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Health and Welfare Ministries adopts agency guidelines for administrators

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UMI) — The General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church in its meeting here Sept. 24-26 adopted guidelines for the administrators of the denomination's agencies stressing the need for good employee relations. The board also adopted changes in its organizational structure which will bring it more in line with the terminology used by other general agencies. Presiding over the annual meeting was Bishop Paul V. Galloway of the Arkansas Area, president of the Board.

In a report coming from the board's task force named to work with the Commission on Religion and Race, the board was told: "Some agency representatives have only begun to be impressed by the fact that they must make their homes racially inclusive. They must be helped to see that there is no time left to prepare for a change. Doors must be opened now."

Dr. Stanley W. Olson, president of the Southwest Foundation for Research and Education, told the board that

"without the special contribution that church-related agencies can make, the health care future created by science, technology and the state will be bleak."

Dr. Olson also said, "Science and technology have performed miracles in many fields other than in medicine. But the abundant life has brought in its train not only benefits, but a new kind of sickness—one which is affecting the whole of society. It is the sickness of depersonalization."

In other actions during their meeting, the board stepped up its participation in Project Equality, allocated \$183,000 from its Kendall Fund to 13 groups serving minorities, authorized a memorial educational fund honoring the late Dr. Lester L. Keyser of Dallas, Tex. who was a member of the board and was widely-known as a lecturer on alcoholism and drug addiction and pioneered in testing much of the sex education material that is now a part of the church's curriculum.

The board authorized a budget of \$442,000 for operations in 1971, up almost \$65,000 from 1970.

Presbyterian churches in Monticello and Hot Springs.

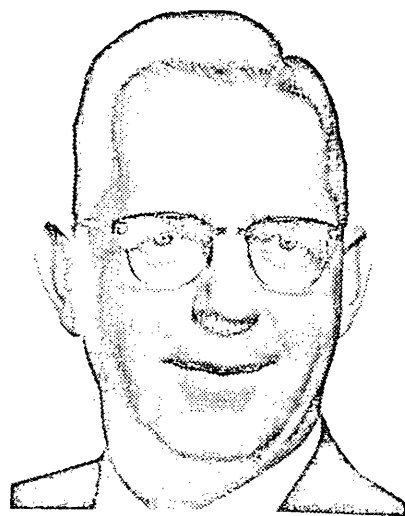
He will speak first at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 11, and will speak at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Monday and Tuesday.

The speaker has served as assistant minister of First Presbyterian Church, Houston, Tex. and as pastor at Fayetteville, N.C. before going to his present pastorate.

He has served on the Board of Trustees of Arkansas College, of Flora MacDonald College in North Carolina, and of Mary Baldwin College in Virginia.

He is a graduate of Lynchburg College in Virginia and of Union Theological Seminary, Richmond, Va. He was awarded an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Arkansas College.

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Dr. Walker B. Healey

Virginian to speak at Texarkana

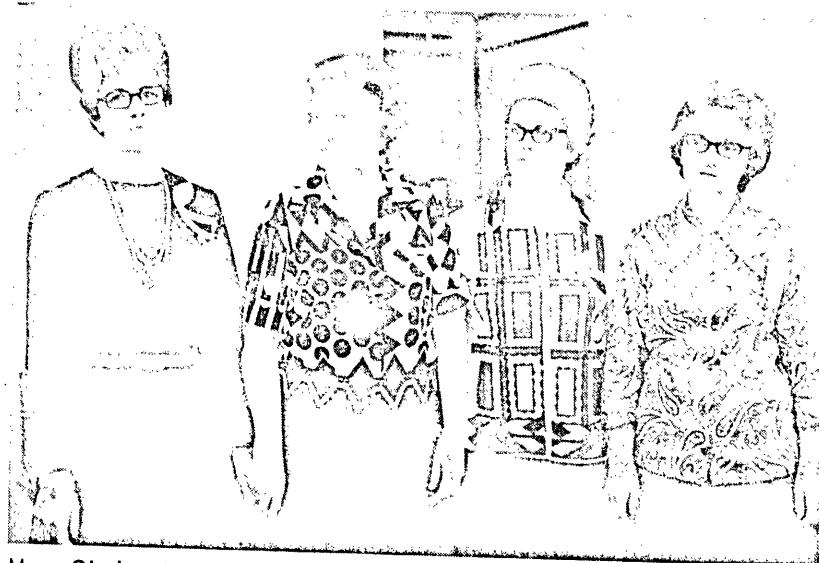
A Southern Presbyterian minister who is well known in Arkansas and now serving as pastor in Richmond, Va. will be the speaker for the interdenominational, intercity Religious Emphasis Week at First Presbyterian Church, Texarkana, Ark., Oct. 11-13.

Dr. Walker B. Healey, pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Roanoke, Va., has formerly served as pastor of

ANNOUNCEMENT

The Little Rock Conference Program Council will meet at Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock, beginning at 10:30 a.m., October 12, according to the Rev. Everett M. Vinson, program director.

Lunch will be served at the church, and the meeting will be concluded as soon after lunch as possible.



Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, at left, of Texarkana, was elected Sunday in a meeting at Camp Tanako to head the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Little Rock Conference for a two-year term. Mrs. Louise Wells, at right, was elected chairman of the Nominating Committee. She represents the Arkadelphia District. Also elected to the Nominating Committee were Mrs. Verna Thomas, second from left, of McGehee, representing the Monticello District, and Mrs. Mae Hatfield of El Dorado, Camden District. (Related pictures and story on page five.)

North Arkansas Program Council to hold planning retreat

Members of the Program Council of the North Arkansas Conference, plus a few guests invited because of their conference responsibilities, will participate in a planning retreat at Cherokee Village, Oct. 13-14, according to Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, program director.

Resource leaders for the meeting, which will be dealing in depth with local church needs in the conference for the 1970's, will be Dr. Robert Clemmons and Dr. T. Poe Williams of the staff of the Division of the Local Church, Board of Education, from Nashville, Tenn.

Based on questionnaires that have been filled out by all the local churches in the conference, and "in-depth" studies made by three selected churches in each district, the group will plan realistic goals for the conference for the next decade.

Dr. Eggensperger said in the communication which went to all the participants recently: "This in all probability will be one of the most important and creative sessions ever held by

the Program Council."

Lodging is being provided the participants by the John Cooper Foundation at Cherokee Village. Meals and transportation will be provided by the agency the person represents on the Program Council.

The meeting will open at 1:00 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 13, and close at noon on Thursday, Oct. 15.

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Bishop Galloway to address Dallas hospital group

Bishop Paul V. Galloway, of the Arkansas Area of the United Methodist Church and president of the General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries for the denomination, will address the fiftieth anniversary banquet for Methodist Hospital in Dallas on October 8. "The First Golden Years" is the theme for the banquet which will be held at the Hotel Adolphus following the annual meeting of trustees.

Guests in addition to trustees will include officers and active members of the Medical Staff, department heads, employees whose service exceeds twenty years, former Board and Medical Staff presidents, present officers and former presidents of the Woman's Auxiliary and Guild, Golden Cross directors and other church leaders.

Dr. Thomas J. Shipp, minister at Lovers' Lane United Methodist Church and vice president of the hospital's Board of Trustees, will act as Master of Ceremonies.

The program will also include a preview of a new Golden Cross film. Golden Cross, Methodism's program to provide care for the economically disadvantaged at its health-care institutions, was founded at First Methodist Church in Dallas. Established to help needy persons at the Dallas church-owned hospital, the program has now expanded to include the other 338 United Methodist-related agencies.

Hendrix enrollments reach all-time high

Enrollments for the fall term at Hendrix College reached an all-time high of 981 students, according to Victor Hill, Hendrix registrar. This is an 8 percent increase over last year at this time when 913 were enrolled, Hill said.

Hendrix seems to be in an unusual position as it experiences a substantial increase in enrollment when many private and some state colleges are having decreased enrollments.

Freshmen numbered 321, which is the largest freshman class in the history of the college. Enrollment of male students was up considerably over previous years.

College officials were uncertain about the reason for the rise in the number of students, but they expressed

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Training Enterprises planned in North Arkansas Conference

The following training enterprises have been planned for the month of October in the North Arkansas Conference:

First United Methodist Church, Ft. Smith, will host an area laboratory school October 4-8. The following units will be offered:

Kindergarten—Mrs. Walter Lindley of Jonesboro; Elementary I-III—Mrs. W. P. Bates of Quitman; Elementary IV-VI—Miss Mary Louise Caldwell of Memphis, Tenn.; Junior High—Rev. Phil Ware of Oklahoma City; Senior High—Rev. John Hartman of Memphis; Adult—Mrs. Paul Welker of Jackson, Tennessee.

Mrs. Frances Winter is serving as director of the school and the Rev. David Moose is chairman of the Board of Managers.

Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro will teach the course, "How the Word Gets Around (Communicating the Gospel)" at the First United Methodist Church of Waldron on October 4-6. On October 7 she will address a District meeting of the W.S.C.S. giving a brief overview of the course.

A laboratory enterprise for the Arkansas River Valley Area will be held at the First United Methodist Church in Clarksville October 18-22. The courses and instructors are as follows:

Elementary I-III—Miss Lula Doyle Baird of Morrilton; Elementary IV-VI—Rev. William Halton of West Helena; Junior High—Mrs. Bob Edwards of Humboldt, Tennessee; Senior High—Mrs. Vicky Allen of Conway; Adult—Rev. Arvill C. Brannon of Batesville.

Mrs. James Mason of Clarksville is chairman of the Board of Managers and the Rev. Arvill Brannon will serve as dean.

These training enterprises will provide teachers and workers in these areas an unusual opportunity to learn how to work with curriculum materials and with the age groups they teach under the guidance of competent and dedicated laboratory leaders.

Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, will host a seven-unit laboratory school on October 25-27; November 1-2. The courses and instructors are as follows:

Nursery—Mrs. Virginia Lindley of



Those present for the Commission on Enlistment for Church Vocations meeting at Tannenbaum (clockwise from left in picture): the Rev. Glenn Bruner, Forrest City Dist. secretary of Enlistment; Mrs. James T. Randle (whose culinary talents made possible the meals for the Retreat); the Rev. James T. Randle, Commission chairman; the Rev. Joe E. Linam, Jonesboro Dist. secretary of Enlistment; Dr. Harold Eggensperger, executive director of the Program Council; the Rev. Wayne C. Jarvis, campus minister at Arkansas State University; Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District superintendent and Cabinet representative. The Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of the Program Council photographed the group from the balcony.

Commission on Enlistment for Church Occupations holds planning retreat

The Commission on Enlistment of the North Arkansas Conference of The United Methodist Church met for its Annual Planning Retreat at Tannenbaum Lodge on Greers Ferry Lake September 29-30.

Items of major concern included in the Commission's planning were:

1) The preparation of a current and continuing list by church, district and conference of a compiled list of all persons who make a commitment to full time Christian Service, and the circulation of this list to District Superin-

Jonesboro; Kindergarten—Mrs. Bernice Rogers of Batesville; Elementary I-III—Miss Lula Doyle Baird of Morrilton; Elementary IV-VI—Mrs. Robert Hunt of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Junior High—to be announced; Senior High—Rev. James W. Workman, Jr. of Humphreys; Adult—Dr. Joseph Taylor of Little Rock.

