

# Arkansas Methodist

89th YEAR

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## Church Renewal director to lead Little Rock Conference Laymen's Assembly

The annual assembly of the Board of the Laity of the Little Rock Annual Conference will this year take the form of a Lay Witness Mission coordinated by the United Methodist layman who has been most active in this phase of the church's work.

Dr. Ben C. Johnson of Atlanta, Ga., executive director of the Institute of Church Renewal, will be active in the leadership of the three-day retreat, Sept. 11-13 at Camp Tanako, according to S. H. "Herb" Allman, chairman of the conference board.

Registration for the assembly will begin at 2:00 p.m., Friday, Sept. 11, with the opening general session being held at 7:30 p.m., Friday evening.

Pastors of the Little Rock Conference are being invited to participate in a period of discussion with Dr. Johnson concerning the Lay Witness movement beginning at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday morning, Sept. 12.

The laymen will pause on Saturday afternoon for a time dedicated to the Arkansas Razorbacks who will be playing their first football game in Little Rock beginning at 5:00 p.m., with a general session scheduled for 9:30 p.m., Saturday night, following the game. Television sets will be avail-



Dr. Ben C. Johnson

able for watching the game and transportation to Little Rock is planned for those with tickets and without transportation.

Most of the three-day program will follow the general format of a Lay Witness Mission in a local church. However, workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon of training in various phases of such a program. These

workshops and their leaders are as follows:

"How to Have a Lay Witness Mission" — led by Dr. Milton Harbuck of North Little Rock; "Lay Witness Mission Follow-up" — led by Dr. Bob Chapman of Fort Worth, Tex.; "Personal Christian Growth" — led by Harbart Thornton of Brownsville, Tenn.; "Ministry of the Laity" — led by Tommy Tanner of Jackson, Tenn.; "Joyous Living" — led by Chuck Carpenter of Mobile, Ala.; and "Personal Witnessing" — led by Dr. Tom Shipmon of Memphis, Tenn.

Dr. Johnson is an ordained minister of the Alabama-West Florida Annual Conference, the author of a number of books, and widely in demand as a speaker, not only in the United States but around the world.

The position which motivates him in his present work is expressed in the following statement: "The great hope of the Christian Church is an awakened, dedicated laity . . . The effective minister is one who produces lay decision makers in the affairs of the world . . . We must train our laymen to see Christ in the secular experiences of day-to-day living, and to witness to his presence in something other than traditional terms."

Laymen of the conference are invited to send their early registrations to B. F. Allbright, 316 North Schiller, Little Rock, Ark. 72205. No payment is expected with the pre-registration with the total cost of \$10 being payable at the time of registration at Tanako.

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## Dr. Parlin named to WMC presidency

GENEVA, Switzerland (UMI) — Dr. Charles Coolidge Parlin, United Methodist layman from Englewood, N. J., has been named president of the World Methodist Council. He was elected by the Council's Executive Committee at its meeting here Aug. 18 to fill a vacancy left by the death of the former president, Bishop Odd Hagen of Stockholm, Sweden.

Dr. Parlin is the first layman to head the World Methodist Council, a fellowship of 33 independent Methodist church bodies with 20 million members and an estimated constituency of nearly 50 million persons in 90 countries.

A major undertaking of the Council is a quinquennial World Methodist Conference (which takes place every five years), the next one of which will be held Aug. 18-26, 1971, in Denver, Colo. Dr. Parlin will serve until the conclusion of that conference.

Dr. Parlin has long been active in the World Methodist Council, serving on its executive committee since 1948 and as vice president since 1956.

He was a member of the six-man presidium of the World Council of Churches from 1961 to 1968, and is a former vice president of the National Council of Churches.

As secretary of the Methodist Church's Commission on Church Union, he was one of the principal architects of the plan of union which united that denomination and the Evangelical United Brethren Church into the present United Methodist Church in 1968.

Widely known as a lay statesman in the church, he has been a delegate to 10 General Conferences of his denomination.

In recognition of this long service and his key position in the EUB-Methodist union, the 1968 Uniting Conference in Dallas voted to have a Charles C. Parlin Day during the 1970 General Conference at which time he was honored at a special banquet in St. Louis.

In 1969 in Nashville, Tenn., he received the Upper Room citation for notable contributions in World Christian Fellowship.

An international lawyer, long associated with the world's largest law firm, Shearman and Sterling, in New York, Dr. Parlin has been chairman of the board of directors of the Celanese



Dr. Parlin

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Leaders for the Little Rock District Ministers' Retreat at Camp Tanako, Aug. 27 and 28 included: Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, district superintendent; the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home; the Rev. Everett Vinson, Conference Program director; and the Rev. James Major, vice-president of Hendrix College.



The Rev. James W. Workman, Jr., member of the Pacific Northwest Annual Conference on Sabbatical Leave, has been named to supply the Humphrey-Humnoke Charge in the Pine Bluff District for the remainder of this year. Bishop Paul V. Galloway has announced the appointment, effective September 1. Mr. Workman is the son of Dr. James M. Workman of Scott and a brother of the Rev. John Workman, pastor of Markham United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

## Pastors' School "Personality of the Week"

— Dr. John Haddon Leith

The leader of the class on contemporary theology at the Arkansas Pastors' School, Sept. 14-17, at Hendrix College will be Dr.



John Haddon Leith, professor of historical theology at Union Theological Seminary in Virginia.

A native of South Carolina and an ordained minister in the Presbyterian Church (Southern), Dr. Leith is a graduate of Erskine College in his native state and received the B.D. degree from Columbia Theological Seminary, Decatur, Ga. He earned the M.A. degree at Vanderbilt University and the Ph. D. from Yale University.

He served as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church, Nashville, Tenn. from 1944 to 1946, and was pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Auburn, Ala. from 1948 to 1959.

He has been in his present teaching position since leaving the Auburn church. Other posts in this field have included: visiting professor, Columbia Seminary; lecturer in religion, Auburn University; and visiting professor, Florida Presbyterian College.

Dr. Leith has delivered a number of outstanding lecture series and has written several articles on John Calvin. He served as the editor of a Doubleday publication, "Creeds of the Churches."

He is a member of the board of Presbyterian Survey and Presbyterian Outlook and is on the editorial council of Interpretation.

### BULLETIN

Word was received just as we went to press of the sudden death in Helena of Brad Jordan, brother of the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Conway. Our prayers and sympathy are extended to this family.

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Corporation, and a trustee of several educational institutions.

Despite his far-ranging legal and ecumenical concerns and an intensive travel schedule, Dr. Parlin has maintained an active participation in his local church—First United Methodist in Englewood, N. J. — holding numerous offices in that congregation and being a teacher in its church school

### BILL WILLIAMS NAMED CONWAY, FIRST, ASSOCIATE

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has announced the appointment of the Rev.

for 40 years.

A native of Wausau, Wisconsin, he was graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1919 and Harvard Law School in 1922. He holds honorary doctorates from a dozen colleges and universities.

The World Methodist Council maintains headquarters at Lake Junaluska, N. C., with offices also in the Ecumenical Center in Geneva. The Rev. Lee F. Tuttle is its general secretary.

Powell Gladstone Williams III as associate pastor of First United Methodist Church, Conway.

A native of Marion, Ark., Bill is a graduate of Hendrix College and holds the Bachelor of Divinity and Master of Christian Education degrees from Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Ga.

During his undergraduate days at Hendrix he served as youth director and assistant pastor of a number of Arkansas churches. While attending Emory, he has served as recreation director of the Dekalb County Juvenile Home and has been employed by the Atlanta-Decatur-Decalb YMCA as a Gra-Y Club leader and as a coordinator.

Since 1969 he has served as student associate for the Southeast Region of the YMCA with special responsibility for new adults (15-30 years of age) in the Southeast Region.

"The Witness," parish paper of the Conway church, said: "As one of our ministers in Conway, Bill Williams will be working with all age groups in the church and community. However, with his coming, we hope to add some new dimensions in certain areas such as youth and young adult work."

## Prison Ministry coordinator named

A. J. (Steed) Joyce, Pine Bluff, has been named coordinator of the Arkansas Prison Ministry effective September 1.

The Arkansas Prison Ministry — formed by the Lutheran Church in America, United Methodist, Christian, Episcopal and the AME Zion Churches of Arkansas and the Arkansas Baptist Convention—was organized for these purposes:

—To provide a counseling service for inmates in the Arkansas prison system who are preparing to return to free society;

—To provide similar services, as time and expertise are available, to persons confined in other penal institutions and to persons convicted of crimes but not confined to prison;

—To work with the Arkansas Release Guidance Foundation and other agencies to acquaint the citizens of Arkansas, especially those who are members of the cooperating denominations, with the needs of persons who are confined within the prisons of this state;

—To demonstrate that such a concern for the rehabilitation of a person is beneficial and of practical help not only to the convicted criminal but to all of society as well.

Mr. Joyce, 43, is a native of Fort Worth, Texas. He attended Texas A & M College and graduated from the University of Houston with majors in psychology and sociology.

He was employed at the University of Houston for several years when he did testing and vocational counseling. For the past seven years Mr. Joyce has been an officer with the Cotton Belt Railroad in Pine Bluff.

He is a member of the Pine Bluff Rotary Club, the Pine Bluff Chamber of Commerce, the Pine Bluff Community Interfaith Council and Grace Episcopal Church where he serves on the vestry and has served as president of the Episcopal Churchmen, senior warden, and Sunday School teacher.



