised Abraham that he would become the mediator of a saving plan for "all the families of the earth." Although the covenant of promise was delivered individually to Abraham, its meaning is much broader. Its message is that as the nations of the world accepted God and his promises they, too, would be blessed. Those that rejected this word would be subject to judgment. Christians see this promise as pointing beyond the Old Testament to a period in which nations would be subject to blessing or to judgment according to their relationship with Jesus Christ.

ATTEMPTS TO DEFINE FAITH

Hardly any person who is religious will deny that faith is an essential element in the spiritual life. However, there are many definitions of faith, and it is essential for us to look carefully at what faith meant to Abraham in order that we might more fully understand what it means to us in our religious life.

Dr. Paul Tillich says, "Faith is not a phenomenon beside others, but the central phenomenon in man's personal life. It is religious and transcends religion, it is universal and concrete, it is infinitely variable and always the same. Faith is an essential possibility of man, and therefore its existence is necessary and universal. Faith stands upon itself and justifies itself against those who attack it, because they can attack it only in the name of another faith. Any denial of faith is itself an expression of faith."

Too often men have the conviction that faith is that which they believe. We well remember the simple definition given to faith by our beloved seminary professor Dr. Andrew Sledd. He said, "Faith is what we do about what we believe." This is not far from what Tillich says, "Faith is the state of being ultimately concerned."

ABRAHAM'S SUPREME TEST OF FAITH

In chapter 22 we read of the supreme test of Abraham's faith. Demanding far more than the journey from Ur to Canaan was the journey from the home to Moriah where Isaac, the only son of those latter years was to be offered up in sacrifice. Abraham knew pagan neighbors all around him who engaged in human sacrifice for their lesser gods, and he must have said, "If those who serve false gods can show such devotion, can I do less for the Almighty?"

Despite any belief he may have held that God would intervene to stop the sacrifice, Abraham's heart was still filled with anguish as he arose early in the morning and set out for Moriah. Having made all the preparations for the burnt offering, Abraham bound his son and was raising the knife to slay him when God stayed his hand and said, "Do not lay your hand on the lad or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, seeing you have not withheld your son, your only son from me." (Gen. 22:12)

Dr. Walter Russell Bowie says of this test in Interpreter's Bible: "There came a moment in the life of Abraham, as there may come to every man, when it must be discovered whether he is willing to pay the utmost price for what his conscience tells him ought to be compelling. The faith of the Bible is that God at last can prevent the necessity for that sacrifice; or if he permits it, as with Jesus in Gethsemane and his sacrifice on the cross, he will so enter into and identify himself with human suffering that it will become redeeming."

CHOOSING MEN FOR GOD'S TASKS

When we see the story of Abraham in the light of the entire Bible we conclude that this was the first in a long succession of men who were called of God for special tasks. We do not have enough background to indicate why God chose Abraham for this task. We only know that he did and that in the time of testing he proved himself faithful.

God lays his hands upon certain men and women in every generation not because they think they are capable of doing a given task, but because God has appointed them to do it. All of us know individuals who have started out to live one kind of life—many of them having reached some maturity and some success—who have heard God's voice calling them to leave what they were doing to go out on a great new adventure for him. The "called" who have been willing to pioneer for God have been the great spiritual leaders in every generation.

Some people are minimizing the importance of "the call" in connection with Christian service in our time. We know many talented young people who have committed themselves to Christian service who insist there has never been a call. But we also know many who have left this service when certain adverse winds began to blow, who could not have so easily changed their purpose if there had been such reinforcement.

AMAZING FAITH AND AMAZING LOVE

Many who read the story of Abraham from the viewpoint of their Christian faith see suggestions there of the life and ministry of Jesus Christ.

One such commentator is Dr. Peterson who writes in Broadman Comments:

"One of them was the willingness of Abraham to sacrifice his much beloved son. The willingness of Abraham to give his own son as a sacrifice reflects a spiritual kinship between him and God. In the fulness of time, God 'spared not his own son, but delivered him up for us all.' (Rom. 8:32)

"It was a far more awful thing for God to see his son climb the lonely hill of Calvary to offer himself as a sacrifice for the sins of the world. God was willing to give his son because of his great love for a sinful world and because of his desire that all men through Christ might be saved."

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
THE METHODIST RECORDER
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A new look at the religion of Britain has been provided by a survey published by the Independent Television Authority, the central body for the television companies of ITA, to which I have just been appointed Religious Advisor.