Mrs. Phyllis Johnson of Fayetteville will serve as chairman of the Board of Managers.

tendents, District Secretaries of Enlistment, and local pastors who may move to a church which has such committed persons.

2) A possible "Vocational Tour" of Church Occupations in Arkansas for high school age youth.

3) A Conference listing and coordination of Summer Employment Information available to all churches desiring summer workers and to all college-age young adults who seek such employment.

4) An invitation to the Conference Youth Council to name a representative to the Commission and to each Campus Minister to seek a representative from each Wesley Foundation in the Conference.

5) The planning, on a district basis, of a Day Apart for pastors, where they might gain a better understanding of their role, their calling, and their image, in order that they may more effectively relate to those in each congregation



Mr. Carter

Arkansas pastor to take part in Great Britain Mission

A "Mission in Great Britain", October 16-November 6, sponsored jointly by the Methodist Church in Great Britain and the General Board of Evangelism will include one pastor from Louisiana and one from Arkansas. Thirty-one American ministers are included in the party.

Among those taking part in the mission will be the Rev. James E. Christie of Bunkie, La. and the Rev. Norman Carter of Booneville, Ark.

Leading the group will be the Rev. David Randolph of the staff of the Board of Evangelism.

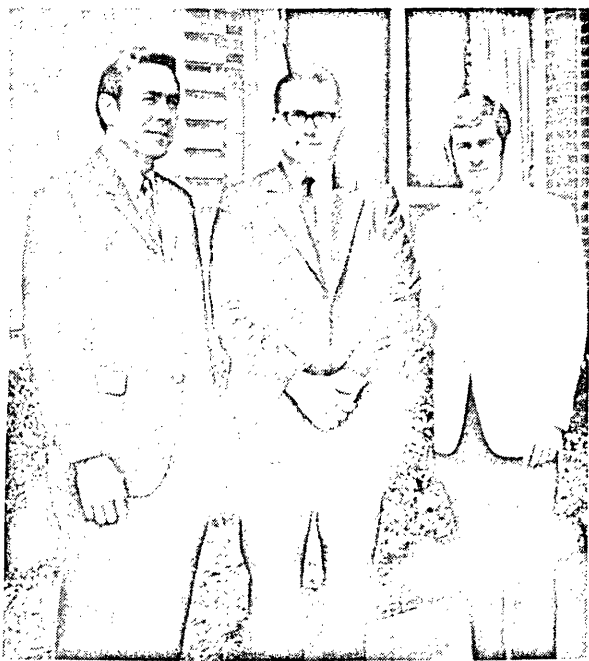
from page one Hendrix

the hope that the unique 3-3 system at Hendrix was beginning to attract larger numbers of high school graduates. The 3-3 system, installed four years ago, is a system of three eleven week terms during the school year, in which students study only three subjects per term. The completion of thirty-six courses plus six courses in physical education is required for graduation.

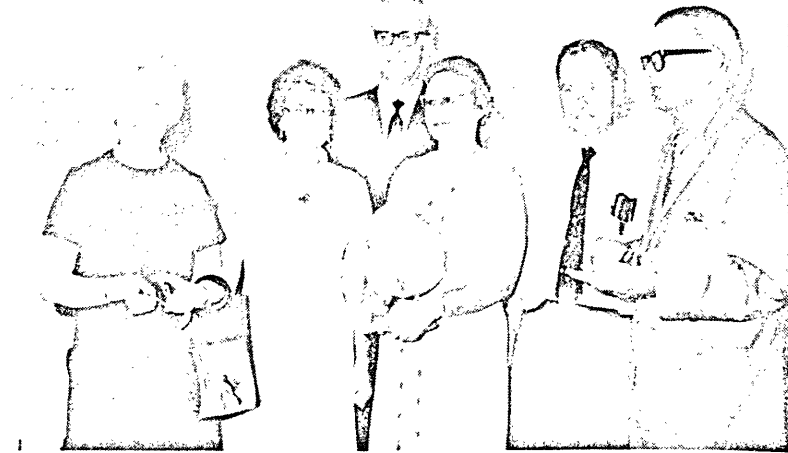
who should be challenged to consider a church-related occupation.

6) A program of Summer Internships in the Pastoral Ministry, to provide college youth a chance to "try out" the pastoral ministry.

7) A continuation of the emphasis by the District Secretaries of Enlistment in cooperation with the District Program Council.



The Rev. Dois M. Kennedy (center), pastor of Amboy Church, was elected president of the North Little Rock Ministerial Alliance at a recent meeting. Elected vice-president was the Rev. Sam Teague (l.), pastor of the Indian Hills church. Shown with the two United Methodist clergymen is the Rev. Stephen Rexroat, pastor of Lakehill Assembly of God church, new secretary-treasurer.



Some of the staff members for Missionary Concerns Conferences in Batesville District. FROM LEFT: Mrs. I. N. Barnett, Mrs. Earl Hughes, the Rev. Arvill C. Brannon, District Missionary secretary, Mrs. Bernice Rogers, Dr. Charles Casteel, and Dr. Mouzon Mann. Conferences were held Sept. 22, 23, and 24 at Heber Springs, First Church, Batesville, and Mountain Home. A total of 96 persons attended.

Editorial

COMMON FAITH — COMMON COMMITMENT

On next Sunday most of our pulpits will be filled by laymen who will be speaking on the theme "Common Faith—Common Commitment." In this message they will be challenging their listeners to broaden their thinking concerning church unity in the world and to heal any breaches which might exist in their local congregations relating to diverse views concerning the mission of the church.

The observance of Laymen's Day was a practice which was inaugurated by the General Board of Lay Activities of the former Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in 1928. It was brought as a contribution of that section into the merged church and was approved by the General Board of Lay Activities of The Methodist Church as its first meeting.

Such a tradition had also developed within the churches that became the Evangelical United Brethren. As early as 1916 the Evangelical Association was observing "Layman Days" in some of their annual conferences.

Dr. David W. Self, General Secretary of the Board of Laity says of the importance of this day: "On this Sunday in many pulpits a layman, or several laymen, will proclaim their beliefs and share their common faith and this proclamation does have great significance. It means that as laymen we do speak with a clear voice our celebration of Christ as the most meaningful fact of life. Yet the most important part of our witness to others, whether they are believers or not, is the way we live. This is where we put our common commitment to seek the will and way of Christ in our lives to the test of proof."

In some instances the speakers will be men who have qualified themselves as "lay speakers" in the United Methodist Church. Many of these speak frequently throughout the year in pulpits that would otherwise be vacant. Some of the guest speakers will be men who have not previously stood in the pulpit, but who have a committed witness to share with us.

We do not want to anticipate the message that will be brought in your church next Sunday, but we do want to lift up a few of the sentences from the materials prepared by the General Board of Laity:

"Unless the laymen are the evidence of Christ in society, the church remains, in the eyes of the non-members, a sterile and dried-up organization. When the values of Christianity are taken into society, when the church shows it is more than a place for baptism, marrying and burying, people will attend church again."

"The world to which laymen are called is one of industry, business, politics, schools and government. This is the world in which the layman can be most effective for Christ. We cannot expect the clergy to serve in all these areas in our behalf. This is our role. It is here we are to be the salt, the yeast, the mustard seeds, the lights for Christ."

The message you hear will in all likelihood be ecumenical in its accent, because the several writers who contributed to the guide have been asked to develop that emphasis. They have said:

"The fellowship discovered by Christians was not the secret of a closed fraternity. Instead, it was what God had in mind for all creation. It was God's will that every man know the life and joy Christians have experienced in the church. His was no exclusive gift! Rather, from the beginning, God had unity in mind—for all things and all men, on earth and in heaven. From the human view, things often looked pretty dim, but from God's eternal perspective unity was the last word."

"The unity which is visible in the church is a sign to the world that God wills all men to be one. The Apostle is living in the midst of a community in which the old enmities have been bypassed. Ear-

lier, Jews had resisted the admission of Gentiles into the fellowship unless they first agreed to submit to Judaism's initiatory rites. Now, however, there was a visible and growing accord uniting Jew and Gentile, free man and slave, parent and child, man and woman, Roman citizen and subject!

"The mission of the church is to be the unifying instrument of God, breaking down the barriers, healing the divisions, bridging the chasms that keep men from men."

The bulletin cover prepared for Laymen's Sunday carries a prayer which closes with these words:

"May we, members of this congregation, truly pray today that we be one. This does not mean that we must think alike. It does mean that we respect the right of our brothers to think, even if their thoughts clash with ours."

"We can be one in brotherhood without saying the same things. In fact we may say things in strong disagreement. But if we are one in a common commitment we will listen to others . . . really listen."

"Out of our Wesleyan heritage may we remember and live the philosophy of John Wesley, 'We may differ in our ideas and thoughts but if thy heart is as my heart, give me thy hand in brotherhood.'"

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the Editor's Corner



THE NIGHT THE MARTIANS LANDED

Convincing the present younger generation of the dramatic impact once exerted by radio on the American scene may be just as difficult as communicating the real impact of the depression.

They would never believe what happened on the evening of October 30, 1938—"the night the Martians landed." That was the night when Orson Welles, the boy wonder of the theater, broadcast the science-fiction tale by H. G. Wells, *The War of the Worlds*, and set the whole nation agog—that is, those who were not at church.

Many listeners who tuned in late, temporarily deserting the more popular Edgar Bergen and Charlie McCarthy show, did not hear the initial warning, and believed that men from Mars had actually landed on the earth. Their radio said so.

It was all so realistic that in Newark, N. J., men and women ran into the streets with wet towels and handkerchiefs over their faces to protect themselves against a gas attack. In Pittsburgh a woman was reported to have grabbed a bottle of poison and screamed, "I'd rather die this way than that." In New York people fled their apartments with whatever household goods they could gather.

A man from Dayton, Ohio, called the *New York Times* and asked, "What time will the end of the world be?"

And people in Arkansas and Louisiana did many things which now seem just as improbable to us.

What Mr. Welles did was substitute American locales for the sites of the imaginative H. G. Wells story, which dated back to 1879. He thus brought interplanetary warfare very close to home to Americans. He started the action in Grover's Mill, N. J., a small community near Princeton. In his radio script, done so realistically, he landed a Martian space ship in an open field and unloaded creepy creatures from outer space.

Mr. Welles said this was his Mercury Theater's version of dressing up in a sheet for Hallowe'en and saying "boo," but it was the producer who was "booed." Investigations were ordered, and the *New York Times* scolded him, saying, "Radio is new but it has adult responsibilities."

Could this happen again in our sophisticated space and television age?

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Military chaplaincy specialists from three Protestant denominations have challenged a federal court ruling which upheld the practice of compulsory chapel attendance at U.S. Military academies and urged new efforts to change the requirement. Spokesmen for the United Presbyterian Church, the United Church of Christ and the American Baptist Convention called upon the General Commn. on Chaplains, to re-open negotiations with the Dept. of the Defense and seek an administrative change in policy.

Dr. James A. Christison, Home Missions executive of the American Baptist Convention, in a letter calling for re-negotiations with the Dept. of Defense, said the "utilization of divine services for strictly secular purposes is a degradation of religion and an affront to God and human dignity." In addition, he saw mandatory chapel attendance as counter to one of the cherished distinctives of Baptists and as a restriction of "the liberty to choose to worship or not to worship."