Gerald K. Rainwater

## North Arkansas seminarian receives travel-seminar award

Gerald K. Rainwater, Perkins School of Theology, has recently been named one of two students from that school who is to receive a National United Methodist Seminary Award based upon work completed during the school year 1969-70. In addition to a scholarship of \$500 each of the twenty-eight seminarians named from our 14 United Methodist seminaries will participate in a ten day travel-seminar which shall take them to major centers of all United Methodist Boards and Agencies.

The seminar scheduled for September 7-16, will originate in Nashville and close in Evanston, Illinois, with intermediate stops in Washington, D.C. and New York City.

National Seminary Awards are made possible through the United Methodist Student Day offerings.

Rainwater, a Probationary Member of the North Arkansas Conference, is serving as student pastor of the William C. Martin United Methodist Church, Euless, Texas while attending seminary. He is a native of Ft. Smith, Arkansas, and is married to the former Nancy Major of that city.

### From the Treasurer's Office:

Figures through July 31, 1970

Arkansas Area  
The United Methodist Church

#### Little Rock Conference:

| Gross Collections |              |            |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| Apportioned       | Paid         | Percentage |
| \$983,270.00      | \$510,763.67 | 51.95%     |

#### World Service and Conference Benevolences

| Apportioned  | Paid         | Percentage |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| \$338,693.00 | \$150,530.01 | 44.4%      |

#### North Arkansas Conference:

| Gross Collections |              |            |
|-------------------|--------------|------------|
| Apportioned       | Paid         | Percentage |
| \$1,294,301.83    | \$687,372.36 | 53.1%      |

#### World Service and Conference Benevolences

| Apportioned  | Paid         | Percentage |
|--------------|--------------|------------|
| \$372,562.00 | \$158,477.72 | 42.5%      |

# Editorial

## AFFIRMING THE CHURCH ON MONDAY MORNING

Recently a sermon came to our attention from which we are borrowing the title and much of the outline for this editorial just prior to Labor Day. It was the work of Dr. Wayne K. Clymer of Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill. and was delivered this summer as part of the United Methodist segment of The Protestant Hour over radio.

We were reminded that during the summer months some children were in camp where they sang a song which goes: "Today is Monday, Monday is wash day; Tuesday is string beans; Wednesday is soup; Thursday is roast beef; Friday is fish; Saturday is pay day; Sunday is church."

The author makes two suggestions concerning the message of this song. First, he reminds us of a changing order which has altered some of the rhythms of the song — Saturday is not payday for everyone, and fish is no longer a Friday dish.

However, the deeper meaning of his message concerns that wide chasm between Sunday and Monday — that great space between church and wash day, or all other labor as far as that is concerned.

We have a long history of regard for Sunday as church day. Dr. Clymer says, "The linkage of Sunday and church goes back, as we have all been taught, to the event of Christ's resurrection. Until that time, Sunday was simply the first day of the week. So momentous and decisive was the resurrection of Christ from the dead that the disciples designated the day as 'the Lord's Day.' Each week they gathered together to celebrate the resurrection festival. It was not until many years later that a special day was set aside as Easter Sunday."

Now we have to admit that Sunday is not all that it once was. The Puritans have been accused of making the day a dull and lifeless one, and persons in our time that make suggestions regarding the recovery of some special respect for Sunday are accused of blindly following the Puritans. Despite the shortcomings that some may find in the way Sunday has been kept, many are sad that the day seems to be rapidly slipping away from us. But even so, thousands still find Sunday a rich time of spiritual and physical renewal. Those who do regularly attend religious services are hesitant to see Sunday lose its character and become just another day on the calendar.

But the children also sing, "Today is Monday, Monday is wash day." Monday is wash day — it is clearly not church day in the minds of far too many — and

herein is our message concerning the proclamation of Christianity on Monday — and every other day of the week. Increasingly, people are affirming that if the spirit of Christ does not pervade our occupations and the workday routines then the worship of Sunday is suspect.

On Sunday the church building stands dark and empty — and many are raising questions about the one-day-a-week utilization of physical facilities which were built at such a cost. The church secretary may be at her post; the janitor may be cleaning after the activities of Sunday; and the pastor is assumed to be about his pastoral duties — even his day off should be seen as a part of his pastoral obligation. Somewhere printing presses may be preparing church literature, and connectional representatives may be attending committee meetings. But these activities are out of sight and out of mind. Monday is wash day — not church day.

Of course many of us, including those who wrote the children's song, were influenced by a definition of the church which is given in terms of that which goes on in a building. They gave little weight to the fact that the literal meaning of church is "called out." The church is composed of the "called out ones" — called out not simply to meet on Sunday, but called out from a life organized with themselves at the center, and called to a life formed by obedience to Christ.

When we look at the church in such terms the question about what the church should be doing on Monday needs to be seen in a different light. Dr. Clymer says: "Where is the church on Monday morning? The answer is obvious. Monday being wash day, the church is washing clothes . . . the church is also riding commuter trains, traveling on the freeways, working in offices, plowing fields, meeting over coffee cups and turning the wheels of industry."

The church gathered for corporate worship and study on Sunday is on Monday morning doing the world's work . . . but with a difference in motive and outlook."

It ought to go without saying that the church is essentially the disciples of Christ who worship on Sunday and work at their occupations on Monday. However, there are still those among us who would make sharp distinctions between Sunday and Monday for church people. Some still think they can shed their occupational image while engaged as members of the "gathered" congregation on the "Lord's Day." These same persons believe there is no trick at all in leaving their religious convictions in the closet with their Sunday suit, and going about their work with no Christian scruples or obligations.

One danger in any such concept, is in thinking of the church as just another organization competing for our time. A second danger is that those who have made a Christian profession will not feel the compulsion to act in conscious awareness of being the church.

A British engineer speaks of the central theme of our Labor Day message. After completing his training he learned of a group of men who are exploring the Christian faith in relation to their jobs. He attended their meetings monthly, and as a result his faith and his work have both taken on new meaning. He says: "Even though I went to church, it wouldn't normally have occurred to me to see the human and moral issues in industry, let alone to study Christianity from the angle of my work. I look at things in a new light as a result." He has come to see what it means to be the church on Monday.

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## the Editor's Corner



### IS THE SERMON A SUBSTITUTE FOR PREACHING?

The question at the head of this column was recently raised by Dr. James Evans McReynolds, an information specialist with the Sunday School Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. It is especially meaningful for us Methodists who have been giving a good deal of thought to "how the word gets around?"

We would like to share with you some of the choice "quotes" from Dr. McReynolds feature:

"In most pulpits the Sunday sermon does not fulfill the function of preaching. Whatever other purpose the Sunday sermon serves, it does not address itself to the crowd, to the people. It speaks to the 'faithful few' only."

"The people of our time meet in places other than the churches. What is said in church, therefore, does not reach them. Our preaching is thus restricted to a few."

"Because we do not take the trouble to discover the aspirations of people, the failures, the heartaches, the sins of people, few of those who really need us by chance come to hear us."

"A church which tolerates this situation is like a pro football team which plays all its games with a toy computer in the recreation room of their warm homes rather than on a football field that is cold, bruising, risky and full of competition, pain, defeat, and frustration."

"As a result of the immobility of preaching, the church's members who are eager to express their faith, but lacking the gifts of speech for a full-time ministry, are left with only charitable works and those with people who are already connected with the church."

"Let me make some suggestions of where people meet today, where they are perhaps not of their own choosing, and where they are because they have not responded to the proclamation of the Gospel, and then you will know where and when to go . . . they meet on beaches, at athletic events, in rescue missions . . . in bars, at music festivals, at folk concerts and political rallies."

"If we are to reach our world through preaching, we are going to have to involve our laymen in sharing this Good News. Only as we preach through the week where people are can we reach those who need to hear the proclamation of the church."

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Increasing numbers of West German churchgoers are severing their formal religious ties following the government's introduction of a 10 percent income tax surcharge, spokesmen for the Roman Catholic and Evangelical Churches reported from Bonn. Because a similar amount is also subtracted from pay checks of those registered as members of churches, religious leaders believe people are leaving the church to compensate for the new tax increase.

NBC news has announced a new religious programming format for the Fall season. The weekly Sunday one-hour features will be produced by the Public Affairs Department in association with religious groups that have cooperated previously in half-hour shows. Donald Meany, vice president of NBC news, explained "We feel the time has come for a whole new approach . . . the hour format will give the faith groups more time to get into a problem in depth and in effect each one becomes a special, more likely to get specific attention from the audience." The series of holiday specials will be continued.

Joel Wells, editor of Critic magazine and vice president of the Thomas More Assn. in Chicago, has warned that unless the U. S. regains its sense of humor it will lose the ability to think clearly and positively. "Humor used to be the hallmark of the American character," the editor told a Summer graduating class. He commented that we are losing humor "to computers, to forms, to charge cards and traffic jams; to hatred, bigotry and commercialism; to rampant technology and frightening change." The editor charged that individuals are taking themselves too seriously both at work and at what they quaintly call play and recreation.

Cassette albums of "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English version, have been presented to the Library of Congress and the 48 branch libraries of the system. The presentation was made by the Amer. Bible Society, marking its 135th year of service to the blind. With funds from Congress, the Library of Congress administers a system of regional libraries for the blind and physically handicapped. The recordings were made by the late television star, Bud Collyer.