It is entitled **Religion in Britain and Northern Ireland** and it presents, side by side two parallel surveys the first covering Britain and the second dealing with Northern Ireland. Not surprisingly, Northern Ireland comes out showing a more religious attitude than the rest of these islands, but if the survey had been done after the recent troubles there, there might have been different results.

So far as the rest of Britain is concerned the report, like most surveys of the kind has light and shade. In recent years, clearly there has been a greater falling off in attachment to organized religion. Of those interviewed representing a careful cross-section of the population, so that the figures can be presented in a national average, 22 percent belong to no church. This compares with six percent only six years ago. Yet "faith and belief" still has importance to 58 percent in Britain and 75 percent in Northern Ireland.

These figures emphasize the gap between the church and community, and show what many working parsons and laymen know already very well. A great number of people are interested in religion and will discuss it and think about it, but do very little about it. Yet the colour of secular society is shown in the fact that less than half the population of this country consider that it is important that Britain should be a "Christian country."

So far as television is concerned, there is not a lot of comfort for those of us who are in the communications industry.

About half the potential TV audience for religious programmes vie actively, and the most successful output has been to predominantly female, aging and pious people. Not a brilliant

image for a medium which prides itself on being a frontier medium.

On the positive side, 53 percent of people thought television could help while only 16 percent thought it did active harm. A large number of people thought that TV religion had done a lot to bring the churches together and make for a more tolerant understanding in the community, both of the different churches, the different religions, and the differing points of view.

It is clear that in spite of the reduced support for the institution of the church, there is a feeling in many people that religion ought to play a part in their lives even if it doesn't as things stand.

All this only sharpens the challenge to the ministry of the church. And that ministry is not only the technical ministry of the men who come out of our theological colleges. It is the ministry of the whole church. Nothing less than a church which is geared to action because every laymen as well as the minister sees that his role of mission will help to meet this situation. It is rapidly becoming plain that the flexibility which is needed to meet people where they, train our own laity for the work of mission and witness and help the church to be the church not only in its own enclosed situation but out there where people are in need is a must for the church of today.

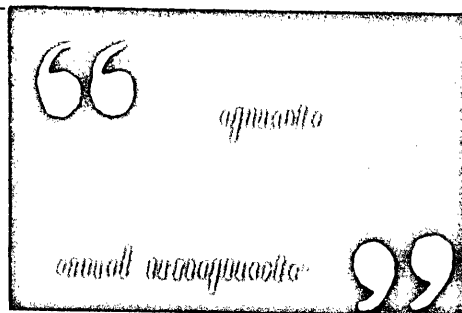
The place of the triumphal church which can make its own terms is no longer the place where Christians stand. Indeed it is to be doubted whether there was ever really such a place at all.

We are, in effect, all on the frontier. The moral and social climate of the day is against much of what we stand for. Yet we may recall that very often when the days were darkest renewal came upon the church in the most unexpected ways. One of the things we must not overlook in the expertise-ridden days of surveys and technical achievement is that the spirit of God is active and living, and we are to wait upon him for spiritual renewal which lies at the heart of all we hope for.

New Mexico mission complex gets new hospital wing

NEW YORK (UMI)—Two major improvements in medical/health services offered by Espanola Hospital, Espanola, N. M., to residences of a large four-county area in north central New Mexico are scheduled for August.

Officials at the United Methodist hospital have announced plans for an outpost medical clinic at Chama, N. M., a community that has been without a doctor since last winter. Also it was announced that a new hospital wing, comprising the second phase of a \$2.2 million expansion and modernization program, will be opened in August. Espanola Hospital is part of the Northern New Mexico Mission at Espanola and Santa Cruz, which with the hospital, three schools and a group ministry comprises one of the largest projects of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.



Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, speaking at a missions presentation at Lake Junaluska on the work of the World Methodist Council as a bridge-builder: "The Council is the only one bridge which will draw the 37 different autonomous Methodist and Methodist-related churches, at work in 87 countries, together in fellowship and cooperative working unity. This is a very difficult point for United Methodists to see . . . They (other Methodists) don't want to be like us, or to be dominated by us. They want a relationship which recognizes their differences, their autonomy, their witness, and yet which provides for cooperation and fellowship."

Foreign Minister Abba Eban of Israel, speaking on the prospects for peace in the Middle East: "The Russians seem to believe that peace can come through the process of immaculate conception—without the parties ever coming in contact at all."