Under a new policy, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will use some of its funds designated for establishing new churches to develop older congregations, particularly those having minority memberships. Lonnie H. Hass, director of church establishment for the Division of Church Life and Work said the move represents a new denominational policy of the 1970s.

Many stroke victims hesitate about going to church because they often cannot participate in the services or join in the singing. The pace is too fast for their stroke-impaired speech patterns. This problem was faced by a group of stroke patients who meet weekly at the Univ. of New Mexico School of Medicine (in Albuquerque) to work on improving their speech difficulties with members of a rehabilitation team. Special non-denominational religious services "at a slow and easy pace" for stroke patients have been initiated at Sandia Base Chapel. Military police at the Base will aid those attending, if necessary.

A report on the Evangelical Methodist Church in East Germany published in the Protestant periodical "Faith and Conscience" issued by a group of progressive pastors, said that five Methodist churches are currently under construction in the (East) German Democratic Republic. Last June, following government pressure, East German Methodists severed organizational ties with their Church in the Federal Republic (West Germany) and formed an independent Church body. Recently elected Bishop Armin Haertel, is reported to have said "the Methodist Church in the GDR will cooperate to the best of its ability in shaping the Socialist community of men in the German Democratic Republic."

The board of trustees of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary has elected Dr. Grady C. Cothen, president of Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, as president of the Southern Baptist theological school. He succeeds Dr. H. Leo Eddleman, who resigned last January to become executive vice-president of Religious Heritage of America, a patriotic foundation in Washington, D.C., and more recently accepted a newly-created post as "doctrinal reader" for the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board in Nashville.

After making a 10-week tour of theological schools in Asia, a professor at Union Theological Seminary (N.Y.), predicted "vast upheavals" are coming to the region's churches. Development and pluralism are two main challenges facing the Asian Churches, said Dr. Daniel D. Williams. "The technological and economic changes brought about by development present two main questions," he said. "Is it leading toward a more equitable distribution of goods for all? And what is the meaning of development in relation to the search for fulfilled human existence?" These questions, he said, are pressing not only for Christians but for all the "old faiths" of Asia, including classic Marxism.

Evangelist Billy Graham in Chicago to plan his second Chicago Crusade in 1971 predicted that college students will surprise their elders this Fall with their concerted move toward Christ. The evangelist said "The great story of campuses today which the news media are missing is the growing number of conversions being made among young people." He continued, "Youngsters desperate for a purpose and a way of life are eagerly adopting Christ as their leader."

In the 4,000 years since the Ten Commandments were handed down at Mount Sinai, no sounder foundation for a stable society, especially in these troubled times, has evolved, former Congressman Dr. Walter Judd of Minnesota said at a recent White House service. "Deep questioning" is going on in the country today, he stated, not only of values in life but of the "basic institutions"—the political, economic, educational, social and religious institutions. The former Congregationalist missionary (using the Protestant numbering) indicated how each of the commandments can apply to today's situation.

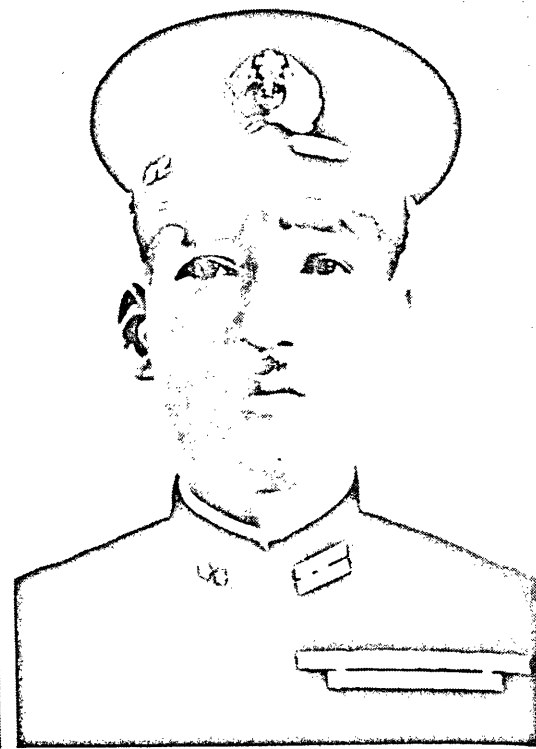
Worship and Bible study were major elements of the Fourth Asian Church Women's Conference which brought together in Sukabumi, Indonesia, women from 17 Asian countries. The fellowship was initiated in 1958 by an Asian woman. A continuing concern is the "Fellowship of the Least Coin." The fellowship invites women to contribute each month the least coin of their country's currency — as a means of enabling all women, rich or poor, to participate on an equal basis.

Commenting on the proposed Plan of Union produced by the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), Dr. William A. Norgren, executive director of the National Council of Churches Dept. of Faith and Order, said despite the fact that the plan's "fundamental assumptions about the church are uncertain and confused," it offers a "starting point for discussion." He continued, "If we criticize it with seriousness and if there is thoroughgoing discussion in our parishes and dioceses of the reforms needed in the church, the plan can be used by God to help bring in the new vision, which it does not itself capture, of the height and breadth and depth of Christian unity."

The Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) has established a six-member task force to explore means of improving the "emotional psychological health" of ministers. The task force operating under the General Assembly's Committee of the Minister and His Work will report to the 1971 Assembly. Meanwhile, a field representative will travel throughout the areas in which the denomination works, interviewing clergymen and people engaged in mental health work and inspecting mental health facilities. The study is intended to gather information on "the problems of recognition, treatment, and rehabilitation for emotional disorders whenever and wherever they might occur among the ministers of the denomination."

A plan to "pay-now, die-later" has been adopted by the Quebec Corp. of Funeral Directors and Embalmers in Canada. Under the plan, residents will be able to sign contracts with undertakers and pay their funeral costs in advance. Refunds will be available on request should the customer decide to cancel the contract.

A dozen Greater Portland, Me. clergymen who serve as chaplains are taking a 12-week course designed to help them become more sensitive to the needs of people "in crises." The "students" at the Maine Medical Center represent various denominations. The program is sponsored by the Center in conjunction with the Protestant Hospital Chaplaincy Board and is supported by trust funds, local churches and individual contributions.



NEW YORK — Mitsuo Fuchida, the lieutenant commander who led an attack force of 384 planes in the raid against Pearl Harbor on Dec. 7, 1941, welcomes the newly-released movie "Tora! Tora! Tora!" primarily because it will provide opportunities for him to preach the Christian gospel to more people. Now a Presbyterian lay preacher, Mr. Fuchida (shown at left as he is today, at right as he was in 1941) plans to conduct evangelistic services in Japanese cities where the film is shown. Now in the U.S. to promote the film, Mr. Fuchida says the movie is accurate in its re-creation of the raid and praises Japanese actor Takahiro Tamura for playing his role even "better than me." (RNS Photo)

Tanako setting for Guilds' Annual Meeting

The Wesleyan Service Guild members of the Little Rock Conference gathered at Camp Tanako on Sunday, October 4, for a precedent setting meeting. The first Annual Meeting to be held in the fall, and the first one-day session had a record attendance of 166 from the 68 Guilds of the conference.

Mrs. Gladys Icenhower of Texarkana was elected conference chairman for a two-year term, succeeding Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson of Pine Bluff, who completed two two-year terms. Other officers elected are shown on page one.

The program dealt, not with past events and accomplishments, but with future possibilities. Using the theme "Thinking Through Tomorrow", the program involved a dialogue panel of four speakers, conversation corners, "search parties", and a final challenge by Mrs. Lamar Clark, guest speaker from the Texas Conference. Mrs. Hazel Dabney of Pine Bluff was chairman of the committee planning the entire program.

Setting the tone for smaller group discussions was the dialogue panel with participants conversing about FAITH, "Does the Christian Faith Speak to the Future?" These panelists are named and pictured on this page. The leaders for small groups were: Mrs. Jackson, Mrs. Icenhower, Mrs. Louise Councille, Mrs. Ethel Carroll and Mrs. Dabney.

During the business session, it was revealed that gifts to missions through the "World Bank" program resulted in an offering of \$1,568.68. This enabled the group to support United Methodist missions completely for 59 minutes, over and above the regular gift to mis-

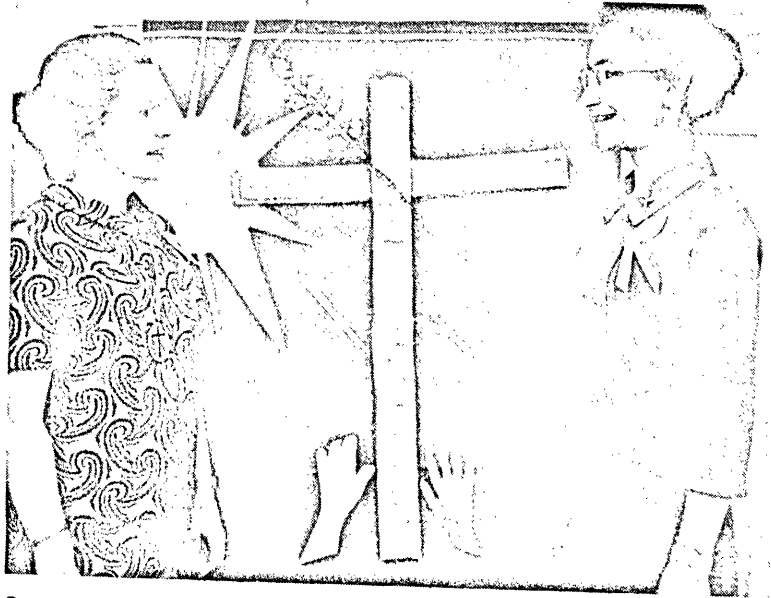
sions. Miss Ada May Smith, conference treasurer, lighted the candle which burned 59 minutes to symbolize the gift. The conference pledge to missions is \$20,500.

The installation of officers by Mrs. E. T. Davenport, conference president of the Women's Society, and the "In Remembrance" devotion by Mrs. Fred L. Arnold preceded the lunch.

The afternoon "Search Parties" delved into "Thinking through Tomorrow" through: Missionary Outreach, Spiritual Discipline, Justice and Peace, Programming, and Leadership. Leaders for these groups were Mrs. Christian, Mrs. Fred L. Arnold, Mrs. Charles Gardner, Mrs. Jackson and Mrs. Davenport.

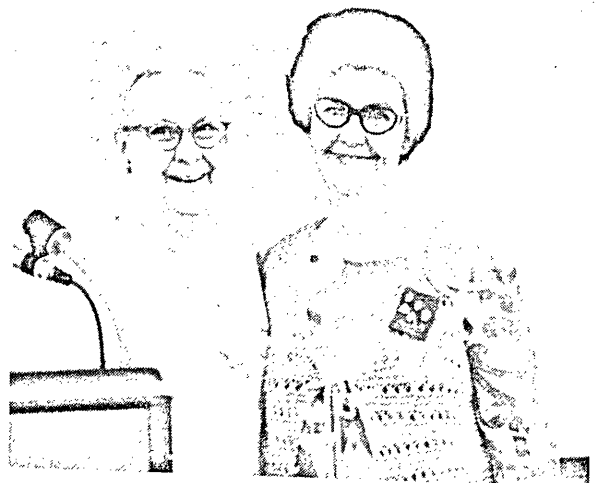
Mrs. Clark, a member of the Board of Missions and representing the Women's Division, spoke to the group in the outdoor setting of Fawcett Chapel. Analyzing "HOPE — the Shape of the Future", she foresees **cultivation** as the tool by which Guilders will shape the future. In order to fulfill the Purpose of Guild and Society to "help women grow in the knowledge and experience of God as revealed in Jesus Christ; to challenge them to respond — to unite them — and to develop a personal responsibility for the whole tack of the church", Mrs. Clark challenged Guilders to put the welfare of the individual prospect above that of the organization, to cultivate old and new Guilds and members without concern for who gets the credit, and to realize as St. Paul did that although "I plant and Apollos waters, it is God who gives the increase".

