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## Groundbreaking held for latest addition to Methodist Hospital

Ground-breaking ceremonies for a new six-story, \$4.2 million complex to be built by Methodist Hospital were held Thursday, August 13th at 2:00 p.m. The complex, scheduled to be completed in January, 1972, will be named after the late J. M. Crews, Administrator of Methodist Hospital for 25 years. The Crews Memorial Wing will add 150 sub-acute hospital beds to the overall Methodist institution.

Two floors of the new building will contain doctor's offices and the ground floor will be designed for commercial use.

Dougherty - Liddell Construction Company will build the structure and the Architects are Yeates & Gaskill.

James M. Crews, III, and Kate Crews, grandchildren of the late Mr. Crews, turned the first spades of dirt. The occasion was attended by the entire Crews family and others participating in the event were: Mr. Leslie M. Stratton, III, President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. C. H. Hottum, Jr., Administrator of the hospital and Chaplain George E. Stewart. Various members of the Administrative team and hospital employees attended the event.

The structure will be built on the West end of the hospital at the corner of Union and Bellevue and will be attached to the present doctor's building.



Kate Crews and James M. Crews, III are shown as they broke the first ground for the new addition to the Methodist Hospital in Memphis. The new addition will be named for the late James Crews, their grandfather, who served many years as administrator of the hospital.

## Vietnam rehabilitation projects allocated Reconciliation funds

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Five rehabilitation projects in Vietnam will receive \$264,070 from the United Methodist Church's Fund for Reconciliation, it was announced here August 12.

The Rev. Raoul C. Calkins of Dayton, executive secretary of the denomination's Quadrennial Emphasis, said that the money being released Sept. 1

for the projects is a second installment on a two-million-dollar goal for rehabilitation work in Vietnam as part of the church's \$20 million Fund for Reconciliation being raised during the 1968-72 quadrennium.

Dr. Calkins said that the release of the funds had been approved by the Executive Committee and the Committee on Coordination of the Quadren-

nial Emphasis and will be channeled through the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) and the interdenominational Vietnam Christian Service program.

The five projects include: assistance in rehabilitation of amputees, training Vietnamese in social work, scholarships in elementary education, rehabilitation of housing north of Siagon, and

assistance with Montagnard hostels.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass., is president of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee, which has as its four-year assignment not only the raising of the \$20-million Fund for Reconciliation but conducting a church-wide Bible study program and the re-

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## Raney heads Children's Home Associates

Tom Raney of Little Rock will head the Associates Program for the Methodist Children's Home.

The "M. C. H. Associates" program will be comprised of especially concerned individuals over the state who will each place the lives of underprivileged children in the highest order possible by contributing at least \$500 annually to the support of the Methodist Children's Home.

Since the Home does not have a permanent endowment, this program is being launched to guarantee the neglected, dependent, and homeless child of our state that the Methodist Child Care Services of Arkansas has dependable underwriting. This financial stability will not only assure a high margin of excellency in the services now offered, but will also make possible the addition of other vitally needed services to children and their families.

Mr. Raney is an outstanding business leader of Arkansas and an active member of the Pulaski Heights Methodist Church. He will be assisted in this endeavor by a Board of Directors elected by the Board of Trustees of the Children's Home.



Tom Raney

## Little Rock District announces plans for training

The Little Rock District Training Enterprise has been scheduled for the Fall and Winter months. Two Curriculum Workshops will be held to aid In-Service Church School leaders in the use of the Curriculum materials. The dates are October 13 for the Fall quarter, and February 16 for the Spring quarter. Mrs. V. B. Story, Joe Arnold, and Miss Madge Franklin will be in charge of securing leaders, publicity and of local church arrangements. The sessions will be held at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

Sessions for Coordinators, Work Area Chairmen, members of the Council on Ministries, Pastors and other Church leaders will be held, as follows:

1. OCTOBER 26. A Workshop for Coordinators, Work Area Chairmen and members of the Council on Ministries.

2. NOVEMBER 2. A session on goal setting, program planning and evaluation with emphasis on establishing priorities in the local church for all persons responsible in this area.

3. NOVEMBER 9. A session on

membership training, based on the new materials in this area for Pastors, Sixth Grade teachers, and Membership Chairmen.

4. MARCH 1. A session on Developing and Securing leaders, for the Committee on Nominations and Personnel and pastors and those charged with leadership development.

5. MARCH 15. A Coaching Conference on the COCU Plan of Church Union for Chairmen of Ecumenical Affairs, pastors and others concerned with the plan.

6. MARCH 29. Establishing priorities in the local church for all those charged with goal setting, planning and evaluation.

The Planning Committee was composed of the following: Edward W. Harris, Ben G. Hines, Edward B. Hollenbeck, E. M. Johnson, W. D. Lester, Mrs. Mattie Mae Rice, Miss Olive Smith, Bryan Stephens, William A. Stewart, Mrs. V. B. Story, J. H. Thompson, Mrs. Marie Tucker, Everett M. Vinson and C. Ray Hozendorf.

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## Vietnam projects

cruitment and training of young volunteers for service in reconciliation and rehabilitation work.

Last November the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee allocated \$132,000 for permanent housing and development loans for small businessmen in South Vietnam. The current payment from the Fund for Reconciliation brings to \$396,070 the amount expended through that fund for rehabilitation work in Vietnam.

In addition to the amount for Vietnam, the Voluntary Service Program and the Commission on Religion and Race, an amount of \$2,265,800 from the Fund for Reconciliation has already been approved for 34 projects among black persons and other minority groups throughout the United States.

Expressing appreciation for the current gifts, the Rev. J. Harry Haines, New York, executive secretary of UNICOR, called attention to the vast need for relief and rehabilitation in Vietnam.

Dr. Haines said that some estimate the number of amputees in Vietnam at 20,000 — many of them children who are innocent victims of the war. He also said that if the United States had as high a percentage of refugees in relation to its total population as Vietnam, there would be 27 million refugees here.

In announcing the release of the new money for Vietnam, Dr. Calkins said that from its inception June 1, 1968, until Aug. 1 of this year, the Fund for Reconciliation has received \$3,831,392 for general purposes, including a \$700,000 amount designated for the church's Commission on Religion and Race.

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Guest of honor at a recent tea at St. Paul United Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, was Miss Etta Packard, 92, that church's oldest member. Active and generous with her church since she began a teaching career at the age of 16, Miss Packard has given St. Paul Church an electric typewriter, and a matching electric organ and piano. Her latest gift was a set of pew cushions for the sanctuary. Shown with Miss Packard are the Rev. and Mrs. G. A. McKelvey of St. Paul Church.

## Pastors' School Personality — DR. MERRILL S. ABBEY

Included in the faculty of the Arkansas Area Pastors' School at Hendrix College, Sept. 14-17, is Dr. Merrill R. Abbey of the faculty of Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.



Dr. Abbey, author of the mission study book on communication, **Man, Media and the Message**, will lead the class on "Preaching."

A native of Minnesota, Dr. Abbey came to the faculty of Garrett in 1959 after a successful pastorate at First

Methodist Church, Ann Arbor, Mich. near the campus of the University of Michigan.

Dr. Abbey is a graduate of Hamline University and of Garrett. He has done graduate work at Northwestern University and received the honorary D.D. from Hamline.

Prior to going to Ann Arbor, his pastorates included First Church, Milwaukee; and First University Church, Madison, Wis. Other pastorates were Marinette, Wis., Northfield, Minn., and Newport, Minn.

He has traveled in most of Western Europe and the British Isles.

Other books by Dr. Abbey are:

## HENDRIX STUDENTS AWARDED SCHOLARSHIPS

Mary Ann Gwinn of Forrest City and Regina Thomason of Hampton have been awarded United Methodist Scholarships for the second year by the Board of Education. Miss Gwinn will be a sophomore and Miss Thomason will be a junior.

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 Board of Education of the United Methodist Church and its nationwide scholarship program. More than 10,000 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 churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on United Methodist Student Day, the Second Sunday in June.

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**Creed of Our Hope, Encounter With Christ, Preaching to the Contemporary Mind, Living Doctrine in a Pulpit, and The Word Interprets Us.** He also contributed a chapter on "Evangelism of the University Community" in the 1956 symposium, **Witness to the Campus.**

He is author of articles in *Religion in Life*, *The Pulpit*, *Pulpit Digest*, *The Christian Advocate* and various other periodicals.

He was a delegate to the General Conference in 1952, and to the North Central Jurisdictional Conferences of 1944 and 1952.

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## C. Norman Guice honored in Mississippi for 70 years' ministry

The Rev. C. Norman Guice of Little Rock was recently honored in his native state of Mississippi on the 70th anniversary of his admission on trial into the Mississippi Conference. Since 1931 he has been a member of the North Arkansas Conference.

The anniversary service was held at Jefferson Street United Methodist Church, Natchez, the church from which he was licensed to preach and in which he preached his first sermon.

The service was sponsored jointly by the Mississippi Conference Historical Commission and the Natchez Area Ministers Association. At the morning service at Jefferson Street Church, on invitation of the pastor, the Rev. W. F. Whaley, the sermon was delivered by the Rev. J. L. Neill, a longtime friend of the honoree and a former pastor of the church.

In the service the same Scripture was read by the Rev. B. E. Williams of Washington that Bishop Hargrove used in 1900. The Rev. James S. Conner read from the Conference Journal of 1900 relating the events of the occasion.

Mrs. F. M. Cross of Decatur read the report made to the first Annual Conference of the Neshoba Circuit,

served jointly by the Rev. W. H. Saunders and Mr. Guice in 1901. William A. Sojourner read from the quarterly Conference records of the Washington Charge in 1902-03 when the honoree was pastor of that charge.