Capital Baptist, published by the District of Columbia Baptist Convention: "Pope Paul and Dr. Eugene Carson Blake should go together to Northern Ireland and, if necessary, stand together in the streets to bring reconciliation to clashing Catholic and Protestant groups." It said editorially, "It is time for them to leave the seclusion of Rome and Geneva for the streets of Belfast and Londonderry and Ulster."

Jan Cardinal Willebrands, one of the Vatican's leading ecumenists, speaking before the Lutheran World Federation and calling for Catholic appreciation of the works of Martin Luther: "The person of Martin Luther has not always been correctly appreciated by the Catholic side in the course of the centuries and his theology has not always been correctly presented. This has served neither truth nor love, and therefore it has not served the unity which we are endeavoring to establish between yourselves and the Catholic Church."

Mrs. Angie Brooks-Randolph of Liberia, president of the last United Nations General Assembly, as she addressed the Baptist World Alliance in Tokyo: "The church, by its silence, is failing to prod government leaders toward peace and justice for all persons."

Lord Grantchester, 76-year-old member of the British House of Lords, speaking of legislation he proposes to "disestablish" the Church of England: "I want us to accept that it is much more important for the Queen to say that she and her family believe in the church and support it rather than she should be, under some statue, its Supreme Governor. That cannot be defended. If there is a Supreme Governor, I suppose it is God."

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

The prayer by William Braisted . . . "O God, plan our lives for us better than we can plan them for ourselves, and don't let us get in the way," reminds us that real fulfillment in life comes only through God's purpose for life.

The Gap

There is a so-called gap of understanding
between each parent and his child,
Between neighbors and even nations —
The gaps multiply all the while.
Each new day compounds the distance
between what we understand and see;
But the greatest gap, and the longest reach
is between my God and me.

Population is exploding,
communication grows more complex,
Computers grind out knowledge
untainted by human defects.
Gaps are closing, others unfolding;
'Tis a pattern perpetually;
But in the course of my short time, forbid me not
to span the gap, Between my God and me.

—by Larry D. Powell

Why Am I Here?

Think not, your life is senseless,
Void of meaning, insane, useless.
Think not, there is no reason
For heartaches, troubles, trials and treason.

Think not, why comes tomorrow?
With time so full of spite and sorrow.
The part you play in life can't be dismissed.
God put you here for such a time as this.

There is a plan, unknown, unseen,
In which you play a role divined,
For a purpose, day, and season.
Someday your heart will know the reason.

—by Nola Mae McFillen



Fore-edge paintings on display in The Upper Room Chapel being viewed by visitors.

Fore-edge paintings an 18th century art

The Upper Room, the home of the daily devotional guide of the same name has been the recipient of books with fore-edge paintings on them for its museum.

"Decoration of books by means of fore-edge paintings is an art which flourished near the end of the 18th century," the Rev. Brooks Little, curator of The Upper Room Museum, said of the books.

The paintings are best seen when the books are partially closed. Little said he was certain the decoration of the book edge seems to have been done ever since the 10th century.

Until the time of Samuel Mearne, towards the close of the 17th century, all edge paintings were simply done on the edge of the leaves pressed solidly together; but Mearne invented a new fashion of arranging the leaves. The edge is fanned back and pressed down, and painting is done with very dry water color at the extreme edge of each page.

Two of these books are very unique, for if the pages of "Paradise Lost," by John Milton, are

fanned in one direction, the viewer sees the scene of St. John's College in Cambridge, England and the Thames river.

However, if the book is fanned in another direction a scene of King College Chapel appears. If the book is closed only a gilt edge is visible on the edge of the pages.

This oddity occurs also in "The Amethyst," a book of 1832 vintage. Here, one view is that of the Thames River with St. Paul's Cathedral on the opposite shore of the river. The other is a view of London City with a scene of St. Paul's Cathedral across the river.

Another painting, on display for Upper Room visitors, is titled "Psalms of David" and shows seven people singing. Others called "The Imitation of Christ" portray Christ, praying and one shows the head of Christ.

Some more contemporary paintings show St. Paul's Cathedral in London from the Thames River side. Another shows a view of New York City.

Last year, 85,000 persons visited The Upper Room Chapel, Museum, and Agape Garden.

A new community-supported cooperative supermarket opened in the East Bronx section of New York July 18 with a substantial portion of the initial capital provided by a United Methodist agency. This latest loan for \$80,-

000 brings to almost \$2,000,000 the amount the Mission Enterprise Loan and Investment Committee of the Board of Missions has loaned or otherwise invested in black and other minority, economic enterprises.