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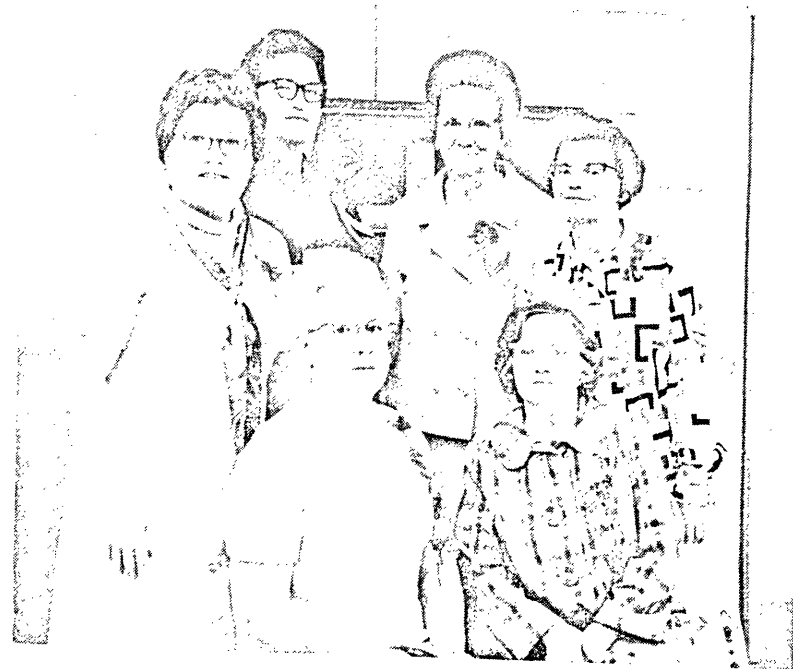
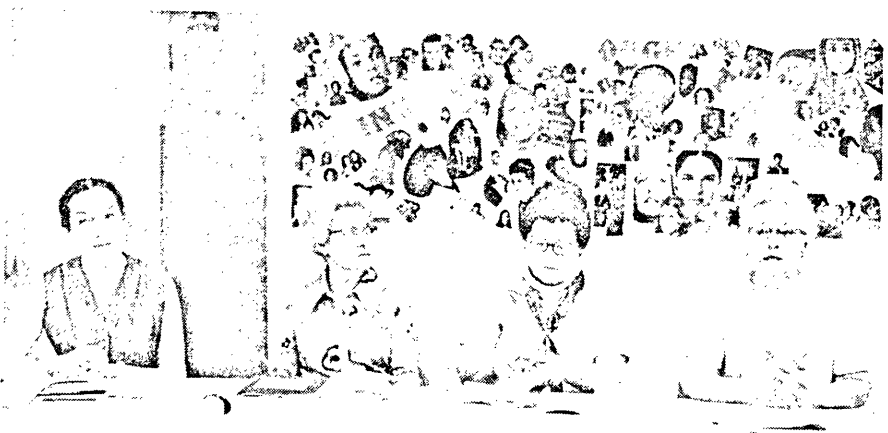


Guest speaker at the Little Rock Conference meeting of Wesleyan Service Guilds was Mrs. Lamar Clark, at right, of Baytown, Texas, shown here visiting with Mrs. E. T. Davenport, conference president of the Women's Society who installed officers, against a backdrop of one of the many banners on display.

Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson, at right, conference chairman of Guilds for two two-year terms, was honored with an Honorary Membership (representing a \$300 gift to missions). Mrs. Hazel Dabney made the presentation.



A cross section of Little Rock Conference Guilders (166 in attendance) at the Tanako Annual Meeting, held on Sunday, October 4.



District chairmen of Guilds are: (back row, from left) Mrs. Louise Pate, Little Rock District; Mrs. W. D. Metts, Hope District; Mrs. R. H. Levins, Arkadelphia District; Mrs. Louise Councille, Monticello District; (seated) Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Pine Bluff District; and Mrs. Tabbie Mae Moore, Camden District.

A dialogue concerning FAITH was engaged in by these four ladies preceding small group conversations on the subject. From left: Mrs. Marie Thomas, Mrs. Willie Arnold, Mrs. Louise Pate and Mrs. Hazel Dabney. The background collage reveals the theme of the meeting.

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. JOHN ALSTON was elected president of the Smackover Ministerial Alliance at a recent meeting. He is pastor of First United Methodist Church. Other officers are the Rev. Roy Gray, vice-president, and the Rev. James Bryant, secretary.

DR. LELAND CLEGG, retired minister of Magnolia, delivered the sermons during the revival held in Mt. Prospect United Methodist Church, late in September. The Rev. Joe Hunter is pastor of the Mt. Prospect and Stephens Churches.

THREE LAKEWOOD CHURCH youths received the Eagle Scout Awards at a Court of Honor held Monday, September 28. They are Tommy Adams, Ricky Porter and Gibby Carpenter. Girl Scouts who received the new Christian Citizen Award are Ellen Ritchie, Wendy Welch, Karla Hyde, Mary Helen Fagan, Cindy Pope, Emily Burgin and Meryl Pickens.

MEN OF THE CHURCHES of Hot Springs held a dinner meeting in First United Methodist Church, September 29. "The Wonders of God's Creation as Viewed by Modern Man" was presented by Alvis Owen, supervisor of the U.S. Forestry Service.

DR. ROY SHILLING, president of Hendrix College, Conway, was guest speaker at a dinner for laymen and ministers of the Fayetteville District on October 5. Members of the Women's Society served the dinner in Central United Methodist Church of Rogers. The Rev. Charles McDonald was host pastor; Dr. Myers Curtis was host district superintendent.



J. Elmer Berry has just presented his pastor, the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth, with a personal Wesley Pulpit Robe at the Des Arc Church. Mr. Berry is church lay leader and provides a layman to assist the pastor in the order of worship during the morning worship services. Mr. Berry is also a certified Lay speaker and fills the pulpit on many occasions.

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SHERIDAN CHURCH NOTES MINISTRY SUNDAY

The congregation of Sheridan United Methodist Church recognized three of its members on Sunday, September 20, during the 10:50 a.m. worship service. The day was designated Ministry Sunday by the church's Program Council and was planned as a time to honor Dr. and Mrs. Paul Stephenson, and Mrs. M. K. Rogers, individuals who have been closely connected with the Methodist Church's professional ministry. Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson, retired, gave long years of dedicated service in Texas as minister and parsonage wife. Mrs. Rogers served faithfully in Arkansas as a minister's wife to her husband, the late M. K. Rogers.

DR. JAMES ARGUE, pastor of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock, attended a meeting of the General Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church, of which he is a member, on September 30 and October 1. The sessions were held in Omaha, Nebraska.

DR. RALPH HILLIS, pastor of First Church, Texarkana, attended a Workshop on the Ministry held in Nashville, Tennessee, September 29 and 30. Dr. Hillis is chairman of the Board of Ministry for the Little Rock Conference.

SULPHUR SPRINGS UNITED Methodists held a revival September 13-18 with the Rev. Warren D. Golden of the Wynne United Methodist Church as evangelist. The music was directed by John Browning. The Rev. Jesse Bruner is pastor of the Gravette-Sulphur Springs Charge.

THE REV. NORMAN CARTER, United Methodist minister in Booneville, spoke on "Alcohol and Other Drugs" at a September 15 meeting of the Pilot Club in Booneville. Mr. Carter attended a seminar on the subject at Berkeley, California, recently.

THE REV. P. D. ALSTON, retired minister of El Dorado, filled the pulpit for the Salvation Army in El Dorado on Sunday, September 27, at the 11 a.m. service.

DEQUEEN UNITED METHODIST Men heard Henry Morris tell about the proposed Constitution of Arkansas at their September 28 supper meeting. Mr. Morris was a delegate to the recent Constitutional Convention. The Rev. David B. Wilson is the DeQueen pastor.

Honored at the Sheridan Church on Ministry Sunday were Mrs. M. K. Rogers, left front, minister's widow, and Dr. and Mrs. Paul Stephenson, retired minister and wife. In back are Mr. and Mrs. Van Reid, who represented the congregation in presenting gifts.

Mr. Van Reid, church lay leader, represented the congregation in making the presentation. As he presented gifts he said, "Words cannot express the appreciation we hold in our hearts for these persons. We only hope that these gifts will somehow communicate what we feel in our hearts." Mrs. Mary Reid assisted her husband in the presentation.

Following the giving of gifts, the Rev. Jack Wilson, pastor, invited family members to join the honored guests. Mr. and Mrs. Coats A. Mitchell, Mrs. Fred Baddour, West Memphis, stood with Mrs. Rogers and Mrs. Sarah Hester joined Dr. and Mrs. Stephenson. A congregational prayer of thanksgiving concluded the act of recognition.

RALPH WOODWARD, OSCEOLA Methodist layman, will be guest speaker in the Brinkley United Methodist Church on Layman's Day, October 11. Jon Barbarotto will direct the all-men's choir. The Rev. B. W. Stallcup is the Brinkley minister. Herbert Smith is the lay leader.

JOYCE JACKSON, a member of the Covenant Handbell Choir in First Church, El Dorado, was recently asked by the editor of OVERTONES to write an article about her solo handbell ringing for the South Arkansas Junior Miss Pageant. The article was published in the September issue of the magazine.

MISS MADGE FRANKLIN, director of Christian education at Pulaski Heights Church, reviewed the book "Called to Teach" at the teacher appreciation dinner held in St. Paul Church, Little Rock, September 23. Mrs. Tom Newton, chairman of the work area of Christian Education, presided. St. Paul ministers are the Rev. J. Robert Scott and the Rev. Gary Goldman, associate.

THIRTY YOUNG PEOPLE and counselors of the Des Arc church visited the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock Sunday September 20th. Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent, met with the group in the Chapel and gave a summary of the home and its program. Following a guided tour of the grounds, the group was escorted to the Little Rock Zoo and then to the Wagons West Steak House. On the trip home the group stopped at a rest stop near Carlisle where they joined in a song and worship service with the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth, pastor, bringing the message. Ricky Ruth is the UMY president.

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.

Oct. 11—Sunday	Acts 13:28-39
Oct. 12	I Cor. 15:1-11
Oct. 13	I Cor. 15:12-28
Oct. 14	I Cor. 15:50-58
Oct. 15	II Cor. 4:7-16
Oct. 16	Eph. 4:17-24
Oct. 17	Col. 3:1-19
Oct. 18—Sunday	Gen. 5:21-24

THE REV. HOWARD RITCHIE, associate minister, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, was the speaker for the Gardner Memorial United Methodist Men's first meeting of the fall, September 17. Mr. Ritchie is a former associate minister at Gardner Memorial. Methodist Men's Club officers for the year are: Wilbert Stouffer, president; Willis Waymack, vice-president; John Henry, secretary-treasurer.