The triennial General Convention of the Episcopal Church, to meet in Houston in October, will be the first in which women have taken part in the planning. Sessions of the all-male House of Bishops and House of Deputies will be closely linked to a Triennial Meeting of Episcopal Women. The Convention is expected to take final action on legislation passed three years ago making women eligible for seats in the House of Deputies.

The Guideposts Good Samaritan Trophy for 1970 was awarded to Ray Butterfield, a Mississippi television executive, who has been called "The Paul Revere of the Gulf Coast" for his inspired service in the Hurricane Camille disaster. Sensing that Camille would hit the Biloxi-Gulfport area, despite predictions to the contrary, Mr. Butterfield assumed personal responsibility for frightening the public into an awareness of danger — broadcasting dramatic pleas that have been credited with the saving of hundreds of lives. Guideposts is a national inspirational magazine edited by Dr. Norman Vincent Peale.

Reduction of the regional provinces of the Episcopal Church in the U.S.A. from nine to six and heading each by an archbishop are proposed by the Rhode Island Churchman as a means of decentralizing the denomination's activities. The Rev. Edwin K. Packard, Churchman editor, says that "most of the work of the national headquarters and of the executive Council can be better and more effectively done on a provincial basis. The denomination's present provinces are said to have little to do because the work of the Church and decisions regarding it are main functions of the national Executive Council and other agencies of the General Convention.

Progress reports were heard at the annual meeting of the Society for the Ministry of Women in the Church during a meeting of the group at Westminster in London. Eva D. Spicer, secretary of the group organized in 1929, reported that more than 50 Anglican and Presbyterian women in Britain were taking advantage of recently liberalized laws which allowed women to prepare for leadership positions in the ministry.

The Church of England has announced a massive \$45 million building program for the new towns emerging throughout England as the population increases. Some 240 new churches, 155 buildings for use either as churches or halls, 265 church halls and 200 houses for clergy will be provided under the proposed building project. Cost of the program—scheduled for completion by 1978—will be shared by the Anglican Church Commissioners and the diocese and parishes in which the buildings will be erected. The Church has also reported that an estimated 700 unwanted churches in the older centers of the nation may be declared "redundant" during the next 10 years and offered for sale.

Several provisions of a Kerala state law, enabling the take-over of Christian and other private colleges by a government-appointed panel, were struck down by the Indian Supreme Court in New Delhi. The Court held that any take-over without provision of payment of compensation is "inconsistent" with the Indian Constitution which guarantees the right "to acquire, hold and dispose of property." Observers regarded the Court decision as a victory for churches in their long-standing battle with attempts of state governments in India to curtail educational freedom, especially among church groups.

When considering the church's future, clergymen are most concerned about active responsiveness to needs and issues of the world while laymen see development of a strong personal faith as foremost, according to a poll in the Episcopal Diocese of South Ohio. Laymen polled were in two groups—delegates and alternates. "Development of an attitude of openness to change" was the second most important goal to the clergy. Laymen scored it 13th out of 20 choices. For laymen, second was "responsible interpretation and communication of the faith." This was seventh among clergy.

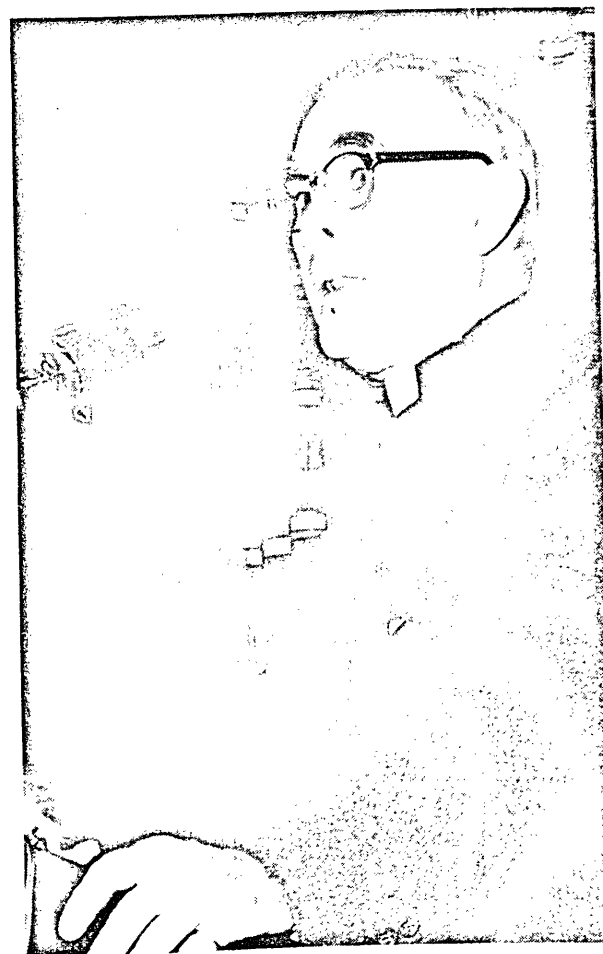
The problems of the Holy Land should be solved according to the needs of 1970 and not in terms of situations which existed 1,970 years before Christ, the moderator of the United Church of Canada said in an interview in Jerusalem. Dr. Robert Baird McClure and two colleagues had just completed an extensive tour of both Israel and Arab countries, conferring with both religious and governmental leaders. Dr. McClure spent five years working in the Gaza strip following World War II.

A new Bible translation for English-speaking Catholics, developed by some 51 scholars—four of them Protestant—over a period of 26 years, will replace the version in use for more than 200 years. Previous versions were based on the Latin Vulgate which St. Jerome published in 405. Said a spokesman, Father William J. Tobin, the New Bible is a "faithful translation in today's language for today's people."

Churches involved in controversial social action programs in urban areas are reportedly being reclassified by many insurance companies as "high risks" and in some cases policies are being abruptly cancelled, dropped upon expiration or put into a "pool" where many companies share the risk. Roman Catholic and Episcopal Churches, which run their own insurance programs, have thus far escaped any policy cancellations, but smaller churches and some synagogues are considered in financial peril, the report stated.

Approximately 1,750 students and staff members of Campus Crusade for Christ from 44 states have taken a five-week Bible course at Arrowhead Springs in California to prepare them for work on the nation's campuses. According to Dr. William R. Bright, president of the organization, the course was designed to "train students in biblical principles, equip them for the task of saturating the campuses of the U.S. with the message of Christ by 1976, and ultimately, to help fulfill the Great Commission by 1980."

An All-Mennonite Consultation on Evangelism will be held in Chicago in the Spring of 1972. "In the best sense of our Anabaptist tradition we want to hear from each other, let the Holy Spirit speak through the brotherhood about our future in evangelism in the 70's," said Eugene Wittmer, executive secretary of the consultation. "Anabaptist evangelism has always taken the more difficult way, of calling men to faith in Christ which leads to neighbor-loving social action. Either one without the other is not worthy of our high calling in Jesus Christ."



WASHINGTON, D.C. — Dr. Fredrick Brown Harris, chaplain of the U.S. Senate for 24 years, died in Washington on August 18 at the age of 87. The United Methodist clergyman retired from the Senate last year after serving as chaplain longer than any man in history. Dr. Harris was first elected Senate chaplain in 1942. Four years later he was succeeded by Dr. Peter Marshall, who died in 1949. Dr. Harris was unanimously reelected and held the post until January, 1969, when he asked to be relieved. (RNS Photo)

SEPTEMBER 3, 1970



## APPOINTMENT CHANGES AT GREENWOOD

The Rev. J. M. Rodgers, pastor at Alma and Bethel has been appointed by Bishop Paul V. Galloway to be the new pastor of Greenwood United Methodist Church, effective in August.

In that church he succeeds the Rev. Dan Evans, who was recently named Director of Campus Ministry at Rolla, Mo., where there is a campus enrollment of about 12,000 with a Methodist constituency of about 3,000.

The new pastor at Alma will be announced later.

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## MRS. LORINE HART RYLAND

Mrs. Lorine Hart Ryland, age 80, died August 17 at the Jefferson Memorial Hospital in Pine Bluff. She was the wife of Walter M. Ryland, Sr.

Mrs. Ryland was a lifelong resident of Pine Bluff and the daughter of the late G. Neill Hart and Ada Bond Hart. She was a graduate of Pine Bluff schools and served in social and community work throughout her lifetime.

She was a member of Lakeside United Methodist Church and for many years was active in the program of the Church. She was a teacher in the Children's Division and for many years was superintendent of the Junior Department.

Mrs. Ryland was also active in the Womens' Society of Christian Service, holding various offices in her local society including that of President. She was also the District Secretary of the Pine Bluff District; and was responsible for the organization of many missionary societies. In addition she was an officer of the Little Rock Conference Womens' Society of Christian Service, serving as Recording Secretary, two years; Vice-President, four years, and as Spiritual Life chairman. For a time she served as Recording Secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction of the Womens' Society of the Methodist Church.

In addition to her church work, Mrs. Ryland was active in social and community affairs in Pine Bluff. She was instrumental in organizing Church Women United in Pine Bluff and was the first President. She also assisted in the organization of the World Day of Prayer for the city.

Always interested in children and youth, she helped organize the Girl Scouts in Pine Bluff and served as a member of the first Girl Scout Council of the city. It was during this time The Little House, headquarters for the Girl Scouts, was built.