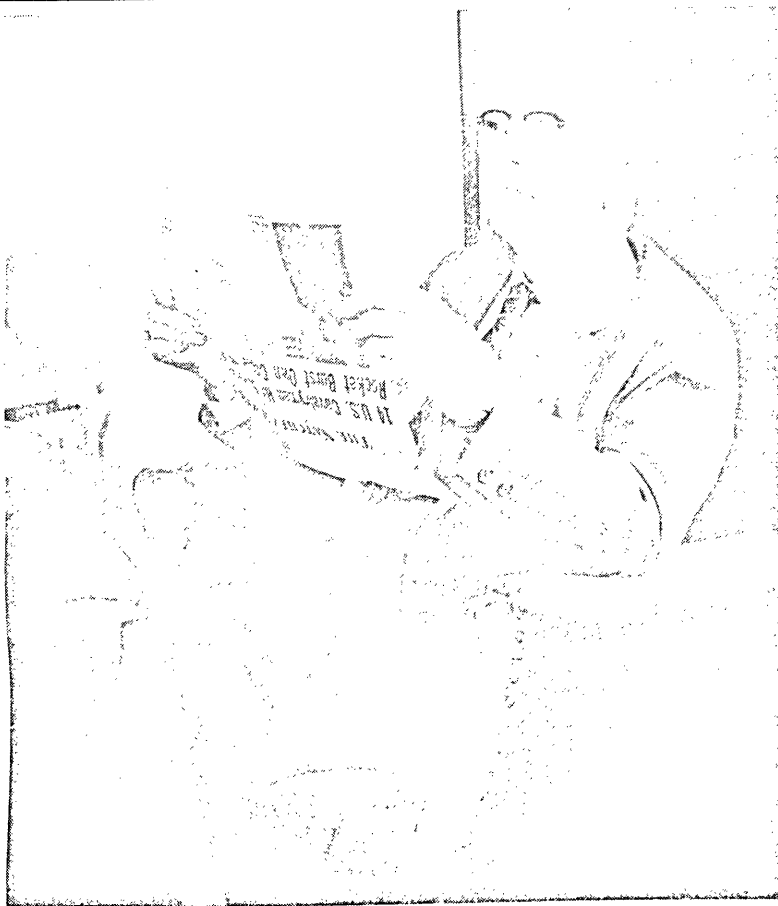
After an introduction by the Rev. J. L. Neill, the honoree spoke with appreciation of the privilege of long life and the joy of Christian service. Following the service a reception was given by the member of the Women's Society of the Jefferson Street Church.

Present for the service were a large number of relatives, including Mr. Guice's sister, Mrs. Charles Head, and a great many of the friends of former days in Natchez, also from Washington, Edwards, Canton and East McComb, his former pastorates.

Communications were received from others charges he had served including Gloster and Fifth Street, Meridian.

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God's love is not a conditional love; it is an open-hearted, generous self-giving which God offers to men. Those who would carefully limit the operation of God's love . . . have missed the point. — J. B. Phillips



The Rev. C. Norman Guice is shown in his apartment at Presbyterian Village reading *The Natchez* (Miss.) newspaper which reported the anniversary service of 70 years in the ministry held in Jefferson Street Church, Natchez.

## Harbor of Safety or Port of Embarkation?

An increasing number of people are becoming involved in the polarizations which are taking place in church and society, and because of this the wide area in between the extremes in both church and society is being afflicted with a form of paralysis which is keeping many of us from becoming all that we might be as individuals and as a church. There is a strange new conviction abroad that all decisions must be "either-or" concerning widely differing philosophies, and many persons not feeling ready to enlist in the forces at the extremes are rationalizing and taking refuge in a great area of inactivity between.

We are being told by one group that the end of the spiritual quest is an individual personal religious experience, and once this is found all else we do or say is insignificant. At the other extreme are some who in their reaction against a certain brand of pietism are saying that the individual experience is immaterial—all that counts is our witness in the midst of the needs around us. This ought not to have to be debated—it is a controversy which has been going on through the centuries and neither side can win because both are partly correct and each is partially in error.

You will remember that on one occasion, described in the 17th chapter of Matthew and the 9th chapter of Mark, Jesus took Peter, James and John with him to a mountain which we have come to call the Mount of Transfiguration. Incidentally this is one of the few religious sites in the Holy Land about which guides cannot agree. The majority consensus is that this was Mount Hermon which is now in Syria not far from Damascus. A great personal religious experience took place, and when it was over Peter said to Jesus, "I have a great idea. Let's build three chapels up here—one for Moses, one for Elijah, and one for his Master." We do not have Jesus' exact words in answer to Peter, but we can be sure that he did not take to the suggestion of such a retreat from reality. He must have reminded the impulsive disciple that the sole reason for the coming to the top of the mountain was in order that they might return better prepared for life at the base of the mountain.

There is a great temptation connected with "mountain top" experiences. We feel so good that we want to stay right where we are, but this is impossible for several reasons. One is that the prolonging of a dramatic spiritual experience can often make it turn sour. Another is that there is so much need among those who did not come with us to the mountain

that it would be an injustice to ourselves and to them not to return and share. The fact is that we cannot even keep the spiritual treasures which come our way unless we try to give them away.

At one stage in our experience as a World War II chaplain we sailed late one afternoon into one of the most beautiful harbors in the world—the one at Hollandia, New Guinea. It is surrounded on three sides by the Owen Stanley Mountains which have a bright green color right up to the top. The sun was setting in a lovely display of colors, and as we stood on the deck of our troop ship we said, "It is a great joy to come into this beautiful, peaceful harbor. How fortunate we are." But this reaction was only for a moment, because we soon snapped back to reality and said, "You fool, what are you talking about? You didn't come here for beauty and safety. Your ship is here to join these other 500 vessels for tomorrow's convoy for the invasion of the Philippines." You see, what was so lightly regarded as a harbor of safety and security was in reality a port of embarkation for the largest campaign of the Pacific phase of the war.

There are so many areas of life in which the "harbor of safety" philosophy gains the ascendancy over the "port of embarkation" way of thinking, and when this happens it becomes difficult for the security we seek. Often what we think is an act of protection concerning an individual, or a relationship, or even a possession turns into that which is most apt to destroy it.

In the individual relationships of our lives some people start out with such an obvious goal of security that they turn others from them. The person who seeks friends in order that he might use them to further his own ambitions soon discovers that he has no friends. A mature Hollywood actress was telling a young starlet that she usually did her Christmas shopping in August, and the younger actress said, "How can

you know in August who your friends are going to be in December?"

Some individuals approach marriage in what we might call the "harbor of safety" point of view—bringing another person into this sacred relationship merely for the security or satisfaction that might be found. When either the bride or the groom comes to the ceremony with a feeling concerning the security which marriage can bring, the seeds of insecurity have already been planted.

In team relationships we know what happens so often to the selfish star or the "prima donna." When his sole ambition is to star and to score, he will soon discover that without the full cooperation of his teammates such stardom will be forever beyond his grasp.

Our "harbor" and "port" figures may also be seen clearly on the international scene. Here we oversimplify and label people as either "isolationists" or "internationalists," with the implication that we have to choose one or the other. There is a growing tendency for this nation of ours to withdraw from the rest of the world, and we have a feeling that once we are out of Vietnam, the pendulum will swing so far back the other way that we will find an increasing number of people advocating the withdrawal from all international concerns. We do not feel that this will be good.

In our church life we hear a great deal about "the gathered church" and "the scattered church." The first reference is to the formal worship activities of the church, while the latter speaks of the church involved in mission in the world. Just as Jesus must have told Peter that the sole reason we gather as a church is in order that we might scatter.

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## the Editor's Corner



### A VISIT TO TUCKER FARM

One afternoon last week, I accepted the invitation of the Rev. Dean Sudman, pastor of Faith Lutheran Church, Little Rock, to accompany him to Tucker Prison Farm in connection with an article which he had invited me to write for The Lutheran, national magazine of the Lutheran Church of America.

The details of that article we will have to postpone sharing with you until the magazine has printed the article. However, it does describe an heroic piece of work being done in expanding the services of the prison staff through a grant from the Board of Social Ministry of the denomination through the efforts of some socially-minded laymen in Faith Church.

We should be ashamed to admit that this was our first visit to the prison, but this is the case. Tucker is the smaller of Arkansas' two prison farms and is classified as an "intermediate reformatory."

Its physical facilities are very meager. The few barns and sheds are small and poorly constructed. There is one main building which houses administrative space, kitchen and dining hall and connects with about half a dozen crowded barracks.

There is a lovely chapel there, and we should all be grateful for that. On the other hand, my reaction was almost the same I had many times in the Philippines when I saw expensive churches in the midst of utter poverty.

There is a new vocational training building recently completed at Tucker, and Commissioner of Corrections Robert Sarver is as proud of that as he can be because it represents a beginning—however small—in a program of rehabilitation through the teaching of skills. This has a shop of automotive mechanics training and some other classroom space.

Without depreciating the efforts of those who made it possible for the chapel to be built at Tucker, and those who will help build one for Cummins, it behooves us all to think in terms of religious mission outside chapel walls. The Lutherans and the Southern Baptists are beginning to meet this need by grants for badly needed staff personnel. Maybe they will "prime the pump" and appropriations from future legislatures will help meet the needs for trained staff people.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A new stage in the Anglican-Lutheran dialogue is anticipated when prominent members of both Churches meet at Oxford, for a five-day session of theological conversations beginning Sept. 7. An announcement said the two teams would be headed respectively by Anglican Bishop Ronald Williams of Leicester and the former primate of the Church of Sweden, Archbishop Gunnar Hultgren.

**A smiling and handcuffed Father Daniel Berigan, S. J., ended four months as a fugitive "peace criminal" when he entered the federal building at Providence, R. I. in the custody of FBI agents on Aug. 11. He had been captured on nearby Block Island by federal lawmen posing as bird watchers outside the home of William Stringfellow, a prominent Episcopal layman, and Anthony Towne, a poet.**

Israeli archaeologists have uncovered a fragment of a stone pillar believed to have been erected by the Roman emperor Titus to commemorate his capture of Jerusalem 1900 years ago. Israeli Radio said the five-foot long fragment, found at the foot of the temple mount in the Old City of Jerusalem, bore an inscription in Greek containing the name of the Roman Emperor Vespasian Augustus and the name of Titus. Before being proclaimed emperor, Vespasian commanded the war against Judea, which was completed by his son, Titus, in the year 70 A.D.

**The Swedish Baptist Union has given \$4,000 to the United Methodist Mission Board in Scandinavia to aid flood rehabilitation work in Tunisia. Recipient of the money was the Rev. Thorleif Teigland, a Norwegian missionary who has served in North Africa for 20 years. The clergyman is involved in rebuilding and rehabilitation projects in the Sousse region—an area devastated by flood waters in late 1969.**

Michael J. Costello, a federal drug expert warned those attending an Institute on Drug Dependence and Abuse in New Jersey that unless the staggering rate of drug abuse in America is checked, "Western civilization as we know it will cease in three decades." "We have a brain drain in this country, but it is not alcoholism, sex, communism or other exploitation — it is primarily drug abuse," he said. The federal agent said the family medicine cabinet has become a source of supply of amphetamines and barbiturates for young drug abusers.

**Mennonites were challenged to sift the "spiritual evils of society" from what is intrinsically good in America and affirm commitment "to the life style of Jesus." The Mennonite Board of Missions during a meeting in Landsdale, Pa. called for those who "polarize evangelism and social action to look again to Jesus as the One who unites both dimensions of Christian witness and action."**

The European Baptist Press Service has reported that Portugal's Parliament will consider a religious liberty law in the Fall. In 1967 the Spanish legislature extended the rights of non-Catholics in several important areas. Protestants charged, however, that it maintained the pattern of unequal treatment of Catholics and non-Catholics, since Protestant churches must register with the government. Portuguese Protestants reportedly hope the proposed law will ease restrictions such as those on incorporations involving ownership of property.