DR. NED DE JOURNETT, director of choral activities at the UALR, has recently been employed by the St. Luke United Methodist Church of Little Rock as director of the adult choir. The choir has recently purchased new robes and stoles. If some church wants to purchase some maroon robes and collars at a very reasonable price, please contact David R. Rippey. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is pastor.

ST. PAUL UNITED Methodist Church in El Dorado announced the following changes in their church staff: Director of Choirs—James O. Foxx; Church Secretary—Mrs. Robert Keys; Church Visitor—Mrs. W. W. Artt; and Custodian—J. C. Cullins. Miss Elaine Allen continues as Church Organist. The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell is the pastor.

MRS. W. W. TAYLOR, a member of the Rushing Memorial United Methodist Church in Chidester, showed slides and told about her summer European tour in fellowship hall following a pot-luck supper, September 16. Countries visited were Holland, Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Italy, France and England. Dr. Herbert Minga, Dallas minister, was host tour director. The Rev. George Bailey is pastor at Rushing Memorial.

PHIL BURNS, BAND DIRECTOR in the Morrilton school system, has accepted the position of choir director in First United Methodist Church of Morrilton. Pam Mooney is the organist. The Rev. Harold H. Spence is pastor.

MARION METHODISTS heard the Rev. A. N. Storey, retired minister of Jonesboro, bring the message at the Sunday morning service, September 27. Ernest Crawford, Jr. was in charge of the service. The Rev. W. L. Douglas is pastor.

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MISSIONARY DOCTOR ILL

Recent news from First Church, Fort Smith, reveals that one of the missionary doctors whom they support in India has had a heart attack, but is now recuperating.

A quote from Dr. Wilma Per-rill's letter is: "We have had a difficult summer here in Vrindaban. During May and June the heat was almost intolerable. We had too many patients and too few doctors, especially as some were on vacation. In early June an un-scheduled vacation was forced on me when I had a coronary and have been in bed ever since. Our vacation had been scheduled for August which we had to pass up so Charles didn't get any either. I am much better, out of bed a little each day, and managing to do a lot of things from my bed. Some patients are brought to me—especially babies—and I am teaching some of my classes. The nurses sit on the floor around my bed and we all get down to the business of learning."

Dr. Charles and Dr. Wilma Per-rill are physicians ministering in the Creighton Freeman Hospital in Vrindaban, India.

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DR. LEWIS SUTTON, psychiatrist at the Child Study Division of the U. of A. Medical Center, was the speaker at the United Methodist Men's meeting at St. Luke Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, September 28. Eugene Carter is the president of the men's group. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is their pastor.

MISSIONARIES TO SARAWAK were guests of United Methodists of First Church, Blytheville, Sunday, October 4. The Rev. and Mrs. Charles F. Root, assigned by the United Methodist Board of Mis-sions to the Methodist Theological School in Sibui, Sarawak, are sup-ported in part by the Blytheville Church, of which Dr. Virgil D. Keeley is pastor. The mission-aries were in all services and were guests of honor at a reception Sunday evening. They were also guests at the Monday luncheon meeting of the Women's Society.

HARRISBURG UNITED Methodist Men elected Larry Reddmann to serve as president this year. Ken-neth Branum will be vice-presi-dent, Charlie Stinson, secretary-treasurer, and L. D. Freeman, re-porter. Neb Thomas, outgoing president, presided at the Septem-ber 22 meeting. Rice L. Van Aus-dall, Harrisburg lawyer and dele-gate to the Constitutional Conven-tion, was the speaker. The Rev. Bob Orr is pastor.

THE COUNCIL ON MINISTRIES of First Church, Batesville, held a retreat at the Barnett Farm Sun-day, September 27. Leadership was by the pastor, the Rev. Ar-vill Brannon, the district superin-tendent, the Rev. E. J. Holifield, and by the pastor of Central Ave-nue Church, the Rev. Charles Cas-teel. Clyde McGinnis, council chairman, presented "A Program for the Future."

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS AT BRYANT

Special Membership pins were pre-sented to Mrs. Clark Johnson and Mrs. Harold Jones at the Bryant Uni-ted Methodist Church's Women's So-ciety September 24. The pins represent appreciation of the Society for the many years of effective service by the recipients. The pins also represent a supplemental gift to missions by the Society.

This year, over half of the Society's income was directed to missions. Local church projects included purchasing two picture files for the church school, and the construction of three units of shelving and storage to be used for a library and church records.

Income for the Society is through individual pledges and an annual ba-zaar. This year's bazaar will be Friday, November 20.

Mrs. Hollis Wreyford is president of the WSCS; Mrs. Arthur Paulus is ba-zaar chairman. Other officers of the Society are Mrs. Ethel Morden, vice-president; Mrs. Raymon Caple, secre-tary; Mrs. Jones, treasurer; Mrs. J. L. Smith, chairman of missionary educa-tion; Mrs. Harold Rogers, chairman of spiritual growth; Mrs. Paulus, chairman of Christian social relations.

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CHURCH WOMEN UNITED of Hot Springs held an executive meeting in Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, October 2, to plan for the World Community Day program and projects, and to plan for the An-nual Meeting to be held by the group in January.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE WOMEN TO MEET IN FT. SMITH

The Southwest Conference Women's Society of Christian Service will hold the Annual Meeting on Friday and Saturday, October 16 and 17, in Fort Smith at Mallalieu United Methodist Church.

A review of the Houston Women's Assembly will be a highlight of the meeting. A youth group will present a contemporary "Service of Joy" on Fri-day evening.

Mrs. Alice Preston of Murphrees-boro is president of the Southwest Con-ference, which includes Arkansas and Oklahoma. Her son, the Rev. Richard C. Preston, is pastor of the host Malla-lieu Church.

Mrs. Muriel Ware, president of the host society, will give the Welcome, preceding the President's Message by Mrs. Preston on Friday evening. Mrs. John Gordon, vice president, will pre-side that evening.

Mrs. Pauline Troup, conference chairman of spiritual growth, will bring the Saturday morning devotional. The Pledge Service will be led by Mrs. Elizabeth Fitzpatrick, conference treas-urer.

Other conference officers on the program include Mrs. Willie M. Love, secretary; Mrs. C. G. Washington, mis-sionary education; Mrs. Predonia Soud-er, program materials; Mrs. Kittye Pickens, Wesleyan Service Guild chair-man.

Mrs. Hattie Smith, chairman of the nominations committee, will bring that report before the election of officers.

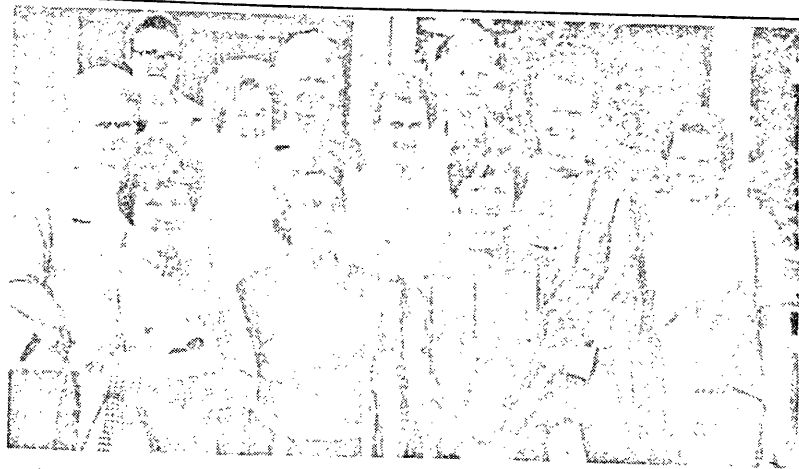
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Financial Statement

Women's Society of Christian Service
Little Rock Conference
Third Quarterly Report - June 30, 1970 to September 30, 1970

RECEIPTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledge to Missions	\$18,272.80	\$3,578.64	
Special Memberships	830.00	325.00	
In Remembrance Gifts	52.50	10.00	
My World Bank - Thank Offering	134.73	226.00	
Total Credit on Pledge	19,290.03	4,139.64	(23,429.67)
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	188.40	90.91	
Supplementary Gifts	42.90	7.65	
E.T.W. Fund	83.92		
Total Receipts from Districts	19,605.25	4,238.20	\$23,843.45
Miscellaneous Refunds		7.43	
Taylor Endowment Fund	725.00		
	725.00	7.43	732.43
Total Receipts			\$24,575.88
Balance in Savings and Checking Accounts June 30, 1970			20,152.52
Total to account for			\$44,728.40
DISBURSEMENTS	W.S.C.S.	W.S.G.	TOTAL
Pledges to Missions	\$15,891.43	\$2,970.27	
Special Memberships	1,080.00	450.00	
In Remembrance Gifts	52.50	10.00	
My World Bank-Thank Offering	134.73	226.00	
Total Credit on Pledge	17,158.66	3,656.27	(20,814.93)
Call to Prayer and Self-Denial	188.40	90.91	
Supplementary Gifts	42.90	7.65	
Total sent to the Division	17,389.96	3,754.83	21,144.79
Administration	23.37	30.13	
Meetings - Conferences	91.52	26.50	
Connectional Work	23.80		
Inter-Conference Co-op School of Missions	1,200.00	250.00	
ETW Fund - Missionary Education Youth Camps	240.00		
Conference Camp for Disadvantaged (Camp Tanako)	250.00		
Printing	62.73		
	1,891.42	306.63	2,198.05
Total Disbursements			\$23,343.84
Balance in Savings & Checking Accounts September 30, 1970			21,385.56
Total accounted for			\$44,728.40

Ada May Smith, Conference Treasurer



Group picture of officers of the Des Arc Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild.

DES ARC OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers of the Des Arc Women's Society of Christian Service and Wes-leyan Service Guild were installed by the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth at morning worship services, September 27.

Mrs. Ted Burnett will serve as WSCS president and Mrs. Patsy Burrow as Guild president.

Other Women's Society officers are Mrs. Clara Ford, vice-president; Mrs. Guyman Devore, secretary; Mrs. Charles Roe, secretary; Mrs. E. O. Hamilton, Christian social relations; Mrs. John Gipson, missionary educa-tion; Mrs. Bessie Clough, spiritual growth; Mrs. Faye Watson, program materials; and Mrs. B. E. Wray, nomi-nating committee chairman.

Other guild officers are Mrs. Norma Ramsey, vice-president; Mrs. Grace Moore, secretary; Mrs. Johnnie May Sittonen, treasurer; Mrs. Madie King, nominating committee chairman.

Ministers' Wives

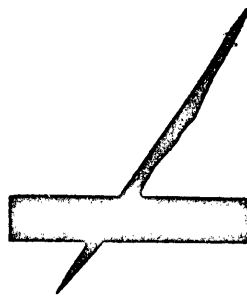
PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

A wig show was the high-light of the September meeting of the Pine Bluff District Parsonettes which met Septem-ber 24, at the home of the president, Mrs. Elmo Thomason, in Pine Bluff. Miss Kathy Duke of Anthony's Wigs gave a most interesting talk on the se-lection and care of wig and hair pieces. She then demonstrated the styling of a wig on models Joyce Walker, Irma Thomason, and Bettie Riggan.