For many years she was a volunteer worker in the Red Cross and was especially active during World War II.

On June 28, 1911, she was married to Walter M. Ryland, Sr. who survives her.

Other survivors include a son, Walter Ryland, Jr. of Nacogdoches, Texas; a daughter, Dr. Ada Ryland of Wilmington, Delaware; a brother, Dr. Neill Hart of Little Rock; two sisters, Mrs. Jo Hart Madding and Mrs. Wylie A. Barrow, both of Pine Bluff; a grandson; and three great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were held August 19 at Ralph Robinson & Son Mortuary of Pine Bluff with the Rev. Elmo Thomason, Dr. E. Clifton Rule and Dr. Arthur Terry officiating. Burial was at Bellwood Cemetery in Pine Bluff.

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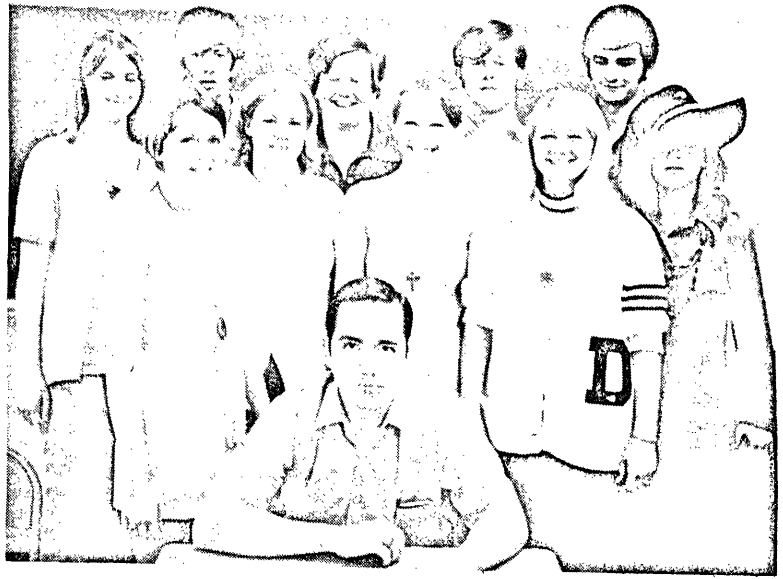
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Delegates, most of whom are members of the North Arkansas Youth Council, at the August 10-15 Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Enterprise held at Mt. Sequoyah. BACK ROW: Margaret Brown, Fort Smith First Church, Tom Shay, Dardanelle, Mona Marshall and Warren Casteel, Batesville Central Avenue, Marty Smith, Blytheville, and Tara Hardin, Fort Smith Hendricks Hills; FRONT ROW, standing: Becky Cathey, Melbourne, Nancy Kramer, Moorefield, Denise Marsee, Conway First, Pam Braddy, Danville; SEATED: The Rev. Tom Weir, Conference Youth coordinator and pastor of Wyatt Memorial in Fort Smith. (Photo by David Moose, associate minister, Fort Smith First Church)

"THE GENERATION GAP - Fact or Fiction" was the subject of a panel discussion closing the Adult Summer Series in First Church, West Memphis. Panel participants included Bob Hobbs, counselor; Mrs. Sterling McVay, teacher; Sallye Bledsoe, high school senior; Chris Fair, college student. The Rev. Clint Burleson served as moderator.

THE TEACHER APPRECIATION dinner in First Church, Helena, was held Sunday night, August 30. Guest speaker was the minister of First Church, West Helena, the Rev. Dick Haltom. Helena pastor is the Rev. Jim Beal.

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## SILOAM SPRINGS YOUTH HAVE ACTIVITY-FILLED SUMMER

Noteworthy summer youth activities at Siloam Springs United Methodist Church have included the areas of service, study and worship. Fred Barbee, youth director, and sponsors Mr. and Mrs. Billy Whitehead and Mr. and Mrs. Mark Simmons gave guidance to the program.

In the service area, the groups assisted with a cooperative vacation church school (Presbyterian and Methodist), operated a weekly baby-sitting service (Mothers' Day Out) each Thursday, and supported a needy Mexican child. The group bought altar parameters for the new Highfill United Methodist Church which was destroyed by fire this spring. They visited shut-in church members, distributed publicity

for the WSCS auction, and sponsored several after-church receptions for visiting ministers.

In addition to a regular study program the youth conducted five services including two morning worship services. A contemporary Holy Communion service, Youth Sunday and a chancel drama were among the special features. A Junior Usher League served regularly at the evening worship hour, and the Venite Choir sang.

Three girls from Siloam Springs attended the North Arkansas Conference Work Camp in Phoenix, Arizona, and a member of the senior high group, Allen Kimbrough, was elected to serve on the North Arkansas Conference Board of Evangelism at the Hendrix Youth Assembly.

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Group of 18 Youth Fellowship members and adult sponsors from Trinity Church in Little Rock just before their recent departure for New Orleans, where they helped to staff the recreation program at Saint Mark's Community Center for a week. The Center, sponsored by the United Methodist Church, serves the New Orleans community in both a recreational and social service capacity. The UMY group conducted a day camp program each morning for approximately 40 children, ages 6-12 years. During afternoons they served as lifeguards, game room supervisors, and recreation leaders for nearly 100 children. Chaperones were Mr. and Mrs. John Gates, Mr. and Mrs. Olen Taylor and Miss Lynn Jump, youth director (third from left, front row).

# NEWS and NOTES

DR. WALTER LeFEVRE, study program chairman in First United Methodist of Springdale, is leading a Bible study in that church on Sunday evenings beginning September 6 and continuing through September 27. The Rev. Clinton M. Atchley is the pastor.

CONDUCTING THE REVIVAL in the Plumerville United Methodist Church was Dr. John P. Miles, pastor of First United Methodist of Arkadelphia. James Douglass, layman of Western Hills Church, Little Rock, was song leader the week of August 16. The Plumerville pastor is the Rev. Robert Lee.

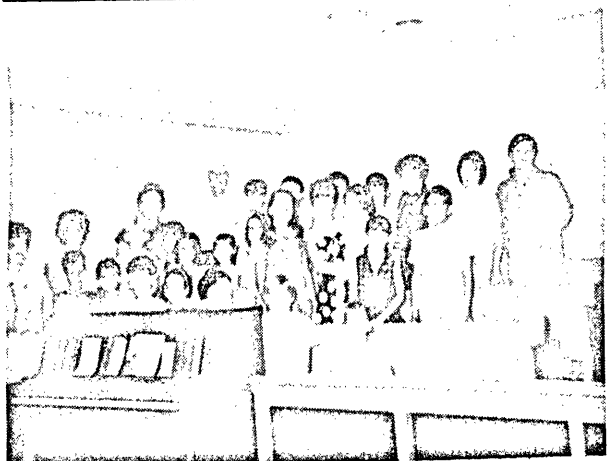
THE REV. HAROLD WILSON of Augusta was the preacher for revival services in the Russell United Methodist Church the week of August 23. Jay Lawhon, McCrory layman, conducted the Augusta service. The Russell-Bald Knob minister is the Rev. Ellsworth Watson.

THE REV. J. T. HOLLAND of Beech Grove was evangelist for the revival held in Warren's Chapel United Methodist Church the week of August 23. The Rev. Charles Southard is pastor of the Warren's Chapel Church on Paragould Parish 2.

THE McRAE UNITED Methodist Church conducted revival services August 9-14 with the Rev. Lewis Ernest of Moorefield as the evangelist. The Rev. Omma L. Daniel, McRae pastor, reports services well attended with four conversions. The Daniel family was welcomed back to McRae by the congregation at a July fellowship supper and "pounding."

## P. K. KORNER

ROY E. (Rep) POYNOR, Jr., was married to Janice Kirby in Pensacola, Florida, on Saturday, August 8. The Rev. and Mrs. Roy E. Poynor, Sr., of Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, and family attended the wedding. The couple is living in Florida.



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## Outstanding retreat leaders to be at Aldersgate

Walter Albritton  
Dean Albritton



Spiritual enrichment under the guidance of national leaders is in store for men and women who attend the two day retreat at Aldersgate Methodist Camp, Thursday and Friday, September 17 and 18.

The Rev. Walter M. Albritton of Nashville, Tennessee, director of Koinonia Ministries for the General Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church, and wife, Dean, will be leaders for the retreat.

Dr. Albritton served pastorates in Alabama and Florida and was director of Christian Outreach with the Alabama West Florida Conference Program Council before joining the Board of Evangelism.

He is an author and many of his articles have been published in church periodicals. His books, published by TIDINGS, which will be available at Aldersgate, include: **Second Steps for a New Man**, **Koinonia Ministries Guidebook**, **Witnessing Koinonia Groups**, and

## JONESBORO CHARTERS BUS FOR LAY WITNESS MISSION

A group of 28 adults and 49 young people of Jonesboro chartered two buses to go to Tusculumbia, Alabama, to participate in a Lay Witness Mission in First United Methodist Church. Most of the group are members of First Church, Jonesboro.

Tap Hanson, coordinator of the Jonesboro Lay Witness Mission in April, was coordinator of the Tusculumbia mission, held the weekend of August 21. Clyde M. Knight was coordinator of the youth groups.

THE REV. WAYNE JARVIS was the homecoming speaker in Gardner United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, on Sunday morning, August 16. Mr. Jarvis, a former pastor at Gardner, is Wesley Foundation director at Arkansas State University in Jonesboro. The present minister at Gardner is the Rev. Claude E. Barron.