In a special television report, Melkite Rite Archbishop Joseph Raya of Galilee said he was deeply impressed by the "sympathetic attitude and understanding" expressed by Israeli Prime Minister, Golda Meir, towards the problems of Christians and other minorities in Israel. The Archbishop, an Arab and head of Israel's largest Christian community—some 30,000 — said Mrs. Meir stressed that she was convinced that the overwhelming majority of Israeli Arabs were loyal to the state of Israel. The Melkite churchman has more than once insisted that although an Arab he is an Israeli, and proud to be an Israeli in Israel.

Despite some government restrictions, Eastern European Baptists are generally free to practice their faith and worship as they choose according to the Rev. Ronald Goulding of London, an expert on Baptist affairs in the Communist countries, in a report to the Baptist World Alliance meeting in Tokyo. Six Russians, two Romanians, a Bulgarian, three Poles, four Hungarians and two East Germans attended the meeting. Mr. Goulding's comments on Eastern Europe are said to have been endorsed by delegates from that area who took part in a panel on "religious freedom" during the Congress.

**Efforts to achieve closer cooperation among four of Britain's smaller denominations will be made as a result of the 121st annual conference of the Wesleyan Reform Union. The conference also overwhelmingly accepted a revised Doctrinal Statement whereby members adhere to the belief that Jesus is truly God and truly Man, eternally existing in the person of Father, Son and Holy Ghost, and is the Head of the Church.**

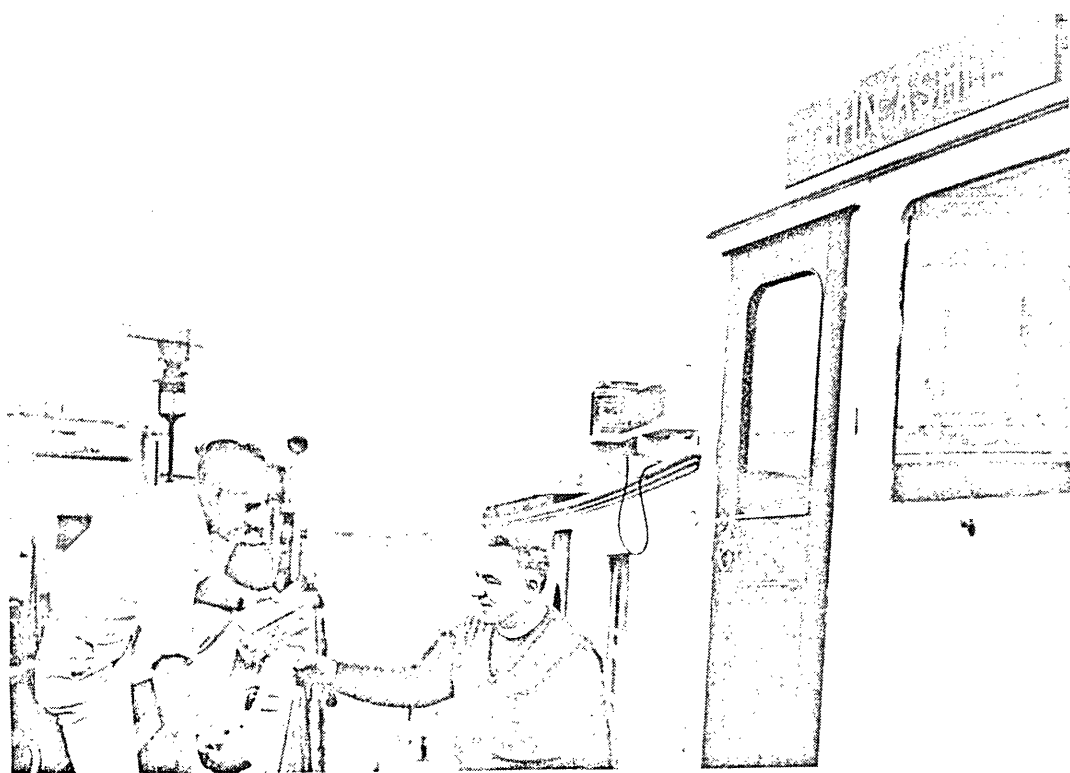
Bowing to pressure, according to one report, from the Nationalist Chinese government, the Presbyterian Church of Taiwan voted at its annual assembly to withdraw from the World Council of Churches. The reason cited was that the WCC is undermining the Nationalist Chinese by trying to conciliate the Communist Chinese regime in Peking. The Presbyterian Church of Taiwan with approximately 100,000 members, is the largest denomination on the island.

More than 20 years after the Communist takeover, the majority of Hungarians reportedly still prefer religious ceremonies on the occasion of baptisms, marriages and burials. Though the constitution provides for the separation of church and state, the avowed aim of the Communist party is the establishment of an atheistic society. A Hungarian journal, Magyar Hirlap, complains that the majority of baptisms and burials are still conducted according to the religious rites of the Roman Catholic, Protestant, and Eastern Orthodox Churches, despite the Communist regime's long propaganda campaign to substitute civil ceremonies for them.

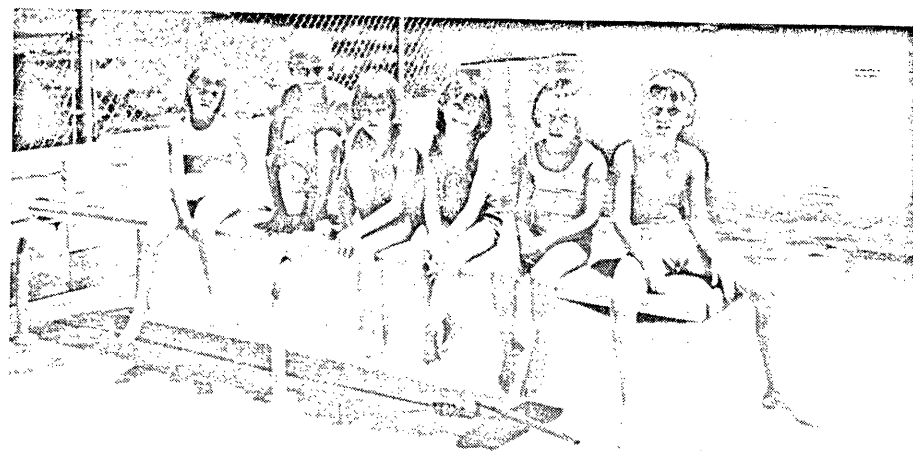
**Dr. Randolph E. Haugan has retired after 41 years as general manager of Augsburg Publishing House in Minneapolis. During his career the concern has grown from a tiny operation to the nation's fourth-largest religious publishing house. Dr. Haugan's successor, Albert E. Anderson, said "Haugan has an unusual capacity for leadership because he teaches while he leads. He expects perfection from other people, but he has a way of making you want to accomplish perfection . . . one reason we're successful is that our people stay with us."**

Three United Church of Canada leaders have been designated by the Toronto Conference to visit the Middle East and attempt reconciliation between Israelis and Arabs. The group was scheduled to leave Aug. 5 for three weeks in Israel and Arab countries to consult leaders on both sides, plus Middle East churchmen, in an effort to contribute aid toward a peaceful solution of the war. Dr. Robert Baird McClure, one of the threesome and a lifelong medical missionary and layman moderator of the denomination, worked in the Gaza Strip for five years after World War II.

**The church commissioners — who manage the Church of England's hundreds of millions of dollars worth of assets — are making available \$2,400,000 for investment in developing countries, an announcement revealed. The sum is not being invested directly by the Church but by the commissioners who will buy stock from the government-backed Commonwealth Development Finance Company.**



LONDON — His vessel, the "John Ashley," pulled alongside one of the many merchant ships in the port of London, the Rev. Frederick Laight gives some books to a seaman. The 75-ton launch was specially built for the Church of England's (Anglican) Missions to Seamen in 1958, and since then has been offering the men who work on ships a wide variety of facilities. The boat, designed and skippered by Mr. Laight, contains a small chapel, a well stocked library which does not lend but instead gives away books, and a shop where seamen can buy miscellaneous personal articles. Sailing the River Thames, the "John Ashley" — named after the man who started Missions to Seamen — provides some of the comforts of home and a place for spiritual renewal for the seamen, many of whom are a long way from their home ports. (RNS Photo)



ABOVE: Waiting their turn to go swimming are children at the Methodist Children's Home. Swimming is a favorite summer activity. LEFT: Every two weeks is haircut time for the boys at MCH. All elementary-junior high boys have this service done at Eaton Barber Training Center.

## TRAVELER'S QUARTET AT HUNTER MEMORIAL

The Traveler's Quartette, male singing group from the Little Rock area, will present a program of hymns and gospel songs at Hunter Memorial United Methodist Church, 11th and McAlmont, in Little Rock, Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. An ice cream social, sponsored by the UMYF, will follow the program of music. Mrs. Walter M. Newton is director of music at Hunter Memorial.

## DR. AND MRS. BEARDEN TO RETURN SEPT. 1

Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. L. Bearden, First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will return on Tuesday, September 1, from a meeting of the Executive Committee of the World Methodist Council in Geneva, Switzerland.

Dr. Bearden is a member of the Executive Committee and plans were made for the World Methodist Conference to be held in Denver in August, 1971. The Conference is held every 5 years and the Executive Committee meets every year. The sessions were held in the World Council Building in Geneva. The Executive Committee represents Methodist Churches from over most of the world.

Dr. and Mrs. Bearden had a personal conference with Dr. Paul Tournier, internationally known author of books on Christian psychiatry. Following the conference they toured the Provinces of Southern France, returning from Orly Airport, Paris, from which point they fly directly home. Dr. Bearden will report on the sessions of the Committee at morning worship in First Methodist Church, Sunday, September 13.

All loves should be simply stepping-stones to the love of God. So it was with me; and blessed be his name for his great goodness and mercy. — Plato

## North Ark. minister joins faculty of Candler School of Theology

The North Arkansas Annual Conference will be represented this fall on the Candler School of Theology at Emory University, Ga.

The Rev. E. Brooks Holifield, 1963 Magna Cum Laude graduate of Hendrix College, who this year completed requirements at Yale University for the Ph.D. degree, is the new assistant professor of American Church History at the United Methodist seminary which boasts the largest enrollment in the denomination.

Mr. Holifield is married to the former Vicky Thompson who also graduated Magna Cum Laude from Hendrix in 1963. They have one daughter, Erin Brooke.

From 1963 to 1966 he studied at Yale Divinity School, graduating Magna Cum Laude. From 1966 to 1970 he pursued graduate studies in Yale Graduate School in church history, focusing on American religious history and specializing in seventeenth century Puritan studies.

In 1970 he completed the requirements for the Ph.D. degree.