During the business meeting new Parsonettes of the District were intro-duced and welcomed. Joyce Walker, vice-president, presented the new year-books. The next meeting will be at the District Parsonage with Mrs. Arthur Terry.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 18: Studying the Bible

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Nehemiah 8:1-8; Psalms 119:9-16; Acts 17:10-12; 1 Corinthians 12:31 through 14:1; 2 Timothy 1 and 2; 3:14-17

MEMORY SELECTION: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep thy law and observe it with my whole heart. (Psalms 119:33-34)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain a better understanding of how and why we should look to the Bible for guidance as we seek to mature in the Christian faith.

We begin today a new unit of seven lessons intended to help us recognize and utilize the various resources at our disposal for maturing in the Christian faith. Each of the seven lessons deals with a specific resource for maintaining a right relationship with God and with our fellow man. These include the Bible, prayer, Christian fellowship, worship, giving, service and maturing through struggle.

This first lesson challenges us to find better ways to use the Bible as an aid and a guide in our daily living. There are two things which we would like to point out here — first, there is widespread Biblical illiteracy in our world and in church; then, there is a growing cry of “back to the Bible” being raised by people who do not always comprehend what is suggested in that course.

Differences about the use and authority of the Bible continue among us. Unresolved issues about Biblical authority and interpretation still challenge the best thought of scholars. Still the Scriptures remain our chart and compass, and we need to take seriously the primary challenge of this series — seek to make the Bible regain a prime place among us.

Dr. Harry B. Adams introduces our lesson well in *International Lesson Annual* as he says: “The Bible carries a unique authority in the Christian community. At various times in the history of the church men have dealt with the Bible in quite different ways. They have used different principles of interpretation. They have searched for different kinds of truth within it. They have applied it to their own times in different ways. They have not agreed on the precise character of the authority of the Bible. They have had different views of the relationship of the Bible to the church and to tradition.”

The passages on which today's lesson is based are from Psalm 119 and 2 Timothy 3:14-17. The former is the longest Psalm in which the author uses the device of many different synonyms for the word of the Lord, like variations on a theme in a great symphony. The passage from 2 Timothy contains that concise statement about the Bible: “All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work.”

Let us seek then a contemporary application of this formula that we may be “equipped for every good work.”

ARE WE BIBLICALLY ILLITERATE?

The first verse of our printed material from Psalm 119 says: “How can a young man keep his way pure? By guarding it according to thy word.” (v.9) There was a time when such a question would bring a similar answer in our land, but we have a

feeling such is not the case today. Many surveys have been made indicating that people both within the church and outside are woefully ignorant about the Bible and its contents.

Dorothy Sayers once declared that the average Christian is as helpless against a Communist as a peashooter would be against the fire of a machine gun because he does not know his faith. He is not grounded in the writings which form the foundations of Christianity.

Recently a survey was made in a large high school to determine how well acquainted the students were with simple Bible facts. They were asked to do such things as: name three of the apostles of Christ, name three Old Testament prophets, list the four gospels, name the mother of John the Baptist. The average Protestant young person who had grown up in a Sunday School scored only 45 per cent. Roman Catholic students who did not have the benefit of a strong Sunday School program scored 40 per cent. Those who had received no formal religious training of any kind scored 35 per cent. What kind of score do you think you would make?

Both the passages on which we are concentrating today indicate the need to study the sacred works of the faith — not just to read them but to study them. In fact, the selection from 2 Timothy assumes a knowledge of Scripture from childhood training. Both passages also say that Scripture holds the key to right action. Scripture leads to salvation and equips the man of faith for good works.

AN UNDERSTANDING OF WHAT THE BIBLE IS

Many people are almost totally ignorant of the nature and purpose of the Bible itself. Some hold that it is just a collection of writings by men who independently expressed their views on religion. For them the Bible has no more authority than other books. Still others worship the book as a whole to such an extent that they cannot see its parts, and it is there in the individual words and verses that God speaks through his inspired servants to other men and gives them guidance for their lives.

There are three elementary truths about the Bible which are essential to our reading and understanding of it. First, it is a library and not a single book. These separate books were written thousands of years ago by different authors, reflecting different points of view at different stages of moral and religious development. Secondly, the Bible is a book of religion. It was never meant to be authoritative in other fields, but it is the only one book we have which gives us an organized account of the backgrounds and history of our faith. Finally, the Bible is a divine-human book. Just as Jesus was both human and divine, so are the church and the Bible. The Bible depicts the upward reach of man as he seeks to know God, and the downward reach of God as he longed to be one with man. We must understand this or the Bible will never aid us in the maturing of our faith.

A CONSIDERATION OF PSALM 119

During the time of Ezra, about 400 years before the birth of Christ, Israel was just returning from the Exile and was seeking a renewed sense of her identity. One of the greatest aids to this was the scroll of scripture that was found in the ruins of the temple. The reading of the book in public rallied the discouraged people and placed “the book” forever at the center of their religion. To this day one of the high moments in the Hebrew service comes when the

Torah — the scroll — is removed from its sacred place for reading.

Psalm 119, written at about this same time, is a glowing tribute to the book of the law and the place it occupies in Israel. Judith L. Weidman says in *Adult Bible Studies*: “The psalmist is not concerned with the small details of the law. He thinks of the law as God's truth, the rule for life. The law guides the believer in doing God's will; he seeks God's help in understanding the meaning of what is written.”

This psalm contains 176 verses and is by far the longest. Dr. Charles M. Laymon speaks of its unusual style in paying tribute to the scriptures (*International Lesson Annual*): “Ten synonyms are used by the author for “the law” of “the word” of God. Sharp distinctions cannot be drawn between the different words, but the shades of difference between them indicate something of the rich meaning of God's law for the psalmist. The law is not limited to specific commandments to do this or not to do that. It involves the whole will and purpose of God for man.”

THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN READING THE BIBLE AND STUDYING IT

Certainly we cannot say that there is too much reading of the Bible in our time. Perhaps any contact at all with “the book” would enrich the lives of some people. However, we do need to make a sharp difference between reading and studying the Bible. It is not enough to read a few verses a day. It is not enough, even to study isolated verses as we do in our Sunday School lessons. We need also to be using guides and commentaries that will help us look at the message of the Bible as a whole.

Dr. Howard P. Colson has this excellent word for us in *Broadman Comments*: “It is no accident that the first session in our new unit on “Helps to a Maturing Faith” deals with studying the Bible. Through the right kind of Bible study one gains insight into the nature of God and his will for human life. Through the Scriptures one may encounter God personally and be changed from spiritual immaturity to that which is more fully in accord with the divine purpose. We would do well to remember that the great stalwarts of the faith have always been men and women deeply devoted to the Bible, eager to put its teachings into practice in their lives.”

THE POWER OF THE SCRIPTURES

The verses from 2 Timothy constitute one of the main places in which the Bible speaks about itself. Paul was addressing his son in the ministry and was exhorting him to understand the central place it should occupy in his life and work. He says: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God” and then goes on to point out that its power in human life is manifest in at least five ways: (1) instruction for salvation; (2) doctrinal instruction; (3) reproof, correction, and moral discipline; (4) development of Christian personality; and (5) equipment for doing good.

Can any of us deny that God has provided us with help as we seek to become mature, equipped and effective Christians? Who can tell what transformations of life might result if all believers opened their hearts and minds to the influence of the Bible?

THE BIBLE IS ETERNALLY RELEVANT

Why is the Bible eternally relevant? Dr. Laymon answers this question as he says: “One reason is that it is timeless. Because it spoke with authority to actual persons who were involved in living at specific periods in history, it was remembered, preserved, translated and circulated. . . . There is more to it than this, however. The Bible contained an additional dimension. Its authors believed that God was actively alive in their day as he moved within history to fulfill his purpose.”

Every person must make his own discovery as to the meaning and relevance of scripture for his own life. The evangelist Dwight L. Moody spoke on this point when he said, “I know the Bible is inspired because it inspires me.”

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Bishop Hazen G. Werner in his new book **Look at the Family Now**: "The family is not through yet. It is equally certain, however, that it must do a better job. We will never save society without the family, but it will have to be a better family."

James A. Taylor, managing editor of the Observer, official periodical of the United Church of Canada, said in his publication: "Sunday schools of the United Church of Canada are dying and at the present rate of decline few of them can continue more than five years. Willing teachers are harder and harder to find. Children are less and less interested."

Becky Child, leader of the Laurels, Mormon organization for girls 16 through 18, urging the young women of that church to "step up on their pedestals and be clean, fresh and alive," said: "The age of progress has only pulled woman off her throne to become equal with men when she was once superior."

Fred Hargesheimer, Episcopal layman who was shot down over New Guinea during World War II and has now returned to teach in the village which cared for him: "We all seek a purpose beyond just living comfortably. I just happened to stumble on to something that made sense to me and to my wife. It's funny, but that guy who shot me down did me a great favor."

Young people attending the general assembly of the Lutheran Student Movement adopted a paper calling for "a serious reevaluation of religious traditions in light of the current environmental crisis." The paper said: "Our environment is continually being raped and destroyed, often in the name of corporate profit and progress, as well as by individual apathy and selfish gratification. In many cases, Christian theology has been a willing accomplice to this destruction."

Dr. Charles W. Conn, retiring General Overseer of the Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.): "Confusion about what the church is and what it should be doing is responsible for much of the confusion and chaos in the world today. The church cannot make progress in the face of doubt concerning itself."

Roman Catholic Bishop Charles Buswell of Pueblo, Colo., called on the regional convention of the Christian Family Life Movement, which held its annual gathering at Grand View College, a Lutheran Church in America institution at Des Moines, to launch "a creative revolution in the Church." He said: "We are not speaking about a revolution which calls for guerillas or atom bombs or violence. But we are talking about a turning-about which is at the same time a radical change and a moving forward like the revolution of a wheel. The movement is necessary for it, and it involves a total turn-around on a fixed center."

- All of 1971 "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering designated for UMCOR

United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief sets future priorities

GREENWICH, Conn. (UMI) — Concern about continued progress in its refugee resettlement program, noting of support for five relief-rehabilitation projects in South Vietnam and allocation of \$604,000 marked a meeting of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) here September 21-22.

UMCOR also voted to explore possible use of U.S. conscientious objectors in Bolivia, set some future priorities and heard financial reports that included both encouraging notes and reports on an apparent decline in income. The 26-member Committee met at the Episcopal Church's national conference center, Seabury House, under the chairmanship of Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Wis.

Dr. J. Harry Haines, New York, executive secretary, noted that UMCOR is supporting 22 workers with Vietnam Christian Service (ecumenical relief agency), and said that United Methodism's Fund for Reconciliation has made a second grant to rehabilitation work in Vietnam, a grant of \$264,-

000. Expressing appreciation for the grant, Dr. Haines said the projects include housing units at Tamky and Quang Ngai, an amputee center at Danang, a social work training course, Montagnard hostels and scholarships for refugee children. (Dr. Haines left the U.S. September 22 for a month's assignment in Korea, Indonesia and Vietnam; in the latter country he is scheduled to visit the new projects.)