## A Prisoner's Message of Freedom and Joy (a commentary of Paul's Letter to the Philippians).

This outstanding leadership is brought to Arkansas by Mrs. Edgar Outlaw of Russellville, who participated in a Lay Witness Mission which they led in Shreveport's First Methodist Church last October. The retreat is sponsored by the Conway District Women's Society, but is open to all men and women desiring spiritual refreshment.

Details of the retreat, which were listed in the **Arkansas Methodist's** July 30 issue, include: registration fee of \$6.00 to be mailed in advance to Mrs. Ed Davis, 301 Devon Street, North Little Rock, 72116; campers bring bedding, sack lunch for Thursday noon (three other meals furnished), Bible and personal items. Those who attend are expected to attend the entire retreat, which concludes at noon Friday.

## NEW ZION UNITED METHODISTS OBSERVE SPECIAL DAYS

Members of the New Zion United Methodist Church at Marche observed a Men's Day on July 12 with a special program at 3 p.m. Mr. Otis Campbell, Sr., was the speaker, using the subject "How Great Thou Art." Guest churches were the New Life, Trinity Grove, Warren Hill and Mt. Pilgrim Churches. \$60 was raised for the building drive.

The Women's Day program was held on August 23 at 3 o'clock. Mrs. Lillie Applebury was the featured speaker. Her subject was "Woman's Responsibility." Visitors were from the New Life A.M. E. Church and the Trinity Grove Baptist Church. The building fund received \$150.

The Rev. L. T. Thompson is pastor. R. L. Walker is the church lay leader and Mrs. M. Morainge is secretary of the building fund.

A CHURCH BUS was given to First Church, Siloam Springs, by Mr. and Mrs. Boyd Dean of Pasadena, Texas. They are parents of Mrs. Mark Simmons, member of the Siloam Springs Church of which the Rev. John McCormack is pastor.

THE REV. WARREN GOLDEN, pastor of First Church, Wynne, was the preacher for a revival held in the Pleasant Valley United Methodist Church the week of August 23. The Rev. Bob Orr is pastor of the Pleasant Valley and Harrisburg Churches.

## 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.

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| Sept. 6—Sun.  | II Sam. 12:1-14  |
| Sept. 7       | II Kings 7:3-11  |
| Sept. 8       | II Cor. 7:12-22  |
| Sept. 9       | II Cor. 36:11-21 |
| Sept. 10      | Isaiah 5:1-7     |
| Sept. 11      | Mal. 3:6-12      |
| Sept. 12      | Matt. 25:14-30   |
| Sept. 13—Sun. | Psalms 47:1-9    |

## DR. TEAGUE NAMED TO ASBURY STAFF

Dr. Otto W. Teague has been added to the staff of Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, as assistant to Dr. Edward Harris, pastor.

Dr. Teague retired at the recent session of the Little Rock Annual Conference and he and Mrs. Teague are living in their home at Galloway Acres, west of Little Rock on 12th Street Pike.

He was pastor of Asbury Church from 1958 until 1964, following which he served as district superintendent of Arkadelphia District six years preceding his recent retirement.



THE FLOWERS on the Gardner Memorial chancel, August 23, honored Mrs. Lou Hunt on her 103rd birthday. The Rev. Floyd Villines, Jr. is her pastor.

PHASE II OF CARR MEMORIAL Church's building program in Pine Bluff was initiated with groundbreaking ceremonies Sunday evening, August 23. Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff district superintendent, presided, assisted by the Rev. Carl V. Matthew, pastor.

DR. RAY HOZENDORF brought the morning sermon in Mabelvale United Methodist Church, August 23, and Bill Shepherd conducted the service. Jeff McIlroy, layman, brought the evening message. The Rev. Ben Hines is pastor.

RUSHING MEMORIAL United Methodist Church in Chidester held revival services the week of August 16 with the Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul Church of El Dorado, as evangelist. The Rev. George Bailey is pastor at Chidester.

CLINTON UNITED METHODISTS heard Bill Pate, former superintendent of Clinton schools, speak at the August 16 morning worship service. Mr. Pate is now vice-president of State College of Arkansas, Conway. Other speakers while the Rev. Kenneth Renfroe was touring the Holy Land were E. K. Griggs and the Rev. E. J. Holifield, Batesville district superintendent.

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GODDARD YOUTH SUMMER UMYF activities included an outing at Cove Lake for the senior high group, and a trip to Lake Tenkiller for the junior high UMY. The Rev. John Copher is education director at Goddard Church, Fort Smith; Dr. Charles Richards is pastor.

"WHAT IS MAN?" a dramatic reading compiled from many sources including Socrates, the Bible, Shakespeare, Luther, Wolfe and Hitler, was presented by college students in First Church, El Dorado, on Sunday evening, August 23. Youth Director Ann Calcote was in charge, with David Karlish arranging the lighting. Readers were Susan Lindsey, Lynn Reutz, Debbie Ross, Denny Reedy, Lynn Calcote and Steve Shofner. Dr. Alvin D. Murray is their pastor.

THE DEWITT YOUTH Fellowship invited the Grand Avenue UMYF of Hot Springs to be their guests Sunday evening, August 23. The speaker was the Rev. Loyd Perry, pastor of the Almyra United Methodist Church. The DeWitt minister is the Rev. Thurston Masters.

DANVILLE AND DARDANELLE young people enjoyed a picnic and swimming at Spring Lake Tuesday, August 11. Their pastors are the Rev. Eugene Atkins, Danville, and the Rev. Clyde Crozier, Dardanelle.

YOUTH WEEK AT AMBOY United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was led by a youth group from First Church, Conway. The Conway church bus loaded with senior high and college youth commuted each evening, August 9-12. Several leaders were responsible for programs, discussion, worship and recreation. Levy Church youth were guests. Dr. Alfred Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, spoke to the groups Sunday evening. The Amboy pastor is the Rev. Dois M. Kennedy.

Summer youth directors at First Church, Helena, this summer have been Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hill. Herbert and Jan are from Memphis and both are graduates of Southwestern. They are leaving this week for Columbia, Missouri, where he will enter graduate school. They have been working at Helena with the Rev. Jim Beal.

PARAGOULD FIRST CHURCH'S Youth Activities Week had as inspirational speaker the Rev. Joe Wilkerson, pastor of the Dell United Methodist Church. The week involved a trip to Eureka Springs by the young people to see the Passion Play. Judy Clift was overall chairman of the week. Her assistants were Pat Austin, Mary Ann Misenhimer, Dana McBride and Roger Easton. The Rev. Marshall Bridwell is their pastor.

THE CAMDEN SHARE Singers made a tour of the Ozarks in August, visiting the Passion Play Eureka Springs and Rockaway Beach resort at Branson, Missouri. The group presented the worship service in First United Methodist Church at Harrison in two services, and also in First Church, Searcy. David Aston is director of the Singers. The Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is their pastor.



OAK FOREST CHURCH YOUTH of Little Rock made a book drive in August to collect books for the Children's Hospital in Little Rock. Both junior high and senior high groups had a retreat on Mt. Petit Jean, August 14-16. Martha Crofoot has been summer youth worker at Oak Forest. The Rev. William A. Stewart is pastor.

"CHRIST AND THE WHOLE Person" was the subject of Youth Activities Week in Lakewood Church of North Little Rock. Leading discussions were Randy McPherson, Joe Beth Chronister, Julie Mercing, Beverly Benton and Ricky Porter. Randy has been serving as summer youth worker and will return to Hendrix College this month. Mackey Yokem, summer youth worker at Stamps, will return to youth work at Lakewood. The pastor is the Rev. John B. Hayes.



Ministers' wives of the Monticello District elected officers at the recent retreat at Tanako. Mrs. Herman Bonds, left, is president; Mrs. Virgil Bell, center, is vice-president, and Mrs. Sam Jones is secretary-treasurer.

## FOUNDERS DAY AT HUNTINGTON AVENUE CHURCH

A Founders' Day ceremony and service will be held at Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church of Jonesboro on Sunday, September 13.

The Rev. Elmus C. Brown of Fort Smith, a former pastor, will be the speaker at the 11 a.m. service. Former pastors of the church who are still living have been invited. They are: the Rev. Claud O. Hall, the Rev. W. A. Downum, the Rev. E. E. Stevenson, the Rev. Jefferson Sherman, the Rev. Harmon Holt, the Rev. Ben Jordan, the Rev. William Connell and the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin.

All former members and families of charter members are especially invited.

A booklet is being prepared with the history of the church and pictures of previous church buildings. Included will be the pictures of the four surviving charter members. These are Mrs. Z. B. Ballew, Mrs. W. W. Richey, Mrs. John Robinson and Mrs. Lettie Layne.

The Rev. W. Leonard Byers is the present pastor.

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## MENA REPORTS SECOND LAY WITNESS MISSION

On Friday, August 7, 21 men and women and 11 youths from Arkansas, Louisiana, Texas and Oklahoma arrived at First United Methodist Church of Mena. These students, housewives, business and professional people had one thing in common: they all knew Jesus Christ personally and they wanted to share His love.