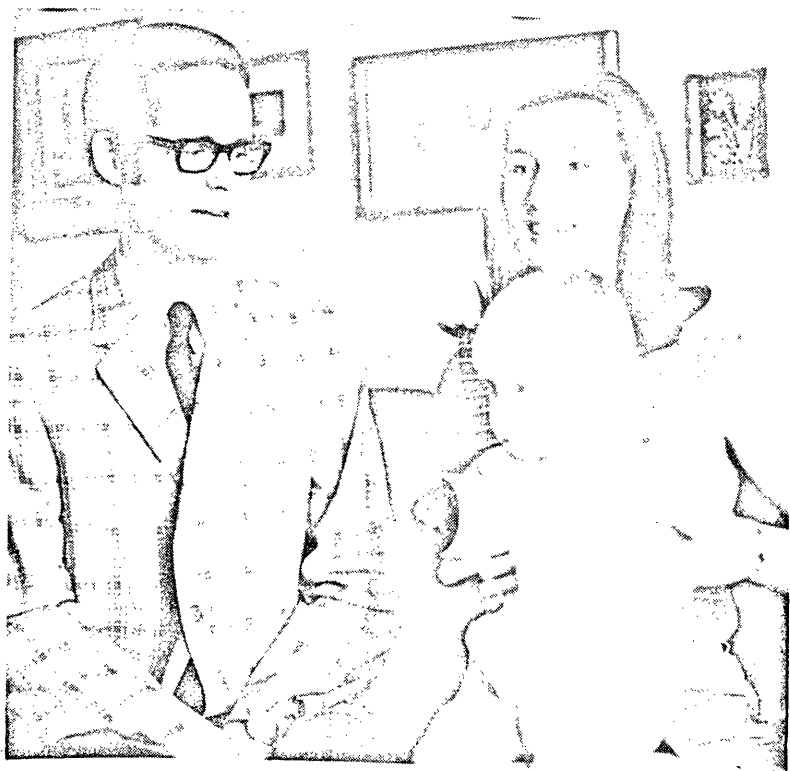
In the school year 1969-70 he was a teaching associate at Yale Divinity School, leading seminars on seventeenth century Puritanism and on relationships between the church and the social order in America from the seventeenth century to the present.

Mr. Holifield is the son of the Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent of the Batesville District, and Mrs. Holifield. His wife is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Rex Thompson of Little Rock.

The new dean of Candler School of Theology, Dr. James T. Laney is also a native of the part of Arkansas included in the North Arkansas Conference and a grandson of the late Dr. J. M. Hughey, longtime member of that conference.

THE REV. CURTIS WILLIAMS, retired Methodist minister of Benton, filled the pulpit at Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, Little Rock, at the morning services on August 2 and 9, while the pastor, the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie, was on vacation. The evening services were conducted by Barbara Brewer, Johnny May and Bill Wellons who are active members of the Campus Crusade for Christ at the University of Arkansas.

BATESVILLE AREA United Methodist Men met at the Cave City United Methodist Church for the August meeting. The Rev. Gerald Martin, pastor, gave the Welcome. Program Chairman Woodson Monday presented guest speaker Virgil Butler, Independence County Delegate to the Constitutional Convention. After his interesting talk on the proposed constitution, printed copies were given to all. LaVaughn Cole, president of the club presided.



Dr. and Mrs. E. Brooks Holifield and their daughter, Erin Brooke. Dr. Holifield, member of the North Arkansas Conference, has recently been named assistant professor of American Church History at Candler School of Theology.

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# NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. EVERETT VINSON, executive director of the Little Rock Conference Program Council, and Dr. Otto W. Teague, retired minister of Little Rock, were guest preachers in the pulpit of Lonoke United Methodist Church, August 9 and 16. Lay Leader W. E. Coats conducted the services. The Rev. Mike Clayton is the Lonoke pastor.

CHARLESTON UNITED Methodist Church held a revival the week of August 16-22 with the Rev. Roy Poyner, pastor of the Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, as guest evangelist. The Charleston pastor is the Rev. Harvey E. Hazelwood.

CHAPLAIN (CAPTAIN) WITHERS M. MOORE was guest minister in Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Sunday morning, August 9. Chaplain Moore, the son of the Rev. T. B. Moore, Winfield minister of visitation, and Mrs. Moore, is senior chaplain at the Naval Air Station, Millington, Tennessee. Dr. Edward Dunlap is the Winfield pastor.

THE REV. I. L. CLAUD, retired and living in Morrilton, was guest speaker in the Booneville United Methodist Church, August 16. Mr. Claud was pastor of the Booneville Church from 1939 through 1948. The present pastor is the Rev. Norman Carter, who was attending a drug abuse workshop in California.

MRS. CARLTON WOMACK was the director of Vacation Church School held August 2-9 at Grace Church, Searcy. There was an average attendance of 39 students and 16 teachers. Mrs. Betty Slaughter was in charge of the music and refreshments, assisted by Mrs. Joan McKenzie. \$21.91 was the collection which will be sent to the Children's Fund for Christian Missions. The Rev. James Barton is pastor.



Pleasant Grove Church (near El Dorado) had 18 children enrolled in vacation church school with nine workers. Mrs. H. E. Bailey was the director. The Rev. Earl C. Mathis is pastor.

Quitman Methodists had double occasion for rejoicing, August 16. Fellowship hall, built in 1967 with debts retired early in 1970, was dedicated by the Rev. Elmer Holifield, Batesville District Superintendent, during the morning worship service. In the afternoon, Open House was held at the new parsonage, shown above with some of the crowd attending.



Ann Hill and Gail Moore served refreshments at the Quitman Open House.

THE REV. WORTH GIBSON, senior minister at First Church, Jonesboro, taught in two Middle High Lab Courses in the San Antonio, Texas, Laboratory School, August 10-16. Following this, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson joined her sister and husband, the Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Galloway of Kingsville, Texas, for a sightseeing trip into Mexico.

BETHESDA CHURCH, Batesville District, held vacation school, August 3-7, with an enrollment of 29 pupils. Teachers included Mrs. John McLaughlin, Mrs. Shelby McSpadden, Mrs. J. T. Low, Mrs. Buddy Long and Mrs. Ross Williams. Young people who assisted were Donna McSpadden, Darlene Williams and Carol McSpadden. A short program and open house were at the close of the school.

THE WESLEY SINGERS from Paris, Texas, presented a worship program in music on Monday, August 10, in Grand Avenue Church of Hot Springs. Meals and overnight lodging were furnished the group. The Rev. Ralph E. Hale is pastor.

THE REV. BILLY W. A. McLean, pastor of the Columbia Circuit, was the evangelist for a revival in Philadelphia United Methodist Church on that Charge the week of August 2.

THE PASTOR-PARISH relations committee of White Memorial United Methodist Church, Little Rock, honored their minister and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Hall, at a recent reception. Among the more than 100 guests were Bishop and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, the Rev. J. H. Thompson, district superintendent of Little Rock District, Southwest Conference, and eight other ministers and wives.

FLETCHER TROTTER, organist-choirmaster in First Church, Hot Springs for the past three years, announced his resignation effective August 15. His plans are to move to Philadelphia. Dr. George F. Ivey is the Hot Springs pastor.

ST. PAUL UNITED Methodist Church of El Dorado was host to the Youth Choir from First United Methodist Church of Amory, Mississippi. The group presented a musical drama entitled "I Wonder" on Friday night, August 7. The Rev. Gladwin Connell was host pastor.

MRS. R. C. WILSON represented the Arkansas Pollution Control Commission when she spoke at the fellowship supper in Gardner Memorial U. M. Church of North Little Rock, August 12. The Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr. was host pastor.

THE REV. MURIEL PETERS, Wesley Foundation director at Arkansas Tech, Russellville, brought the morning and evening messages in First Church, Dardanelle, August 9. The Rev. Clyde Crozier, Dardanelle pastor, is a former pastor of Mr. and Mrs. Peters.

**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.

Aug. 30—Sun.	Neh. 8:1-12
Aug. 31	Psalm 32:1-11
Sept. 1	Psalm 92:1-15
Sept. 2	Isaiah 12:1-6
Sept. 3	Isaiah 35:1-10
Sept. 4	Luke 15:1-10
Sept. 5	Luke 15:11-32
Sept. 6—Sun.	II Sam. 12:1-14

MISS HELEN B. WILSON, a United Methodist Missionary who has been engaged in medical and evangelistic work in Bolivia for 17 years, spoke and showed slides of her work in Bolivia at the Jack Mayfield Memorial United Methodist Church, in the Camden District, on Sunday evening July 26. The Rev. Robert H. Jackson is the Huttig-Bolding minister.

DEWITT CHURCH guest speakers in August include the Rev. Robert Irvin, pastor of Pleasant Grove and St. Charles United Methodist Churches, Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff district superintendent, and the Rev. Curtis Williams of Benton, former DeWitt pastor. The Rev. and Mrs. Thurston Masters and daughter, Joy, are on a tour to the Holy Land.

ECUMENICAL SERVICES in Si-loam Springs this month involve three churches. The Rev. F. H. Stebbing, pastor of the First United Presbyterian Church, spoke in First United Methodist, August 9. Father Paul Gray, Episcopal vicar, delivered the sermon at the Methodist Church August 16. The Rev. John M. McCormack, Methodist pastor, spoke in First United Presbyterian Church August 23.

MARIANNA METHODISTS heard Clinical Psychologist Bill Walker speak at the Sunday morning service, August 9. He is a Methodist minister with the Mid-South Christian Counseling Center in Memphis, and recently completed three years of study in analysis at the C. G. Jung Psychological Institute in Zurich, Switzerland. Hugh Mixon, Jr., Administrative Board chairman, presided in the absence of the Rev. Clyde T. Parsons.

DR. R. E. GILMORE of Fayetteville was guest speaker in the Bentonville Church on August 9. Dr. Gilmore taught theology in Wesley Theological Seminary at Washington, D. C., before his retirement in 1967. The Rev. Maurice Lanier is the Bentonville pastor.

## P. K. KORNER

A DAUGHTER, APRIL ANN, was born on July 7 to the Rev. and Mrs. G. Coleman Akin of Malvern. Mr. Akin is pastor of Keith Memorial and Butterfield United Methodist Churches.

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## ALL FAMILY SCHOOL AT WESLEY, SPRINGDALE

Wesley United Methodist Church of Springdale has completed a vacation church school for the whole family, with attendance about evenly divided between the Children's Department and Youth and Adult Department.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Juhnke gave leadership to the children's division. The students made a contribution of \$18 to the Washington County Retarded Children's Association.

Mrs. Rollie Friess supervised setting up the program for youth and adults.

Phil Hathcock of Fayetteville led senior high and college students in the study "A Quest for the Contemporary Christ." Phil has been summer youth director at Asbury Church in Little Rock.

The Rev. Wilson W. White, a retired E.U.B. minister now living in Siloam Springs, taught a course on Genesis for adults.