In his report, Dr. Haines stressed the importance of the annual "One Great Hour of Sharing" offering as a major source of income. In 1971, for the first time, UMCOR will receive all of the offering. Theme of the March 21 offering will be "Invest in Love." Dr. Haines also reported that relief-rehabilitation work continues in what was Biafra and in the remainder of Nigeria, and that this work is being done through Christian auspices, particularly the Christian Council of Nigeria, and under Nigerian leadership.

Concern for getting UMCOR's refugee resettlement program moving again was expressed by Dr. James J. Thomas,

New York, secretary for specialized ministries. Reporting that 247 refugees had been resettled in the first eight months of 1970, Dr. Thomas said the problem continues urgent, with an estimated 17 million refugees in the world.

In a total of \$604,000 in various allocations, UMCOR approved \$338,000 in recurring grants through United Methodist and ecumenical channels, including \$151,000 to Church World Service and \$44,000 to the World Council of Churches.

Also approved were special grants totaling \$266,000 and including \$100,000 for Peru relief-rehabilitation, \$75,000 to Vietnam Christian Service (making a total of \$740,000 since 1966), \$10,000 for Laotian and Cambodian refugees, \$50,000 for Nigeria, \$5,000 for a clothing center employing women on the west bank of the Jordan river in the Middle East, and \$5,000 for a self-help economic development project in Kenya.

In response to a cable received September 21 from United Methodist leaders in the Philippines asking \$25,-

000 to aid flood victims in northern Luzon, UMCOR voted to send \$3,000 immediately, to refer the request for emergency aid to Church World Service in Manila and New York for action, and to respond more fully as soon as additional information is available.

As are other agencies, UMCOR took a look at its priorities for the 1972-76 quadrennium and gave general approval to these major areas for emphasis: emergency disaster and rehabilitation, refugee service, creative use of volunteers, family planning, and hunger (including food-for-work and projects striking at hunger's roots).

Reporting on 1970, treasurer Gerhard Hennes, New York, said that as of July 31 total income was \$1,177,280, as compared with \$1,277,108 for the same period in 1969. "That large and urgent needs—such as Vietnam, Nigeria and Peru—have attracted designated funds is clear and right," he said, but "the strength, resilience and consistency of UMCOR's response to human need, whenever and wherever it occurs, is undesignated money."

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

Confucius said, "I daily examine myself in a threefold manner: in my transactions with men, if I am upright; in my intercourse with friends, if I am faithful; and whether I illustrate the teachings of my master in my conduct."

THE MASTER BUILDER

Every galaxie and far flung star,
Are part of a wondrous plan so grand.

All of the world and things that are,
Were wrought by the Master Builder's hand.

Man is endowed with a spark divine;
God shares with us all His tender love.
He sent His Son to be yours and mine,
And granted Salvation from above.

All is a part of His master plan.
We all are given a task to do.
We must work to bring His kingdom in;
To the Master Builder we must be true!

We will labor together to save the lost,
For eternity we build, as we work and plan.
We must labor and never count the cost,
And hold with faith the Master's hand.

— by Margie King

MY PRAYER

Dear Father, Lord, oh how I pray
That I might touch some heart to-day.

That I might speak a kinder word —
a kinder thought—or do
Something that is love inspired.
I know you'll be there too.

If I could shout a thousand things —
or whisper in the day —
It would not mean a single thing,
unless you're on my way.

Now Father, Lord, I want to close
and tell you that I know —
That where my feet will walk to-day —
Along that path you'll go.

— by Betty Heidelberger

NOTE:

Each poem selected for "Poetry Panorama" is original and submitted by the author whose name appears with the poem. The columns are prepared four to six weeks in advance of publication, and this should be kept in mind when submitting seasonal poetry. Poems which are eventually to be used will not be returned or acknowledged, and those which are not selected will be returned only if accompanied by a stamped, self-addressed envelope when submitted.

General Conference Entertainment and Program Commission meets, makes key personnel assignments

ATLANTA (UMI) — Plans for the United Methodist Church's 1972 General Conference were advanced during a busy session of its Commission on Entertainment and Program here Sept. 24-25.

The 18-member commission approved several program features of the 1972 Conference, named leaders to various posts and conferred at length with a large hard-working local committee.

A. G. Jefferson, Lynchburg, Va., presided at the two-day meeting, which also heard reports on the 1970 special session of the General Conference in St. Louis and considered invitations from three cities desiring to entertain the 1976 General Conference.

With the 1972 General Conference only about 18 months in the future, the general commission spent one morning in a briefing session with the Atlanta committee, which has as its chairman and executive director, the Rev. Gene Carroll.

The conference is scheduled for April 16-30, 1972, in Atlanta's Civic Center Exhibit Hall, with legislative committees and some related groups meeting in nearby hotels and churches.

The general commission approved plans for two special evening programs—a dramatic "Georgia Night" presentation and a World Methodist Night. The latter program will probably include recognition of overseas delegates, fraternal delegates, representatives from British Methodism and other features.

Dr. J. Wesley Hole of Los Angeles, a long-time member of the commission, was present in his new role as secretary of the General Conference. (Dr. Hole was recently appointed by the

Council of Bishops to fill the unexpired term of Dr. Charles D. White of Gastonia, N.C., who recently resigned).

Dr. Irving L. Smith of Oklahoma City is vice chairman of the commission in charge of program; Marion R. Walker of Ventura, Calif. is the commission's other vice chairman. William M. Beatty of Natrona Heights, Pa., replaces Dr. Hole as chairman of the committee on administrative matters.

John D. Proctor, Nashville, new president and publisher of the Methodist Publishing House, was named publisher of the 1972 *Daily Christian Advocate*, which contains the full record of General Conference proceedings. Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, Park Ridge, Ill., was renamed editor of the *Daily Christian Advocate*, a post in which he has served since 1964. Dr. Wayland is editorial director of general church periodicals.

Dr. Carlton R. Young will again serve as director of music for the conference. Dr. Young is a professor in Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, and editor of the Methodist Hymnal.

The commission expressed its approval of the Methodist Publishing House's plan to include an insert of several Spanish hymn texts in the hymnals to be used at the Atlanta Conference as a service to Spanish-speaking delegates and guests. The hymns will be selected from a new hymnal now being edited for Spanish-speaking people.

Dr. Norman L. Conard of Evanston, Ill., long-time member of the commission and an executive of the denomination's Council on World Service and Finance, was designated business manager of the General Conference, a

title more aptly describing his duties in arranging for convention facilities.

Tentative approval was given to a sketch of a medallion for the 1972 General Conference badge. It will combine in artistic form an outline map of the state of Georgia, the insignia of the United Methodist Church, the phoenix (symbol of Atlanta) and a likeness of John Wesley, based on a statue recently dedicated at Savannah, Ga., where he and his brother, Charles, served as missionaries in the early 18th century. Carl C. Hall, Little Rock, Ark., heads the badge committee.

Dr. R. Bryan Brawner of Evanston, Ill., general secretary and treasurer of the Council on World Service and Finance, reported on the 1970 General Conference, indicating that expenses of holding that meeting will run close to \$600,000.

Dr. Gene E. Sease, president of Indiana Central College, Indianapolis, serves as secretary of the commission.

The commission's next meeting will be in Atlanta, Feb. 25-26, 1971.

Financial Management chair established at SMU

A \$600,000 grant to establish an endowed chair of financial management at Southern Methodist University in memory of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Caruth, Sr., has been made by the Hillcrest Foundation of Dallas, SMU President Willis M. Tate announced recently.

Mr. Caruth, a cotton grower and cattle raiser whose extensive holdings in what is now North Dallas had been in his family of Dallas pioneers since 1848, supported not only SMU but also a number of medical philanthropies. Mrs. Caruth, who established the Hillcrest Foundation in her will, named SMU specifically as one of the institutions in which she was interested.

Speaking for the Hillcrest Foundation, W. W. Caruth, Jr., a trustee, said:

"The foundation is especially interested in establishing a chair of financial management rather than of finance. The purpose of the chair is to provide education in the management of financial aspects of business. Knowledge about financial management is particularly important in small firms where there are no large staffs to assist the owner-manager, and it is important in large, complex firms for financial staff men to be adequately trained for their posts."

Dr. C. Jackson Grayson, Jr., dean of SMU's School of Business Administration, said that the individual selected to occupy the distinguished chair will be among the most able and accomplished teacher-scholars in the nation.

Mrs. J. D. Bragg, 80, first president of the Woman's Division of Christian Service of the former Methodist Church, died September 10 in Marionville, Mo., after a long illness.

Proposed social principles responses due Jan. 1

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI)—The final draft of a proposed new statement of social principles for the United Methodist Church is expected to be ready by early 1972 for submission to the General Conference that spring.

This was decided here September 22-23 by the commission created by the 1968 Uniting Conference of the denomination.

Much of the session here was devoted to a review of four preliminary drafts already released and a consideration of steps leading to preparation of the final document.

The four preliminary statements, plus a biting criticism of the church's present statements, were published September 1 for study by congregations, groups and individuals. Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, chairman of the study commission, said that requests for the preliminary documents are substantially more already than had been expected.

The commission said that all responses to the drafts should be in their hands by January 1, 1971 and should be sent to the commission's office at 1019 Chestnut St., Des Moines, Iowa. Copies of the documents are available from that office without charge.

"We are not striving for the least common denominator in our work," Bishop Thomas noted, "and it is not our business to come out with a document that just pleases people . . . we must seek one that pleases God."

The group will hold its next session January 27-29.

News in Brief

The Rev. James E. Alexander, a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Education since 1967, has been appointed executive director of the Section of Communication Processes and Learning Resources of the Board's Division of the Local Church. He succeeds the Rev. B. F. Jackson, Jr., who has joined the staff of Iliff School of Theology in Denver, Colo. According to the Rev. Howard M. Ham, general secretary of the division, the section Mr. Alexander now heads is responsible for guiding development of educational and guidance materials for use in United Methodist churches.

Planning Commission looking for 1976 General Conference meeting place

ATLANTA (UMI) — Are there any more bidders for the 1976 General Conference of the United Methodist Church?

If so, the commission charged with planning such conferences would welcome additional invitations from appropriate places. Such invitations must be in the commission's hands by Jan. 24, 1971.

Three cities already listed, in alphabetical order, are: Indianapolis, Ind., Milwaukee, Wis., and Portland, Oregon. All three are still very much in the running and will receive further consideration when the commission meets here again Feb. 25-26, 1971.

Meanwhile, if there are other applicants for the honor of entertaining the church's highest law-making body in 1976, the commission would be happy to hear from them.

A. G. Jefferson of Lynchburg, Va., who heads the 18-member commission, emphasized that an invitation must originate within a United Methodist group rather than solely from a civic group or a convention bureau.

"The participation of the bishop of

the area, or at least his approval of the invitation, is of paramount importance," Mr. Jefferson said.

Obviously, there are many factors to be taken into account in planning for a General Conference which will have 1,000 delegates, plus other thousands of visitors and church officials. There must be adequate auditorium facilities, sufficient hotel and restaurant accommodations, and full cooperation of local church leaders.

These and other specifics are spelled out in a three-page memorandum, which the commission will gladly furnish interested communities.

Inquiries or invitations should be addressed to Mr. A. G. Jefferson, Chairman of the Commission on Entertainment and Program, Allied Arts Building, Lynchburg, Va. 24504.