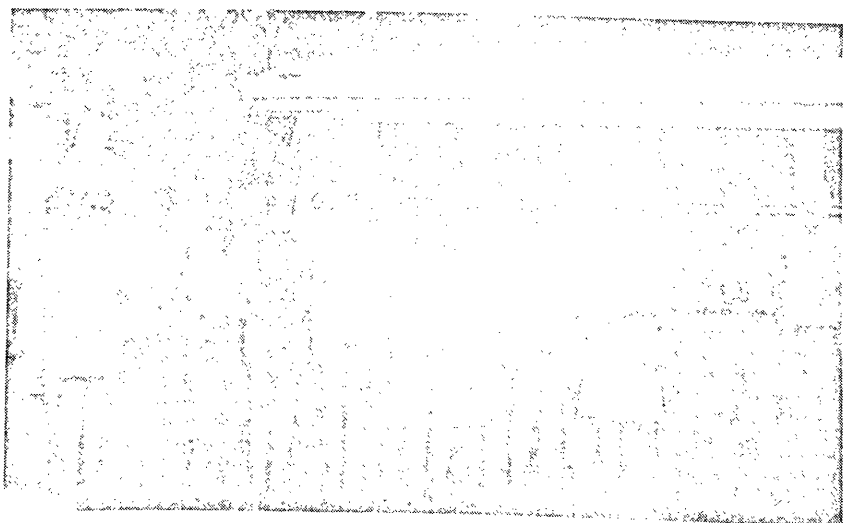
This was the second Lay Witness Mission in the Mena Church. Some thought that a second mission would not produce the results the first mission had. The people of Mena now report that the second was greater in many ways.

Those who attended all sessions from Friday evening through Sunday noon found spiritual renewal, and some found Christ as Saviour for the first time. However, some are still searching for the things of Christ and His Spirit and will find these in the days ahead.

Among the visitors who came at their own expense were Baptists and Episcopalians, but the majority were Methodists. Several prayer groups were formed later in the month. These meet regularly and some members are from other churches in town.

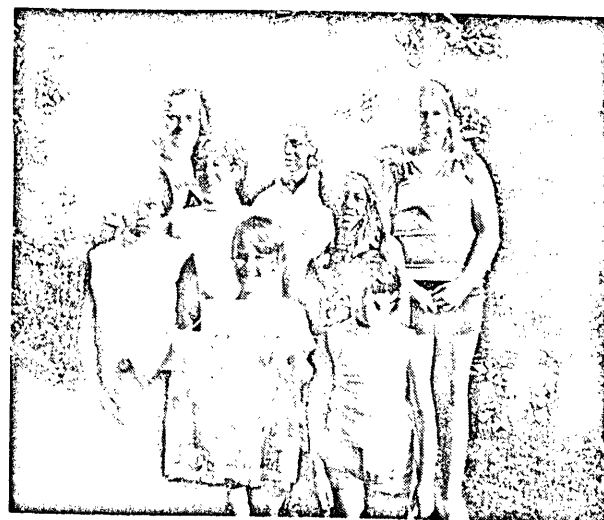
The Methodist minister in Mena is the Rev. Osborne White.

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Visiting the Batesville Cooperative Parish recently was this group of 21 youths and six adults from Leonardville, Kansas. Members of a former E.U.B. Church, the party spent ten days visiting mission work in Kentucky, Tennessee and Arkansas. Central Avenue U.M.C. in Batesville was host to the group overnight. Mrs. Bernice Rogers, church and community worker, conducted the tour of parish churches at Southside, Charlotte and Walnut Grove.

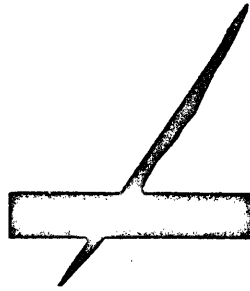
"Cleanest cabin" was an award given daily at Aldersgate Methodist Camp for boys and for girls. This group proudly displays their banner. Counselor Karen Sue Logan is at left, back row.





# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 13: The Peril of Secularism

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Genesis 25:19 through 28:9; 36:1-9; Hebrews 12:15-17

**MEMORY SELECTION:** See to it . . . that no one be immoral or irreligious like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. (Hebrews 12:15-16)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To help individuals understand that the test of their spiritual growth is the extent to which they are willing to forfeit temporal and material advantages for the sake of moral and spiritual values.

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In our lesson today Esau and Jacob are not merely twin brothers who were the sons of Isaac and Rebekah. They also represent the beginnings of two groups of people in the Bible—the Edomites and Israel. They also further represent two groups that we have had with us down through all of history—one placing its greatest emphasis on the things of the world and the other on the experiences of the spirit.

Esau and Jacob represent two types of human character which have existed through the ages. On the one hand, Esau was a rank materialist, whose physical desires and appetites dominated his decisions. In contrast, Jacob, in spite of certain glaring weaknesses in his character, was capable of high spiritual experiences. In his later years he became a man who dreamed dreams, saw visions, and came face to face with God.

One finds it difficult throughout this lesson to have much respect for Jacob and the manner in which he became the possessor of the birthright which meant so much to a Hebrew family. The Rev. Ross E. Lilly points out in Adult Bible Studies that we are dealing with weaknesses in human character in today's lesson. He says: "The Genesis account of the lives of Esau and Jacob is indeed a story of misplaced values. Although theirs was a prosperous and powerful family, virtue was denied in family relationships. The parents displayed favoritism, insensitivity, and deceit. Their sons exhibited intemperance, jealousy and fraud."

Dr. Brooks Ramsey says of the importance of this lesson in Rozzell's Lessons: "There is no greater danger to modern man than that of the spirit of secularism which now pervades much of our society. Secularism is that move which divorces man's life from spiritual dimensions. He lives in a physical world only." Do you agree with Dr. Ramsey that this characterizes the spirit of our day?

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### THE BIRTH OF THE TWINS

Rebekah is one of a noble line of mothers whom the Bible speaks of as having conceived children by the special grace of God. Others in the Old Testament are Sarah and Rachel. In the New Testament Elizabeth and Mary bore sons who played important parts in the work of divine salvation. The Bible leaves no doubt that God was the Maker and Controller of history—the history of individuals and of nations.

Even before their births Rebekah's sons seemed to be at enmity with each other. She was so concerned

about the circumstances that she went to the altar of God to seek his counsel. She was told that the struggle between the unborn infants foretold the fact that the boys and their descendants would constitute two opposing nations through the centuries. To maintain our perspective through this lesson we must keep in mind that the writers of the accounts lived long after Edom and Israel had proved to all the world that they did hate each other thoroughly.

The sons of Isaac and Rebekah derived their names from the circumstances of their birth. This was a common device for determining the name a child should bear in that part of the world. In the Hebrew language, Esau meant "red," or it may have been a play on the word which meant "hairy." Genesis 25:25 says: "The first came forth red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they called his name Esau." The word Jacob is close to the Hebrew word "supplanter" and suggests that even at the moment of birth he was determined to have mastery over his brother.

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### THE SALE OF THE BIRTHRIGHT

The episode describing the exchange of Esau's birthright for a "mess of pottage" in Genesis 25:29-34 will not come through to us as strongly as it should unless we seek to understand all that this meant in a Hebrew family. Because Esau came into the world just seconds before Jacob he was entitled to great preferential treatment. Unless we understand this we may think the writer went to undue length to tell of the manner of the birth of the twins.

Under the "law of the firstborn" the oldest son was recognized as the head of the family after the death of the father. He also received a double share of the inheritance. However, there were also responsibilities of this status. The firstborn was to be responsible for the care of the family, so one can easily see that the double-inheritance was a necessity. Another responsibility assumed by the elder son was to remain at home until the death of the father. He was not free to leave the family circle until he had seen to it that his father was given a decent burial and that his estate was properly administered.

In the part of the story which describes the trading of the birthright, Esau is pictured as an uncouth hunter who lived solely by his physical desires. Returning famished from a hunt, he found his more domestic brother cooking a meal, and he did not hesitate to exchange all of those privileges which were his as the "firstborn" for one good square meal. Dr. Hugh R. Peterson in Broadman's Comments points out "Esau's pitiful weakness did not prompt Jacob to have pity upon his brother. In order to make sure that Esau did not back down on his impulsive agreement, Jacob placed him under oath."

The Genesis writer gives no indication that Jacob felt any pangs of conscience over the shabby way in which he cheated his brother. On the contrary he seems to believe that it was an action that did not need defense. Frequently we need to remind ourselves that the characters and writers of this period did not have advantage of a New Testament standard of ethics.

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### THE FATHER'S BLESSING

Actually the trade between Esau and Jacob was of no effect, because only the father could designate a son other than the first-born to receive the status.

Rebekah knew this well and contrived with her favorite son to arrange a cruel deception on Isaac on his deathbed. What we have running throughout this story is the bitter stream of a divided home. We read in Genesis 25:28: "Isaac loved Esau, because he ate of his game; but Rebekah loved Jacob."

In addition to the status of being designated "first-born," it was essential that the oldest son receive a final blessing from the father. Rebekah and Jacob plotted a subterfuge by which the blind Isaac was led to believe that Jacob was Esau. Feeling of skins that Jacob had placed on his arms, he was led to believe—in fact he was told by Jacob's lies—that it was Esau, and the verbal blessing was given even though there was some doubt in the father's mind. We read: "The voice is Jacob's voice, but the hands are the hands of Esau." (27:22)

With the sworn transfer of the privileges by Esau, and the irrevocable "last blessing" of his father, Jacob then moves out to become Israel and the father

Dr. Walter Russell Bowie writes in The Interpreter's Bible: "So Esau cried, but for the blessing he wanted now it was too late. His father would have given it to him if he could, but his father also was helpless. The wheels of moral destiny had turned too far. Esau had despised his birthright at one critical moment of choice, and he himself had made possible the success of Jacob's plot."