The largest class was "For the Contemporary Family." The Rev. Dewey Dark of Trinity Church, Fayetteville, led classes the first two nights. His subjects included "The Importance of the Family" and "The Christian View of Sex." Dr. Paul Zelhart, Washington County Juvenile probation officer, led two nights dealing with communications and with discipline. Dr. and Mrs. John Moose of Siloam Springs presented two subjects Thursday evening—drug abuse and religion in the home.

The Rev. W. P. Fiser is pastor.

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## WARD HOLDS UNION VACATION CHURCH SCHOOL

The United Methodist and the Presbyterian Churches of Ward held a joint Vacation Bible School, August 3-7. Mrs. Grace Golden and Mrs. E. J. Pearson were co-directors for the school, which had as its theme "The Bible in Today's World."

Teachers in the school were Mrs. Forest Balding, Mrs. Jimmie Bell, Mrs. John Schneider, Mrs. Oddie Morrison, Mrs. Mildred Pehosh, Mrs. Alice Kirkland, Mrs. Gene Waters, and Miss Barbara Brewster. Miss Debbie Duke was song leader and Mrs. Mae Dennis was in charge of refreshments.

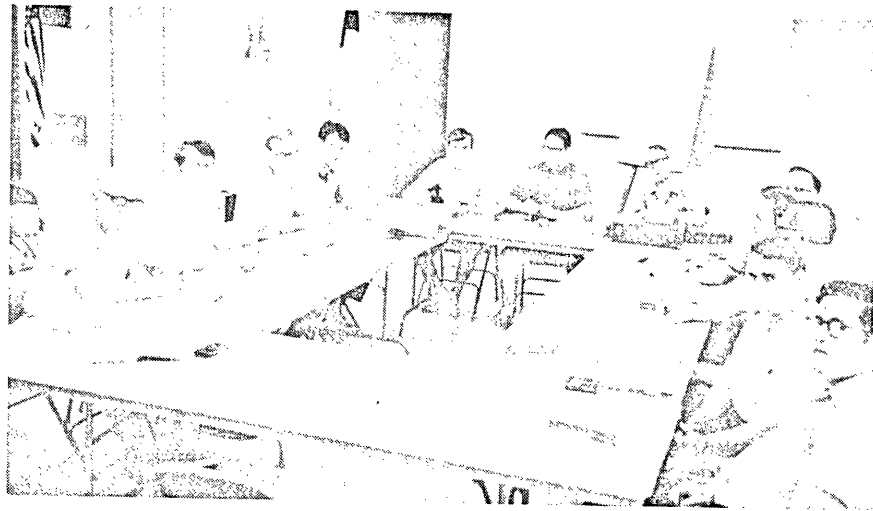
Pastors are the Rev. Brady Cook, Methodist, and Dr. Harold Owen. There was an offering of \$23.15, which was to be contributed to the American Bible Society.

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THE JONESBORO FIRST Church vacation school had an enrollment of 115 children and 45 teachers and assistants. Mrs. Major Griffin and Mrs. Dave Vosburg were coordinators. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

LONOKE'S METHODIST MEN heard Ira Stewart of Little Rock at the recent supper meeting. Bert Steely led the singing. Marvin Smith is president of the group. The Rev. Mike Clayton is pastor.

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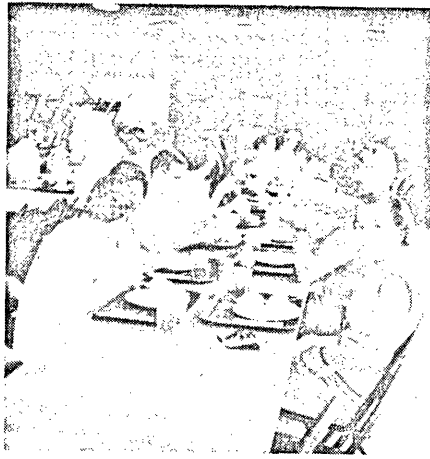
Monticello District ministers are shown at workshop-retreat, with Dr. Raymond Franks, district superintendent, presiding.

## PLANNING RETREAT HELD BY MONTICELLO DISTRICT

For the third year the Monticello District pastors have met in an overnight Retreat-Workshop. The families in the parsonages of the district were included in the overnight stay that was again held at Camp Tanako, August 14-15.

In these retreats the ministers explore plans, dates, and schedules for the year's activities. They are introduced to various resources. This year the Rev. and Mrs. James Major were guests from Hendrix, and he shared information of developments at the college. District Superintendent Raymond Franks shared what he expects for the Charge Conferences to be conducted on each charge, as he seeks ideas and viewpoints from the pastors for ways to up-grade the district program.

A most fruitful aspect of these retreats is the open, frank, spontaneous

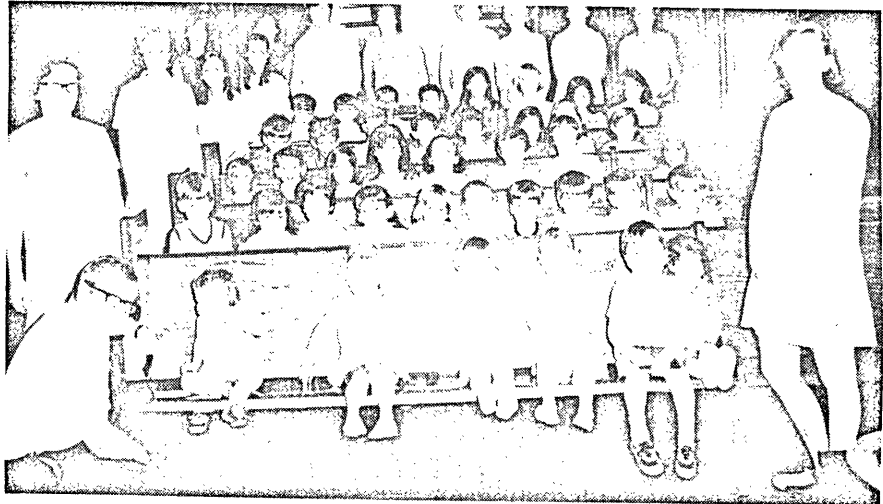


The Monticello retreat was held at Camp Tanako. Ministers' families are shown in dining room with Mrs. Raymond Franks in foreground.

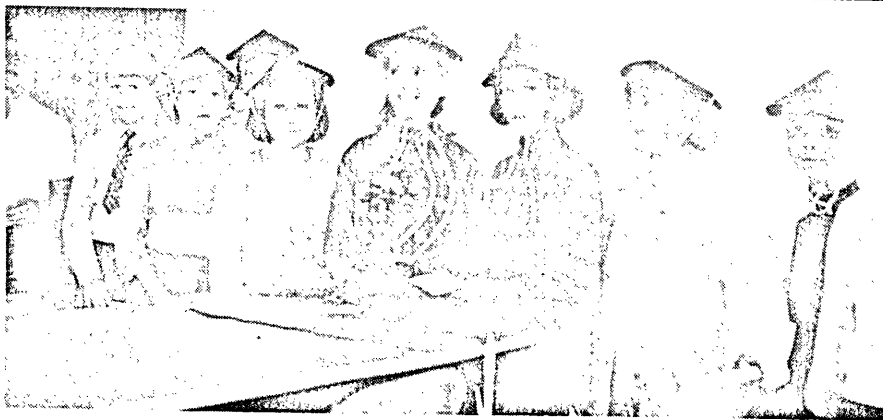
discussions among the pastors as to understandings of the church and the role of the minister.

THE JUNIOR HIGH UMY of First Church, North Little Rock, held a retreat at Inspiration Point, Eureka Springs, early this month. While there, the 29 members and counselors attended the Passion Play. Mrs. Saville Henry is educational assistant, working with the Rev. Lloyd Conyers, pastor.

THE MARVELL CHURCH vacation school was held in conjunction with the Presbyterian and United Church of Christ schools. Classes were in First United Methodist Church under the direction of Mrs. Elton Douglas, August 10-15. The Rev. Lowell Eaton is the Methodist minister.



The Rison Church vacation school was held from 6-8:30 each evening, August 3-7, with 41 children enrolled and 15 teachers and helpers. The Rev. Louis L. Averitt, pastor, is shown at left of first row.



The Danville Vacation Church School, grades 3 & 4, made a study of Japan. Pupils dressed in Japanese costumes and ate rice with chopsticks. Mrs. Louise Harris was their teacher. The Rev. Gene Adkins is pastor.

## E. H. "Tank" HARRISON LABOR DAY SPEAKER

Henderson United Methodist Church, 2400 S. Maple in Little Rock, announces that E. H. "Tank" Harrison of Memphis will be the guest speaker on Labor Day Sunday, September 6. Mr. Harrison, a captain on the Memphis Police Department, is an outstanding Methodist layman, giving his Christian witness in all parts of the country.

The Rev. W. Darrel Bone, pastor, invites the public. The custom has been for members of the congregation to attend in normal workday clothes on this Sunday, according to Mr. Bone.

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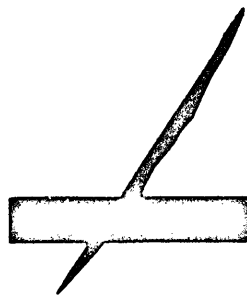
THE MEN'S CLUB of Mabelvale United Methodist Church elected Bill Tarvin as president, Wade Upchurch as vice-president, Ira Irwin, secretary, and Ben Moore, treasurer. They will be installed at the next meeting, October 5, at which time wives will be guests. The Rev. Ben Hines is the Mabelvale pastor.

THE REV. JOHN REED, a retired Army Chaplain, has been added to the staff of Central United Methodist Church, Rogers. He began work as minister of education August 1, working with the Rev. Charles P. McDonald, pastor.

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# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 6: Living Peaceably With Others

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 26; Matthew 5:9; James 4:1-3

**MEMORY SELECTION:** If possible, so far as it depends upon you, live peaceably with all men. (Romans 12:18)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help us understand the contribution that we can make to the peace and well-being of the world by our willingness to yield some of our rights, trusting in God to form the guidelines in our minds as to the times when this is indicated.

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This is the story of Isaac — the second and least colorful of the patriarchs of Israel. Many of the commentators call him a weak individual, but when we read all that he was willing to do to contribute to peace, we may want to differ with them. As indicated, we will be seeking to discover those suggestions that we can use in our own day to work for peace.

Dr. Hugh R. Peterson, in Broadman Comments, gives us one of those analyses of Isaac which indicate his main purpose in life might just have been to bridge the generation between Abraham and Jacob. He says: "His place in biblical history is largely the result of the fact that he was the connecting link between Abraham, the father of the faithful, and Jacob, whose name was turned to Israel." However, even this writer goes on to say: "Yet, Isaac had one great personal quality which is worthy of remembrance and emulation in every generation and especially in our troubled world. In a hostile world, Isaac discovered the secret of living in peace with his fellowmen."