BAYSIDE, Texas (RNS Photo) — When Hurricane Celia slammed into Bayside, Texas, she took the roof from this (unidentified) church. The storm struck the Gulf of Mexico coast with winds up to 160 miles per hour, leaving many dead and millions of dollars worth of property damage.

Garrett trustees name president

The Board of Trustees of Garrett Theological Seminary has announced the election of Dr. Merlyn W. Northfelt president of the 117-year-old institution. Currently the coordinator for the Northern Illinois Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, Dr. Northfelt becomes the Seminary's 11th president on September 1.

Garrett, a graduate school of the United Methodist Church, has been without a president since June 15 of this year, when Dr. Orville H. McKay stepped down from the post to become the senior pastor of the Cargill United Methodist Church, Janesville, Wis.

When the Northern Illinois Conference was restructured in 1966, Dr. Northfelt became the first program coordinator. His career in the conference includes a five-year term as district superintendent prior to 1966.

A delegate from the Northern Illinois Conference to the General Conferences of the United Methodist Church in 1964, 1966, 1968 and 1970, Dr. Northfelt served as chairman of the conference Legislative Committee

on the Local Church in 1964, 1966, and 1968 and served on the Quadrennial Committee which prepared most of the legislation pertaining to the local church that is now in the Discipline, the denomination's book of laws. He was a delegate to the World Methodist Conference in London.

After the union of the Evangelical United Brethren and Methodist Churches in 1968, Dr. Northfelt served as chairman of the Illinois Statewide committee responsible for the Plan of Union uniting three former Methodist Conferences and one former Evangelical United Brethren Conference into three new United Methodist Conferences.

Dr. Northfelt is a graduate of Garrett, having received his B.D. degree in 1946; he served as a member of the Board of Trustees until his election to the presidency. He holds a B.A. degree from Seattle-Pacific College. Morning-side College in Sioux City, Iowa, honored him in 1966 with a Doctor of Divinity degree.

Latin American missions' policies

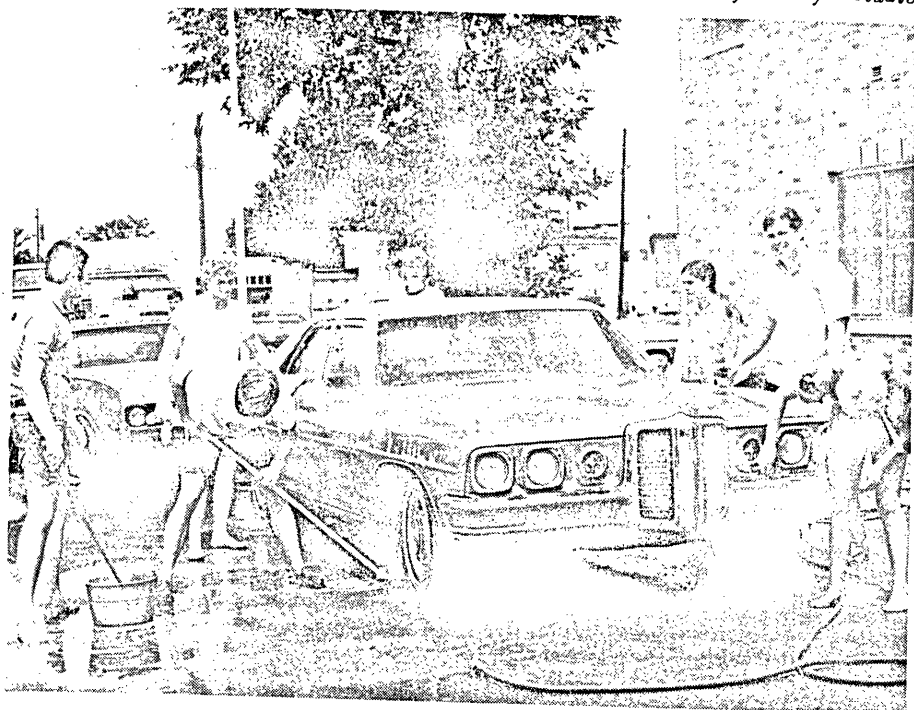
NEW YORK (UMI) — Proposals that would give Latin American Methodist churches a larger say in how U.S. mission funds are spent in their countries, and that would mean a sharpening of priorities by the churches, await action by the United Methodist Board of Missions and its related churches in 12 countries.

Other recommendations before the board and the churches 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 aegis of their coordinating body, CIEMAL, the Council of Latin American Evangelical Methodist Churches. Also recommend-

ed are linking the Latin American churches with 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.