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### SECULARISM DEFINED AND ILLUSTRATED

This lesson speaks to us most directly at the point of Esau's willingness to trade his birthright for a meal. Dr. Peterson puts it this way: "In all of history there is perhaps no better illustration of the fact that 'Man shall not live by bread alone.' (Matt. 4:4)"

There are millions of people in the world today who follow in Esau's footsteps. In one way or another they are willing to sell their birthright for a "mess of pottage." They have never developed a sense of values. Their lives are ruled by their physical desires rather than by a set of ideals, principles, and standards that will lead to a fuller life.

One is dominated by the spirit of secularism when he prizes the goods of this world above all else. Mr. Lilly says: "Secularism is an attitude toward life that regards the material as being more real than the spiritual and the rituals of work and play on six days as being more significant than the rites of holy rest enjoined for the seventh. To be a secularist is to be a perverted lover of the world, to be dominated and controlled by physical appetites. It is to be like an alcoholic who desires and values a drug above all virtue, knowledge and godliness."

Let us remember that in the case of Esau and Jacob the birthright represented certain privileges and responsibilities that belonged to an older son. Our contemporary meaning is in the contrast drawn between spiritual understanding and materialism. Esau traded short-term material satisfactions for long-term spiritual returns. We cannot admire Jacob for some of his methods, but we cannot minimize the value he placed on the birthright.

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### LESSONS FROM ESAU'S MISERABLE BARGAIN

Our memory selection for today is taken from the Book of Hebrews which refers to Esau as an immoral and irreligious man. This is the true description of every man who has lost sight of the spiritual dimensions of life. We know many of his type in our time—for whom the supreme goal of life is to secure for themselves power, riches and fame. The British novelist Rudyard Kipling, speaking to a graduating class at McGill University in Canada, said: "Young men, make not things or wealth or power your supreme goal in life. For if you do, someday you will meet a man that possesses none of these things and he will show you just how poor you really are."

God gives to each of us spiritual privileges. These, however, become ours only by a personal choice. We know that God wants to bless every man, and the only reason there are so many living blighted spiritual lives is because they have made the wrong choices.



## Book Reviews

by AAK.

John W. Sanderson, Jr., *ENCOUNTER IN THE NON-CHRISTIAN ERA*, \$1.45, Zondervan, 95 pp.

"It does not require special insight to predict that the 70's will be a period of increasing conflict between Christians and non-Christians. More and more Christians are becoming disestablished, more and more they are being blamed for some of the ills of the world, and blasphemy in every form is acceptable fare in almost every form of communication."

This paragraph and this book seem especially pertinent because they are from Zondervan, indicating that all shades of publishing emphases are dealing with similar ideas.

The book is a series of lectures delivered at Ontario Bible College in Canada, and represent the author's insights into the historical and philosophical struggle of truth over myth and error, a penetrating analysis of the present theological climate, and a devotion to Jesus Christ and the Bible. Reading this book is recommended as part of a balanced diet on contemporary thinking.

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H. S. Vigeveno, *SINNERS ANONYMOUS*, \$4.95, Word Books, 170 pp.

The author, a native of Germany who now serves on the staff of First Presbyterian Church, Hollywood, Calif., issues his own call to renewal of the church in this volume.

He first takes a positive look at the church and tells us what is good about it, speaking highly of the sincerity of many unspectacular, "ordinary" Christians.

Then, like a surgeon, he probes away at the area of the life of the church in which healing is indicated. One reviewer says of his technique: "His aim is not primarily to amputate, not to butcher, but to promote healing. He writes out of love for the church — a love that demands radical surgery if that is needed to make the church truly whole, truly herself. The book is addressed to the great middle section of the church which is neither far left nor far right, but evangelical in outlook."

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John Benton, *CARMEN*, \$4.50, Fleming H. Revell Co., 191 pp.

This is an exciting and timely story of the descent of a girl into the hell of drug addiction at the age of 14. It is written by the associate director of the program known as Teen Challenge, Inc., one of the most effective ministries to teen-age addicts now underway in our country.

It describes Carmen's horrors of violence, prostitution, robbery, and every form of deceit and fraud until she finds a new life through Teen Challenge. The horror and degradation are only half of the story — the other half is her discovery that the dedication of Christian people and above all the love of God can rescue her when every man-made program has failed.

## In turnabout India Conference rejects union proposal

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Southern Asia (India) Central Conference of the United Methodist Church, known formally in India as the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA), apparently will not go into the proposed Church of North India now, as had formerly been expected.

According to information received by the United Methodist Board of Missions here, a special or "extra" session

of the Central Conference August 7-8 in Delhi voted 106 to 48 against the Plan of Union (Fourth Edition) for the CNI. The new united church is scheduled to come into being officially with a constituting assembly November 29-30. Six other denominations are involved, but the Methodist Church of Southern Asia was to have provided about 600,000 of the CNI's approximately 1,300,000 members.

Participation of the MCSA in the new church was legally contingent on both a two-thirds favorable vote by the Central Conference and a similar majority in the MCSA's 11 annual conferences. The annual conferences approved union by a 69 per cent vote (662 to 298) at their 1969 session.

The Central Conference had voted by more than a two-thirds majority at its regular quadrennial meeting in January, 1969, to "commend" the Plan of Union to the annual conferences. At that time the action was interpreted to mean approval of church union by the Central Conference. However, Bishop A. J. Shaw, senior Methodist bishop in India, reported later that further study showed the action was one of transmittal only, not of approval, and thus, he said, a formal vote by the Central Conference on church union would need to be taken at the special or

## VISIT THE CHURCH CENTER FOR THE UNITED NATIONS

When you are in New York for any reason, especially when you are visiting the United Nations, go to the Church Center for the UN (opposite the UN at the corner of UN Plaza and 44th Street) for one-hour programs for United Methodists at 10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., and 3:00 p.m.

These programs will include an informative talk on the Church Center and its relation to the UN, a film on a UN program, literature on important issues before the UN, and a visit to some United Methodist areas in the building. By this visit to the Church Center you will help to celebrate the 25th anniversary of the United Nations.

## Seminarians to visit UM agencies

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Two students from each of the 14 United Methodist theological schools in the United States will participate in a travel seminar September 7-16 to become better acquainted with the personnel and work of the United Methodist boards and agencies.

The seminar, conducted annually since 1955, will originate in Nashville and close in Evanston, Ill., with stops in Washington, D.C., and New York, all major centers of United Methodist work. Because of limited time, the seminar will not include a stop in Dayton, Ohio, another center of denominational work. Boards and agencies of the denomination are sponsoring the annual tour with the Department of the Ministry of the Board of Education serving as coordinator.

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## Puerto Rico seminary names president

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Rev. Gildo Sanchez, United Methodist minister and educator has been named head of one of the principal theological schools in the Caribbean, the Evangelical Seminary of Puerto Rico.

Located in Rio Piedras, a suburb of San Juan, Evangelical Seminary trains ministers of the Puerto Rico United Methodist Conference and other Protestant denominations in the commonwealth. Its 335 graduates serve as pastors, educators and chaplains in 14 countries, including the U. S. where there are more than 30. Founded in 1919, the school has a full-time faculty of nine, a budget of \$155,000, a library of 17,000 volumes and buildings worth \$450,000. Students come from the Caribbean area, Central and South America; 21 of the 27 trustees are Puerto Rican. It is related to the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions and five other national mission agencies.

Mr. Sanchez, a ministerial member of the Puerto Rico Conference, succeeds the Rev. Dr. Raymond L. Strong, a United Presbyterian missionary who becomes professor of religion at Inter-American University of San Juan. Also on the faculty as United Methodists are Miss Wilma Mesholder, librarian, and the Rev. Dr. Jorge N. Cintron, professor of Christian education. During the 1969-70 school year, United Methodism's largest number of Crusade Scholars studying at one school, nine, were at Evangelical Seminary.

## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

*As each school year approaches we see more clearly than at any other time the picture described by Sara Teasdale of "... children's faces looking up, holding wonder like a cup."*

## Just Turned Six

I feel undone — I feel betwixt  
A rock and hard place. Today you're six.  
I would be brave against this day,  
For things would change, I said. Away  
Into another world you'd go —  
(I knew my cowardice would show!)  
A sweet young teacher will take my place.  
Oh, I shall still wash your face,  
And cook for you and wash your clothes,  
But as any loving mother knows . . .  
It won't be the same — and I  
Shall stifle tears and wave "goodbye!"

—by M. S. Christian

## Legacy

Let him learn kindness, Lord, from me,  
This little boy upon my knee,  
That trait which follows naturally  
A love of all mankind and Thee.

Too soon he's off to school and then  
He's living in the world of men.  
And never more will mother's knee  
Seem quite the place for him to be.

But for this one short moment, Lord,  
To hold to him is my reward.  
And may his be a legacy  
Of kindness learned, O Lord, from me.

—by Barbara L. Mulkey

## Guidelines on "priority issues" due soon

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Guides will soon be released here by the United Methodist Board of Education to help churchmen study six "priority issues" established by the General Conference earlier this year.

The department of adult publications of the Division of Curriculum Resources has announced that the six course guides will be ready for use in December, 1970 and throughout 1971. Cost will be 10 cents each.