In addition to saying something to us about peace-making, this lesson has a word for us about another of today's crucial problems—the population explosion and living space. The Rev. Ross Lilly introduces the lesson in Adult Bible Studies pointing out that "Land and water are essential for crops and domesticated animals on which mankind had always depended. People must have a sufficient food supply, and history records unceasing warfare and misery accompanying the struggle for it."

This same writer goes on to make a connection between that struggle and faith, saying: "The earliest fathers of our religion—Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob—all faced days of famine and want and the struggle of finding grazing land, living space, and water for themselves and their animals. For their survival and comfort they were sometimes forced to fight, sometimes made treaties and covenants with other peoples, sometimes migrated to other areas, and sometimes practiced deceit. They were a people determined to live. Their faith gave them perseverance and self-confidence."

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### DIFFICULTIES OVER THE WELLS

Almost as though taken from the script of an American western movie, the story of Isaac as described in the 26th chapter of Genesis, tells of the struggles between nomad people over the most priceless commodity in the Middle East—water. Even though many would say the tensions in the region today are based on the struggle for oil, when one travels in that part of the world and sees the miracles that can be performed when there is a little water, he

is not so sure but what this is still the commodity over which men seek control.

The setting of the Isaac story is mainly in the extreme southern part of what is today Israel—the Negeb desert. To find a source of water was not only necessary for prosperity, it was needed for the survival of all human and animal life. A few miles north of this spot, Bishop James A. Pike lost his life about two years ago. Mrs. Pike has recently written of that ill-fated trip into the desert, and most of the dramatic impact of the section telling of her walk in search of help is the story of the battle with thirst.

This should make it clear to us why there was such a fierce struggle between the servants of Isaac and the Philistines over the wells that were being dug. We are told in verse 18 that: "Isaac dug again the wells of water, which had been dug in the days of Abraham his father." Even then the Philistines had opposed the digging of the wells, but Abraham had been a man of strong character and had completed this work despite the opposition.

After Abraham had gone the Philistines hated his work so that they filled up the wells that he had dug, although they clearly would benefit all the people. Why do you suppose anybody would do such a stupid thing in a desert country? Perhaps it is because hatred in the heart always causes people to lose their sense of reason. These people really "cut off their own noses to spite their faces."

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### FACING OPPOSITION WITHOUT DISCOURAGEMENT

The first conflict took place in the valley of Gerar, which can be located somewhat to the south of the present Israeli city of Beersheba. Isaac arrived as a rather prosperous stranger and the local citizens resented it. Abimelech, king of the Philistines, sided with his people in their determination to get rid of Isaac. Verse 16 says: "And Abimelech said to Isaac, Go away from us for you are much mightier than we." Isaac left the town of Gerar, but he went only a short distance. If Abimelech had expected him to leave the country completely, he was mistaken. Isaac may have been a gentle man, but he was not easily intimidated.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon suggests that he was the first character in the Bible to practice "second mile" living. He says: "In refusing to retaliate when his wells were taken from him Isaac was doing what Jesus referred to as going the second mile." He continues for our enlightenment, "Going the second mile in avoiding a quarrel may appear to the world as a sign of weakness. It even seemed so in the time of Jesus . . . but it takes more courage to do what Isaac and Jesus did than to strike back." Do you agree with that?

Isaac must have wondered many times if there was any future in the course he was following. He reopened well after well that his father Abraham had dug originally only to have the Philistines take them from him. He tried again and again, and finally we read that he found a region of peace for himself and his people. Note what verse 22 says: "And he moved from there and dug another well, and over that they did not quarrel, so he called its name Rehoboth, saying, 'For now the Lord has made room for us, and we shall be fruitful in the land.'"

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### A MAN INHERITS HIS FAITH

Following the settlement of conflict concerning the wells, Isaac went up to Beersheba and enjoyed a period of undergirding fellowship with God. In

verse 24 we read: "And the Lord appeared to him the same night and said, 'I am the God of Abraham your father; fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your descendants for my servant Abraham's sake.'" Here for the first time appear the words which echo again and again through the pages of the Bible to proclaim the nature of the one God.

Dr. Walter Russell Bowie says in *Interpreters' Bible*: "The meaning of God for any generation may be largely determined by what the preceding generation has known. Isaac's consciousness of God did not have to wait to grow out of his own unhelped experience. His father had made the thought of God a fact in life since as far back as he could remember. Religion had been part of the atmosphere he breathed, and worship would have for him always the living warmth of its association with the father."

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### BUILDING PEACE FROM CONFLICT

We should see that the most priceless ingredient of the formula which led to eventual peace in this story was the personality of Isaac. One is reminded of the words of Jesus, "Blessed are the meek for they shall inherit the earth." We can only conclude that the Philistines were impressed by the God worshipped by such a man as Isaac. They could see that he was very unlike most of the other people of his day in that he refused to return evil for evil. Long before Paul wrote the passage which is our memory selection for today Isaac had demonstrated that one can live peacefully with all men if he was willing to put out the effort.

Dr. Peterson says: "W. Hersey Davis used to tell his students, as he led them in the study of the Sermon on the Mount, that a Christian must allow himself to be imposed upon without retaliating. It is certainly true that as long as men return evil for evil and insult for insult there will be no peace in the world."

It was our privilege while traveling in Israel early this year to meet a number of people who are working quietly behind the scenes for peace between Israelis and Arabs in that troubled land. Many of these persons who possess the qualities of Isaac—moving quietly away from insult and confrontation in anticipation of a peaceful existence far down the way. Governmental talks may lead to a "cease fire," but peace will come only through the efforts of persons who possess the qualities of Isaac.

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### HOW CAN WE BECOME MAKERS OF PEACE?

Most of us have grown weary of tension in the world, but so many do not know where to turn for direction in witnessing in a manner that will contribute to the peace of the world. Isaac sets for us a noble example. When we really consider what he did, we come to the conclusion that he was not the minor character that some commentators have charged him with being. Let us consider in conclusion some of the principles we can learn from him.

First, he recognized the futility of strife. What good would it have done for him to have continued battle with the Philistines? He may have won a temporary victory, but in the long run he would have lost more than he gained. Dr. Brooks Ramsey says in *Rozell's Complete Lessons*: "If human experience teaches us anything, it makes clear that hatred and strife never really solve any of the basic problems of humanity. It may be necessary for nations to go to war sometimes, but the sad fact of history proves that no war has ever permanently solved anything."

Another thing we learn from Isaac is that he practiced restraint under difficult conditions. It is far easier to explode than it is to discipline one's spirit. To remain calm in the midst of conflict is a rare gift indeed.

Then, Isaac made prayer a meaningful experience. We should be reminded of the words found in the New Testament in James 4:2, "You do not have because you do not ask." If we are really concerned about the end of conflict, we will talk to God about his help in implementing that purpose.

Finally, Isaac recognized the principle of brotherhood. The Philistines were the natural enemies of his people. Yet, he was able to act in such a way as to demonstrate that he would not treat them as enemies.



## Family Life Conference plans are making progress

Registrations are coming in rapidly for the National Conference on Family Life, October 8-11, 1970, in the Conrad Hilton Hotel, Chicago. It is anticipated that nearly 3000 persons will assemble in the International Ballroom at 7:30 p.m., Thursday evening, October 8. A dramatic presentation by John Clayton will set the challenge at the opening session.

The Conference will close at noon on Sunday with a Service of Holy Communion conducted by the bishops who are present. This communion service is being planned by Bishop Lance Webb of the Illinois Area, Chairman of the Commission on Worship.

The theme of the Conference is "Christian Families Face Up." Announced speakers include:

The Honorable Shirley Chisholm, Representative to the United States Congress from the Bedford-Stuyvesant District in Brooklyn; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., of the Charlotte Area; Dr. Morris B. Abram, former President of Brandeis University; Dr. James Thomas Laney, Dean of Candler School of Theology; The Reverend Robert A. Raines, pastor, First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio.

The seventeen work areas will have as many sections as necessary. Present leadership includes Dr. Alan F. Guttmacher, President, Planned Parenthood World Population, Dr. Evelyn Millis Duvall and Dr. Sylvanus Duvall, well known writers in the family field and the following: Mrs. Rose M. Catchings, Ministry to Women, World Division of the Board of Missions; Dr. Alberta Baines, Assistant Superintendent of Elementary Curriculum, Houston, Texas; Rev. James M. Wall, Editor, CHRISTIAN ADVOCATE; Rev. Tom Price, Director of the Department of Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse, Board of Christian Social Concerns; Dr. Allen J. Moore, Professor of Religion and Personality and Christian Education, School of Theology at Claremont; Rev. Charles Courtoy, Director of Senior High Ministries, General Board of Education; Rev. Dean M. Kelley, Director of the Commission on Religious Liberty of the National Council of Churches; Professor Frank

Wright, Iowa Wesleyan College; Dr. Richard Bauer, Executive Secretary, Inter-board Committee on Enlistment for Church Occupations; Dr. John Vayhinger, Professor of Theology, Anderson Seminary; Dr. James Doty, President, Baker University; Mr. Herman Will, Jr., Associate General Secretary, Division of World Peace, Board of Christian Social Concerns; Rev. Earnest A. Smith, Associate General Secretary, Division of Human Relations, Board of Christian Social Concerns; Rev. Woodie W. White, Executive Secretary, Commission on Religion and Race; Dr. Lois Schwab, Professor of Home Economics, University of Nebraska; Rev. Dale White, Pastor, United Methodist Church, East Greenwich, Rhode Island; Mrs. Florence Lund, Editor of Special Education Curriculum Material, Division of Curriculum Resources, General Board of Education; Rev. William Mason, Chaplain, Emory and Henry College; Rev. Richard Gibbons, Pastor, United Methodist Church of Nichols Hills, Oklahoma City; Rev. John Rozeboom, Associate Director of Education, East Michigan Conference; Dr. Leon Smith, Director of Ministries in Marriage, General Board of Education.

### LODGE URGED TO QUIT VATICAN 'ENVOY' POSITION

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — The executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State called on Henry Cabot Lodge to resign from his post as President Nixon's "representative to the Holy See."

"The appointment of a Vatican envoy has proved divisive," wrote Glenn L. Archer, head of the national organization whose stated aim is "the maintenance of separation of church and state as promulgated in the Constitution and interpreted by the U.S. Supreme Court."

Mr. Archer charged that the appointment "bestows special recognition on one very large Church and discriminates against others not so favored."

"Your visits to the Pope as Presi-

ic and labor union auspices, charged that most of funds allocated under the 1968 Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Acts were being used in ways which do not prevent or reduce crime. Their statement said: "Only negligible attention is being given to such areas as juvenile treatment, narcotics control, or court reform. The heavy emphasis on police could bring a serious dislocation in the entire system of criminal justice."