The recommendations grow out of a recent consultation sponsored by the World Division of the Board of Missions in Huampani, Peru. First of its kind, and focused on financial policy, the consultation was attended by representatives from ten of the 12 Latin American countries where there are United Methodist or UM-related churches. Attending from the U.S. were members and staff executives from the World Division.





Senior High youth of First Church, Newport, engage in "carwashing" to earn money toward the Youth Chapel. Glenn Gay is president of the group; the Rev. David Conyers is minister.

Canon Theodore O. Wedel, former warden of the College of Preachers at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. and a leading American ecumenical figure, died in Alexandria, Va., July 21 at the age of 78. The Episcopal clergyman was the husband of Dr. Cynthia Wedel, president of the National Council of Churches.

Man has been placed in the world in order that he may develop and expand his talents and capacities to their fullest extent. If he is to do so, he needs four things — knowledge, art, technical skill, morality and religion; for the truth must be known, beauty fashioned, good practiced and God feared and loved. — Prohaszka

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME of Arkansas

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in July 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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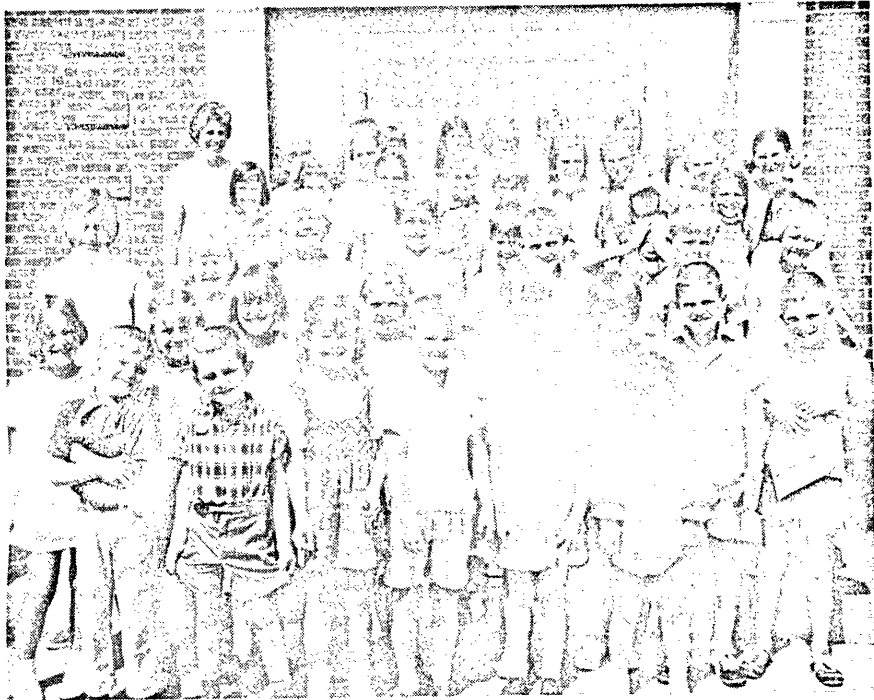
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The vacation church school at Mineral Springs First Church had an average attendance of 28 pupils with 13 workers and helpers. Mrs. M. C. Weischadel directed the school; Mrs. Nolan Copeland had charge of music; the Rev. D. C. George is pastor.



Forty-seven boys and girls and 12 adult workers took part in the recent vacation church school at St. John's Church, Van Buren. The Rev. George Cleary is pastor.



Batesville First Church UMYFers are shown as they left for their annual leisure-educational tour. The 23 youths and three counselors left on July 31 and returned on August 4, visiting Destin, Florida and Mobile, Alabama, a trip for which they have worked a year, earning their own money. Pam Ault is summer youth director. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is pastor.

Political democracy, as it exists and practically works in America, with all its threatening evils, supplies a training school for making first-class men. It is life's gymnasium, not of good only, but of all.—Walt Whitman
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Progress, therefore, is not an accident, but a necessity . . . It is a part of nature.—Herbert Spencer



Vacation church school at First Church, North Little Rock, this year took the form of "Venture '70." Weekly Wednesday sessions were held from 10:00 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. through July, with morning hours devoted to classroom activities. Afternoons included arts, crafts, games, singing and "venture features." These special features included Walt Disney cartoons, a tour of the Art Center, a treasure hunt, having boys and girls from Methodist Children's Home as guests and entertaining them with a talent show. Mrs. Saville Henry, education assistant, Mrs. Carl Lacy and Mrs. Walter Robertson directed the program. The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is pastor.

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