Writers for the guides include National Council of Churches president Dr. Cynthia Wedel and Bishop A. James Armstrong, episcopal leader of the Dakotas Area.

Dr. Wedel has written a guide for "Meaning, Value and Life Style" and Bishop Armstrong has written on "World Peace and Wars."

"Population Explosion and Hunger," another priority issue, will have a guide written by the Rev. William H. Genne, coordinator for sexuality and family ministries, National Council of Churches.

Richard Johnson, a young adult who has worked during the past year for the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries as Legislative Affairs Project Coordinator in Washington, D.C., has written a guide on "Environmental Pollution."

Writer for a guide dealing with "White Racism and Black Revolution" is Mrs. Mona Scott, Pacifica, Calif., formerly associated with the Washington Study Program of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The Rev. Richard P. Edgar, pastor of Rosewood United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, Calif., and former staff member of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, has written a guide on the issue of "Patterns of Economic Exploitation."

According to the Rev. Horace R. Weaver, executive editor of adult pub-

lications, each guide will have four 8½x11 inch pages, and will contain three parts: an introduction to the issue; suggested general approaches to study and action, emphasizing methodology rather than advocating a position; and a listing of other recommended resources.

The guides, part of a comprehensive study-action program coordinated by the Program Council of the United Methodist Church, are intended for use by leaders of adult Sunday school classes, Christian Social Concerns chairmen, or by task forces composed of persons who are concerned with a specific issue.

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## Special term missionaries depart for overseas service

NEW YORK (UMI) — A 22-year tradition will be continued this autumn with the scheduled departure of ten young men and women for seven countries of Africa, Asia and Latin America to begin three years as special-term missionaries of the United Methodist Church.

Since the overseas program was started in 1948, a total of 1,086 persons have served in it. The 1970 group of "3's," as they are called because of their special three-year term, number 20 less than last year's 32, and com-

prise one of the smaller annual contingents.

The 3s will serve in such varied occupational specialties as teaching, nursing, social work, urban ministries and Christian education. The countries to which they have been assigned are: Hong Kong, Japan, the Congo, Sierra Leone, Mozambique, Chile and Peru. Most of the group are 1970 college graduates, though several are young adults with post graduate degrees and/or professional experience in various fields. Included are four married couples and six single persons.

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## Dr. Frederick Harris Senate Chaplain dies

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS) — Dr. Frederick Brown Harris, chaplain of the U. S. Senate for 24 years, died here on August 18 at the age of 87.

The United Methodist clergyman ordained in 1912, retired from the Senate last year after serving as chaplain longer than any man in history.

Dr. Harris' voice was heard at some of the most crucial times in recent American history. It was he who was asked to pray in the Senate chambers as President John F. Kennedy lay dying in Dallas in 1963.

He conducted the funerals of President Herbert Hoover, General Douglas MacArthur, and Senator Robert A. Taft (R-Ohio).

And there were lighter moments in his career, such as the time Dr. Harris officiated at the marriage of a 69-year-old Western Union messenger to a 60-year-old widow in the Senate Caucus Room.

Born in Worcester, England, the clergyman came to America at an early age, making his first home in New Jersey. He was educated at Pennington (N.J.) Seminary; Dickinson College, Carlisle, Pa., and Drew University, Madison, N. J.

After organizing and serving congregations in New Jersey, Dr. Harris was assigned to Foundry Methodist church, Washington, in 1924. He remained

there until his retirement from the pastorate in 1955.

Dr. Harris was first elected Senate chaplain in 1942. Four years later he was succeeded by Dr. Peter Marshall, who died in 1949. Dr. Harris was unanimously reelected and held the post until January, 1969, when he asked to be relieved.

Dr. Edward L. R. Elson, pastor of National Presbyterian Church, succeeded Dr. Harris.

Prayers from the chaplain's 24-year career in the nation's senior legislative body have been collected in several volumes. Also in book form are columns he wrote for the Washington Evening Star under the title "Spire of the Spirit."

In 1957, the chaplain represented President Eisenhower at the third inauguration of President Syngman Rhee of Korea. While a refugee in America during World War II, Dr. Rhee who was later ousted from office and exiled from Korea, attended Foundry Methodist church.

Dr. Harris was honored in 1958 with a Freedom Leadership Award from the Freedoms Foundation, Inc. Involved to a degree in the formal ecumenical movement, the clergyman several times opposed statements of the World Council of Churches urging a seat for Communist China in the United Nations.

## Scholarship funds allocated for minority groups

NEW YORK (UMI) — Allocation of \$250,000 from Crusade Scholarship funds of the United Methodist Church for support of "economically deprived students" at the denomination's 12 black colleges has been announced by Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, Madison, N.J., and chairman of the Crusade Scholarship Committee.

The committee administers United Methodism's Crusade Scholarship program, under which 100-200 students study annually in universities, colleges, seminaries and other higher education institutions in the U. S. and 30 other countries. More than 1,700 persons have studied on Crusade Scholarships since they were started in 1945 as part of Methodism's "Crusade for Christ" program. The largest number of Crusade Scholars each year are from the U. S., with the majority being black Americans. Hispanic Americans or representatives of other minority groups.

The commitment of the \$250,000 has been made for one year, and the action can be re-examined at the end of the year with the possibility that a similar grant-in-aid could be made, Dr. Oxnam explained.

United Methodists support Crusade Scholarships through two main channels:

1—Part of the receipts from the annual One Great Hour of Sharing offering taken in United Methodist congregations during Lent.

2—An appropriation from the Women's Division of the Board of Missions. Since the program was started, more than \$4 million has been given. Comprising the Crusade Scholarship Committee are representatives of three national United Methodist agencies — Board of Missions, Board of Education, Division of Interpretation of the Program Council. Miss Margaret Swift, New York, is the full-time executive secretary.

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COST: \$10.00 per church  
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### CHILDREN'S CHOIR CAMP – Camp Tanako – Early June

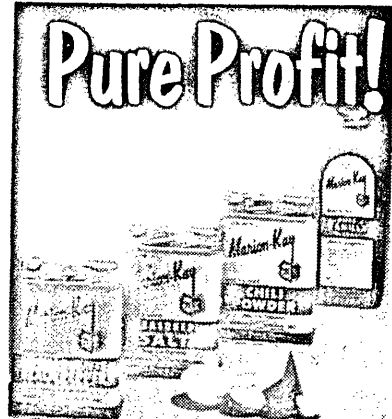
Only those churches whose choirs participate in the Festival are eligible to send children to Choir Camp. The church's Children's Choir Director must attend camp if the church sends any children. Music – Recreation – Swimming – Handicrafts – Fun – Fellowship – Worship – Inspiration

### 3rd ANNUAL LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CHOIR FESTIVAL & CAMP REGISTRATION CARD

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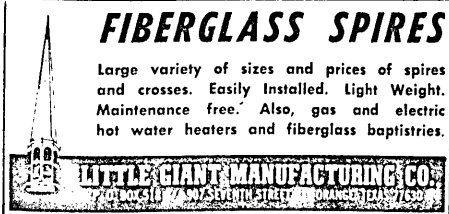
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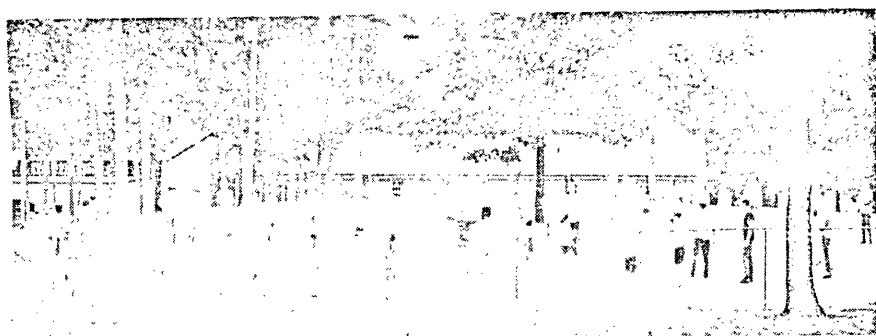
Vacation church school group at First Church, Jonesboro. One hundred and four children and 20 workers participated in the August 10-14 school, coordinated by Mrs. Major Griffin and Mrs. David Vosburg. The Rev. Worth W. Gibson is pastor.



Cotton Plant vacation church school group. Billy Royce Tarpley directed the school; the Rev. Oliver Logan is pastor.



A five-day vacation church school at First Church, Walnut Ridge enrolled 66 boys and girls. Mrs. William I. Rainwater served as director; the Rev. James M. Meadors Jr., is minister.



Engaging in organized recreation on the tennis court are these Summer Choir boys and girls at Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock. The activities were led by four of the junior-senior high girls.



Thirty-six youth and adult sponsors from Marysville-Silver Hill Churches, Magnolia, photographed at Aquarena Springs in San Marcos, Texas during recent summer trip, which included other stops at Six Flags, Dallas, Austin, San Antonio and Galveston. The group presented a program of folk music at Blanton Gardens, a United Methodist sponsored retirement home in Dallas. In less than two months the young folk from the two churches raised more than \$800 to finance their trip. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is pastor.



Forty-two children were enrolled in the vacation church school at Ellis Chapel in the Forrest City District. Fifteen adults assisted Mrs. Laurel Ellis, director. The Rev. Charles Nance is pastor.

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