Father Joseph L. Pallo of Little Rock, speaking to the Diocesan Council of Catholic Women, described today's young people as having a "greater religious zeal than has ever been

## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

"Trouble and perplexity drive me to prayer, and prayer drives away perplexity and trouble." (Philip Melancthon)

### RELEASE

Once I had some burdens which were  
Heavy ones to bear.  
I loaded them upon my back  
And took them everywhere.

I watered them with sorrow's tears  
And tended them with care  
Lest they should suddenly depart  
And wander off somewhere.

Then one day there came the thought,  
"A foolish person, thou,  
Who carries all this weight around  
Be rid of it, here's how.

"Take these burdens to the Lord,  
Just lay them at his feet,  
And do not take them up again  
Lest troubles you repeat."

I do not have these any more,  
They're gone. When new ones come  
I try to remedy the cause  
That they are growing from.

And when I've done my best this way  
And still they linger near,  
I take them to the Lord again.  
He never fails to hear.

The sunshine of self-confidence  
And faith made stronger still  
Are bonuses which He will give,  
And brightest hopes fulfill.

-by Sara Beckwith

dent Nixon's representative are, and will continue to be, a source of dissension among our people," he stated in the letter to Mr. Lodge. "Your resignation now, in the interests of intercreedal peace, will win for you the undying gratitude of the American people of all faiths."

The Americans United executive pointed out that when President Truman appointed Gen. Mark Clark as a Vatican envoy, "such an angry reaction throughout the nation" occurred that

the appointee "tendered his resignation rather than embarrass the President and divide the nation."

### News in Brief

William R. Richards, a staff member in the New York office of the Program Council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication, has been moved to the Nashville, Tenn., headquarters of the division.

## quote and unquote

Dr. A. Dudley Dennison, in his new book, **Shock It To Me, Doctor:** "In the flow of debate along the highways of opinions the new morality comes across like Procrustes, the legendary highwayman in Greek mythology who possessed an iron bed of unyielding length. He made his victims fit this bed — one way or another. If the unfortunate captive was too tall for the bed, he cut his legs off. If he was too short he stretched his limbs to fit. I get the impression from Robinson and Fletcher that 'situation ethics' operates this way."

The Urban Coalition, private organization founded under religious, civ-

known by any generation." He said, "They are seeking to establish a community of love, but are turned off by the formalism they see in their parishes."

Vera Zorina, noted ballerina and opera director, commenting on her participation in a new liturgical training for priests: "With gestures in liturgy, its either feast or famine. It depends on the inner spirit which must be formed by the leaders of worship. We must make the liturgy something alive rather than something that could become stereotyped."

The Rev. C. Louis Kau, American Baptist missionary to India, predicting at Green Lake, Wis. that all Western missionaries will be gone from the Asian country within a few years, said; "Under pressure from anti-Western

and anti-Christian bodies, the government has consistently reduced the number of foreign missionaries over the past few years. Perhaps the most tension-filled problem has been for the missionary staff to realize that the time is past for us to retain administrative responsibility in school, church, or general organization."

The Rev. John Neuhaus, co-founder of the Clergy and Laymen Concerned About Vietnam, concerning charges that the widely-used peace symbol is a "Communist-inspired" sign representing an inverted broken cross, a witch's foot or other Satanic devices: "If you're really looking for these things, and if you think that everything is controlled by these 'Godless' atheistic forces you can find all kinds of alarming things to confirm your preconceptions."

## Survey seeks answers to ministerial motivations

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) -- When does a person choose the ministry as a vocation and what influences his decision? That is the core of a survey of Methodist theological students and students enrolled at Methodist seminaries released here early in August by the United Methodist Board of Education's Department of the Ministry.

The survey which included 2,408 students representing 55 theological schools was released just weeks before the annual denomination-wide Ministry Sunday observance September 20. On that day many local churches will be stressing the importance of Christian ministry and ministerial recruitment.

Initiated in 1968 by Bishop Everett W. Palmer, Portland, Ore., then chairman of the former Methodist department of ministerial education, the study includes only former Methodist students and others enrolled in Methodist seminaries.

The nation-wide questionnaire was designed by the Rev. William H. Likins, an associate director in the Department of the Ministry. Purpose of the study, the most comprehensive of its kind ever conducted in the United Methodist Church, was to determine socioeconomic background, age and influences on the decision to prepare for the ordained ministry. Also, the study asked for factual information such as occupational plans.

In a summary and conclusion section of the study, Dr. Marvin T. Judy, professor of sociology of religion, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, said one "unquestioned conclusion" in the survey

was that persons may have made the decision to choose the ministry had they been exposed at the proper time in their lives to certain influential factors.

Dr. Likins said this particular conclusion has significance for persons in local churches planning special activities on Ministry Sunday.

More than half of the students responding to the questionnaires said a pastor had been the most influential factor in their decisions for the ministry. Thirty-six percent reported a minister other than a pastor was most influential. In descending order of importance regarding influence on their decision were: youth organization participation, youth camp experience, a college professor, a friend, mother, a serious religious doubt, an instantaneous religious experience, father, a campus minister, a church-school teacher, a moral-immoral crisis, a short-term ministry, spouse, etc.

In his summary, Dr. Judy said, "Keener insights and a better understanding on the part of parents, pastors, church-school teachers, youth counselors, college campus church-related ministers, and church laity in general can assist youth in their formative years to keep the ministry a live option in their thinking as one, among other, choices for vocation."

According to the survey, 36 percent of the Methodist students received their undergraduate degrees from institutions related to the United Methodist Church and 21 percent received degrees from a school of another denomination.

Almost 30 percent received degrees from state institutions and an addi-

tional 12 percent received degrees from other private schools.

A question asking for the occupation of the student's father revealed the cross section of family backgrounds to be representative of the total population.

Sixty-eight percent of the students had considered the ministry as a possible vocation choice by the time they had completed high school. An additional 21 percent became conscious of the ministry as a vocation after they were 25 years old.

The definite decision to prepare for the ministry was made by more than one-third of the students by the time they had finished high school with slightly less than a third making the decision between 15 and 19 years of age.

Forty-three percent made the decision to choose the ministry between the ages of 20 and 24, the college years.

Of the students surveyed, 54 percent were preparing for the pastoral ministry, 12 percent were planning to teach, five percent to be chaplains, two percent to work in the field of Christian education, and nine percent to work in combinations of these ministries. Almost 12 percent did not answer the question, indicating indecision.

The study indicated a close correlation between the number of church members within various sized congregations and the number of persons who were influenced by the congregation for ministry. For instance, 28 percent of the students indicated they were in a church of 249 members or less. In the United Methodist Church 29 percent of the church members are in congregations of that size though 71 per-

cent of all congregations are within that range.

What size communities produce ministers? Twenty percent were in churches located in communities of less than 2,500 persons while 75 percent of the congregations in United Methodism are located in such communities. An additional 9 percent of the congregations and 18 percent of the students were located in communities of 2,500 to 9,999. Fifty-nine percent of the students were from churches in communities of more than 10,000 population at the time of their career decision. Dr. Judy said this reflects the fact that 62 percent of the students made their decision for the ministry after completing high school and few colleges are located in communities of less than 10,000 population.

Dr. Judy said the survey began with one basic assumption: "The decision to choose the Christian ministry as a vocation is motivated by one's inner persuasion which may be interpreted as the 'call to the ministry' and is determined by many influential factors." In the study he said the "call" factor was not examined, but taken for granted.

Each local church has received materials to assist with Ministry Sunday observances including a poster with suggestions and references, and a theme sermon prepared by Dr. Likins. Additional copies may be ordered from the Department of the Ministry, P. O. Box 871, Nashville, Tenn. 37202. Dr. Likins said individuals could also receive a complete summary of the study by sending one dollar.

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### SODEPAX RECEIVES FOUNDATION GRANTS

GENEVA — For the second successive year the U.S.-based Ford Foundation and the international Humanum Foundation, with headquarters in Lugano, Switzerland, have made substantial grants to the Committee on Society, Development and Peace (SODEPAX). This is a joint undertaking of the World Council of Churches and the Vatican's Pontifical Commission Justice and Peace.

The Ford Foundation has given \$140,250 for the year 1970 and the Humanum Foundation is repeating last year's gift of \$100,000.

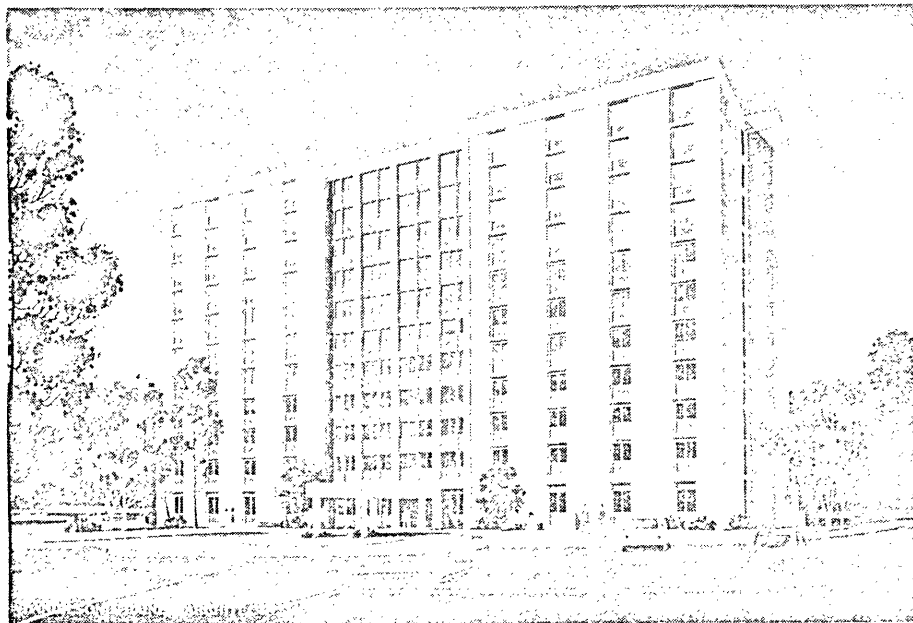
Established in 1968, SODEPAX is mandated to mobilize public opinion through the Christian Churches in support of development and peace. Acting on the assumption that there is no lack of knowledge about how to achieve these goals, but rather a lack of political will to do what is needed, SODEPAX organizes international and regional conferences, consultations and discussions between church people and the experts to generate an effective public opinion.

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### EDUCATION STAFFER SEEKS TO REACH BLACK YOUTH

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Reaching children and youth of the black community with effective Chris-

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Wesley Homes, Inc., an agency of the North Georgia Annual Conference, will soon begin construction of this \$3,900,000 high rise apartment building in Atlanta.

tian education will be the central responsibility of a new staff member named to the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

The Rev. Willard A. Williams, pastor of Lincoln Memorial United Methodist Church, Buffalo, N.Y., was named to the position by the Rev. Howard M. Ham, general secretary of the division, and Bishop W. Ralph Ward, Syracuse, N.Y.

The new area of responsibility in the board's work was authorized by the Board of Education at its annual meeting earlier this year. Funding for the work is being provided by a special grant from the Council on World Service and Finance of the church.

According to Dr. Ham, Mr. Williams will work to develop the educational leadership of the churches in black communities.

### RHODESIAN METHODISTS OPPOSE LAND TENURE ACT

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists in Rhodesia have taken a firm stand against the new Land Tenure Act, an apartheid-like law passed by Ian Smith's white-dominated government — which could possibly cost churches many of their institutions and prevent blacks and whites from worshipping and working together.

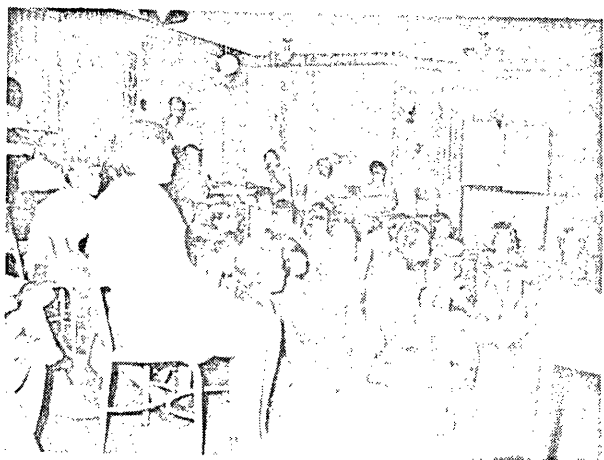
The far-reaching decision of the United Methodist Church's Rhodesia Conference to protest strongly and, if necessary, defy the racially discriminatory law was made at a recent (June) special Conference session at the birthplace of Rhodesian Methodism, Old Umtali. The 350 delegates (including Africans and missionaries) also voted to oppose a cut in African teachers' salaries imposed by the Smith regime and affecting teachers in United Methodist schools.

The actions were taken by ministerial and lay delegates representing 242 congregations with 34,606 members (full and preparatory). In regard to the Land Tenure Act, the Conference backed the unequivocal stance of most of Rhodesia's church leaders including United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa. An April statement of top Roman Catholic and Protestant leaders denouncing the Act as oppressive and unChristian, and declaring public opposition to it, has been hailed by churchmen in England and America.

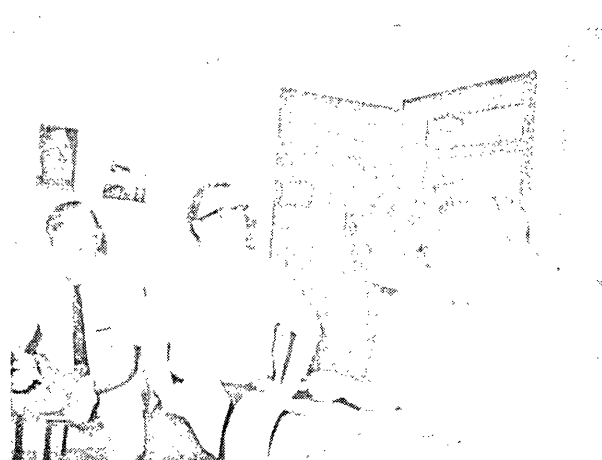
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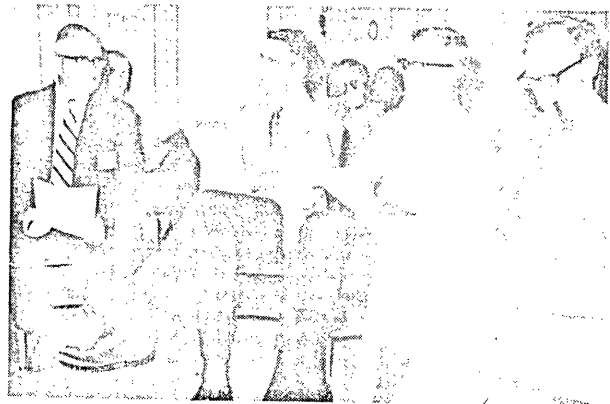
A group of parents who participated in the recent training enterprise on sex education at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.



Some of the Junior Highs who participated in the course.



The Leadership Team headed by the Rev. C. Wayne Banks, (second from left) included also, from left: the Rev. Joe Arnold, Mrs. W. A. Rice and the Rev. David Wilson.



Another group of the parents who participated in the training period.



Some of the Leaders-in-Training in an evaluation session immediately following a class with the youth.



LIT's Mrs. Susan Purifoy of Little Rock and Mrs. LaVerne Burton of DeQueen are shown with the Rev. Joe Arnold.

## Pilot project on sex education held

August 3-7, 1970, at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, the Little Rock Conference sponsored a pilot project under the general heading of "The Role of Sex in Christianity", and under a more specific title of "Sex Education for Jr. Highs and their Parents."

The purpose of the enterprise was to open up new areas of communication between Jr. Highs and their parents, and to teach all that sex is a gift of God and our sexuality is what we do with this gift.

The school was comprised of the Leadership Team with Reverend C. Wayne Banks of S.M.U. as the primary leader. Other members of the team were Mrs. W. A. Rice, Little Rock; the Rev. David Wilson, DeQueen; and the Rev. Joe E. Arnold of the Program Council.

The Leaders-in-Training, or LIT's, were selected from across the Conference and are as follows: the Rev. Jack Wilson, Sheridan; William Young, Pine Bluff; the Rev. Harold Hansford, Grady; the Rev. George Tanner, Lake

Village; the Rev. Sam Jones, Star City; Mrs. Susan Purifoy, Little Rock; Mrs. LaVerne Burton, DeQueen; Miss Cheryl Green, DeQueen; Mrs. Ann Crofoot, Little Rock; Mrs. Diane Bally, Arkadelphia and Mrs. Julie Edwards, Little Rock. Attending the sessions, of which five were for youth and two were for adults, were 35 Jr. Highs and their parents.

The enterprise was such a success that plans were begun immediately for a second school in the spring of 1971 at another church somewhere in the conference.

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### Memorials given to Hendrix College

Mrs. W. O. Wilson  
by Ethel K. Millar  
The John Hugh Reynolds family  
Armon Pitman  
by Harold Thompson  
Mrs. Steve Zanolich  
by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Rancy

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Participating in the recent North Arkansas Children's Workers Conference at Jacksonville were (l. to r.): Mrs. Sophia Barton, Searcy; the Rev. Max Whitfield of Eureka Springs; the Rev. Wayne Jarvis of Jonesboro; and the Rev. Bob Edwards of Jacksonville.



The Rev. David McIntosh and his daughter, Maura, of Meridian, Miss. recently presented a program in the Undercroft at First Church, Helena. He is the pastor of Central United Methodist Church, and, with his daughter, writes and sings folk songs.

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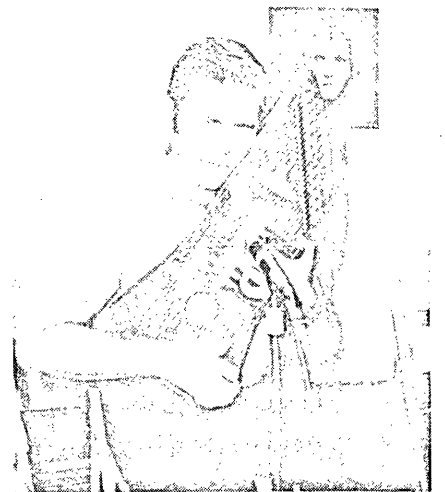
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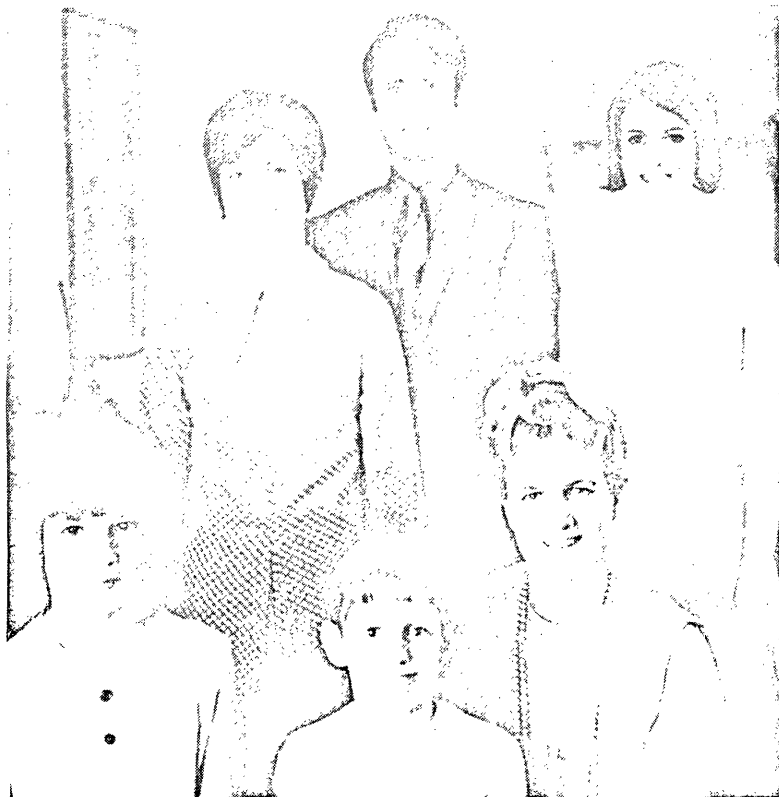
A total of 130 campers and counselors participated in the recent Junior High Camp for the Monticello and Pine Bluff districts held at Camp Tanako under the direction of the Rev. Sam Jones of Star City.



Brother Martin of the Roman Catholic teaching order of Christian Brothers recently presented a unique musical program at First Church, Helena. Using a modified version of the autoharp, he took great hymns and chants of the church and adapted them to modern tunes.



H. Rodney Showalter of Searcy recently joined the staff of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, as organist. A graduate of Hendrix College, he is a member of Grace United Methodist Church, Searcy, and was formerly organist at First Church, Morrilton.



Mr. and Mrs. Tommy G. Smith and their children of Conway were selected to represent Arkansas in the All-American family search held in Lehigh, Fla., Aug. 15-23. The family includes (standing) Kathy, 17, Mr. Smith and Susan, 16; (seated) Anita, 9, Glen, 8, and Mrs. Smith. Smith is an administrator and public relations director at State College of Arkansas. He is a prominent layman in First Church, Conway, and serves as chairman of the Commission on Ministries of that church. (Log Cabin Democrat photo by Wright).

## ALL ABOUT ARKANSAS

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