Deadline for filing invitations for the 1976 General Conference has been set for Jan. 24, 1971, in order to give the commission a month to arrange on-the-scene inspection of convention facilities and contacts with local leadership before its next scheduled meeting here.

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.

Aldersgate Camperships

The following Camperships and Memorials have been received from May 1970 through September 1970.

Lakeside Wesleyan Service Guild, Pine Bluff
Mrs. Ruby Holcomb
Susannah Wesleyan Service Guild, Siloam Springs
Bethany Sunday School Class, Asbury Methodist, Little Rock
Friedly Couples Sunday School Class, First Methodist, Little Rock
W.S.C.S., St. Luke Methodist Church, Little Rock
Wesleyan Service Guild, Osceola
Danko Sunday School Class, First Methodist, Little Rock
W.S.C.S. Circle #12, First Methodist, Little Rock
Dorcas Circle, Mabelvale W.S.C.S.
Bill Bowen Class, First Methodist, Little Rock
Circle #2, First Methodist, North Little Rock
Circle #4, W.S.C.S., Highland United Methodist, Little Rock
Blakeney Bible Class, First Methodist, Little Rock
Mr. & Mrs. D. M. Vaught
Leona Woodsmall W.S.G., Washington Avenue Methodist, North Little Rock
United Methodist W.S.C.S., Siloam Springs
Circle #7, First Methodist, Little Rock
Open Door Class, Pulaski Heights Methodist, Little Rock
Mrs. Stanley Mittelstaedt
Winnie Waites Guild, Pulaski Heights Methodist, Little Rock
Mrs. K. H. Powell
Pearle McCain Guild, Searcy
W.S.C.S., First Methodist, Marianna
Wesley Couples Class, Central United Methodist, Fayetteville
Wesleyan Service Guild, Ozark
Circle #3, W. S. C. S. Highland Methodist, Little Rock
Wesleyan Service Guild #1, First Methodist, Fort Smith
Mrs. Roy Hudspeth
Prairie Grove Wesleyan Service Guild
Miss Louise Pope
Vera Butler Guild, Pulaski Heights Methodist, Little Rock
Wesleyan Service Guild, Conway
Circle #6, First Methodist, Little Rock
W.S.C.S., Cotter United Methodist Church, Cotter
Wesleyan Service Guild, Waldron
Circles #1, #8, #10, W.S.C.S.
Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville
Mrs. Everett Wakefield
W.S.C.S. DesArc United Methodist Church
Eutychan Class, First Methodist, Little Rock
Norene Robken Guild, Asbury Methodist, Little Rock
W.S.C.S. First Methodist, Earle
Harvester Sunday School, First Methodist, Batesville
Norine Bettis Guild
Quitman Methodist W.S.C.S.
Amboy Wesleyan Service Guild
W.S.C.S. United Methodist, Jacksonville
Mr. & Mrs. Frank H. Carter
Circle #4, W.S.C.S. Highland Methodist, Little Rock
Wesleyan Guild, Forrest City
Pilot Club of Little Rock

HONOR CAMPERSHIPS

Mrs. C. O. Bennett, by Circle #7, First Methodist Church, Little Rock
Mrs. Della Esau Godwin by Mrs. N. M. Minton and Mr. & Mrs. Scott Lavender
Dr. & Mrs. W. Neill Hart by Mr. & Mrs. Richard M. Jones
Stephen and Lisa Goff by Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Goff, Jr.
Mrs. Helen Scott by Dorcas Class, St. Paul Methodist, Little Rock

MEMORIAL CAMPERSHIPS

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by Mr. & Mrs. Sam W. Smith
MRS. CAMILLE WATSON
by Camille Watson Wesleyan Service Guild, Malvern
MRS. DORA DAVIS
by Mrs. N. M. Minton
by Mr. & Mrs. Scott Lavender
FRANCILE OAKLEY
by Miss Floy Oakley through the Norine Bettis Guild
MISS ALLYCE NELSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Walter G. Riddick
EULAH B. WATSON
by Miss Jessie M. Ehlers
C. C. McCULLOUGH
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OTHER MEMORIALS (Non designated)

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by Mrs. W. R. Harrison
MRS. AVA H. BURROW
MRS. EFFIE CLARK
MRS. VIRGINIA RICE WILLIAMS
MRS. W. D. MURPHY, SR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Thomas P. Williams, Jr.
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by Mr. & Mrs. E. L. Hunt
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by Ed & Sarah Galloway
E. L. SANTEE
by Mrs. E. Q. Keightley
MRS. WALTER RYLAND
by Pride Valley Methodist Church
DR. MAYNARD MILLER
by Aldersgate Board of Directors and Staff
MRS. MANSKER
by Aldersgate Board of Directors and Staff
L. N. COLLIER
EVERITT MORGAN
by Smith Booth Sunday School Class, Pulaski Heights Methodist, Little Rock
BRAD JORDAN
by Ray Tribble

Jason William Moore
1884-1970

The Rev. Jason William Moore was born November 19, 1884, four miles north of Ripley, Lauderdale County, Tennessee. He was the oldest child of twelve children born to William Mun and Cora Ann Moore. He was converted at the age of ten and joined the Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

He attended elementary school and high school in Lauderdale County, Tennessee, McFerrin College and Hendrix College. He did his theological work at Emory University and Southern Methodist University.

In 1908, Brother Moore was licensed to preach at Trimble, Tenn., and in 1911 was admitted on trial into the White River Conference; ordained Deacon in 1913 by Bishop J. C. Kilgo and ordained Elder in 1919 by Bishop H. M. DuBose. During his active ministry, he served the following charges: Howell-DeView, Hughes, Prescott, Arizona, Charleston, Mulberry-Dyer, West Helena, Griffin Memorial in Paragould, Midland Heights in Fort Smith, Holly Grove - Marvell, Leachville - Manila, Nettleton-Bay, Bald Knob-Bradford, Lepanto, Joiner, Caraway, Wheatley, Fourth Street Church in Rector and St. Mark's Church in Paragould.

He retired in 1957 and moved to Paragould where he lived until his death, September 25, 1970.

In 1935 he was a delegate to the Young People's Conference in Memphis. Twice he was a delegate to the National Methodist Town and Country Conference. He was a delegate two times to the National Methodist Conference on Family Life. In 1948 he was a delegate to the International Lion's Club in New York City. On his 62nd anniversary as a Methodist Minister from the Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church he was made Pastor-Emeritus of this church.

After retirement he established the "J. W. Moore Endowment Scholarship Fund" at Hendrix College. The income from this permanent endowment fund has helped six young men to further their theological education.

He was secretary of the Fellowship of Retired Servants.

Survivors include his widow, Mrs. Hattie May Moore; one son, Fred P. Moore of Little Rock, and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Selby of Leachville. Also surviving are four brothers, John and Frank Moore of Halls, Tennessee, Charles S. Moore of Turlock, California, and Albert Moore of Detroit, Michigan; four sisters, Mrs. Georgia Garrett, Mrs. Ella Rainey, Miss Effie Moore of Halls, Tennessee and Mrs. Sadie Bult of Chicago, Illinois. There are five grandchildren and six great

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MRS. LORA HALL HUNT

Mrs. Lora Hall Hunt, age 70, of Belleville, Arkansas died unexpectedly at her home, August 29. The funeral service was conducted from the Belleville United Methodist Church where she was an active member. The Rev. Mrs. Fred Thompson and the Rev. Royce Savage officiated. Burial was in Macedonia Cemetery.

Mrs. Hunt was a native of the Waltreak Community and had taught at the Belleville Public School. She was a Church school teacher in the Belleville Church.

Survivors include her husband; one daughter, Mrs. Lamoyne Stroud of Jacksonville, Arkansas; two sisters, Mrs. Linnie Gillum of Wing, Ark. and Mrs. Mary Hochradel of Rapid City, Michigan; three grandchildren, S. Sgt. Jerry Stroud in Vietnam, Michael Stroud of Clinton, New Jersey, and Miss Lori Stroud of Jacksonville, Ark., and four great grandchildren.

grandchildren.

The funeral service was held in First United Methodist Church of Paragould, with burial in Linwood Cemetery. Assisting the Rev. Marshall A. Bridwell, pastor, were Dr. S. B. Wilford, the Rev. J. William Watson, the Rev. Ray L. McLester and the Rev. James R. Chandler. Members of the Masonic Lodge were in charge of the graveside service.

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From "The Visitor" of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs:

It has been said many times that it's not what happens to you, but how you react to what happens to you that really counts. All of us have difficulties. In one way or another we have been touched by tragedy, sorrow, disappointment and even failure. No one escapes these things. They are a part of life. Yet there are always those whose lives mature through crisis experiences while others are defeated by them. It all depends on how he reacts to them.

Some people take every problem as a failure and see it as the final word. They are over-powered by it and driven to despair. Others learn from their problems and see them as a means to an end like a runner takes a hurdle, just a part of the race.

In other words, troubles won't get you down unless you let them. We have the final say in the outcome of given situations.

As Christians we are never to allow circumstances to weigh us down or to pull us under. Often the unexpected frustrations can be turned to our advantage if we will accept them and then learn to find in them hidden blessings.

The Revised Standard Version of the New Testament reminds us in the first chapter of James that we should "count it all joy when you meet various trials, for you know that the testing of your faith produces steadfastness." (James 1:2-3)

Can we take one of our trials today and use it as a means to a more patient understanding of some other person.

Ralph E. Hale

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From "The Tower" of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock:

What do you believe the church is?

Our ritual says that "The church is of God and will endure till the end of time . . .". Several years ago in a questionnaire to members of adult groups in a church much like ours the persons who answered indicated that they thought the church is of men and will endure as long as men make it endure. The quality of your church life and experience will definitely be changed by which of these you believe.

I believe that God put the church here to be His agency in the world and that His Holy Spirit is in it. To be sure men can help or hinder its progress but they do not decide whether it shall be or not. God decides that. In working with people, often who are discouraged and defeated, I have reminded them that were we all to turn our backs and forsake the church it would not die unless God wished it to do so. We sometimes act as if we believe that the whole operation depended upon us. Some of its quality depends upon us but not its ultimate destiny.

Since we are a part of such a church, we have only to be responsive to God's will and we can be assured he will help us succeed as a church. If we are not

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responsive he will go on without us and we shall lose the blessing that comes with being a part of the body of Christ in the world. God calls us to ministry and we cannot be casual about this commitment. We cannot just expect that the church will minister to us. We must also be involved in ministry. We have many members in all our churches who expect "service" from the church but do not see that they have a need to give that service. If we believe that the Church is of God, then nothing else is so deserving of our efforts in its behalf.

Madge Franklin

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From the newsletter of Hickory Ridge United Methodist Church:

In his stimulating book, "Life Begins at Forty", Walter B. Pitkin says that we all come into the world with a certain chance of acquiring a working capital of a round half million hours, not dollars. These hours will be paid in full if we are skillful enough and lucky enough to stick around until we reach the age of threescore and ten.

Our great sin is the measuring of everything in terms of money. It has been said that we know the cost of everything and the value of nothing.

We should get off the money standard, and on to the time standard in our thinking. The art of living is in large part the art of getting the most out of the minutes that are ours. How to make every minute count for service to God and our fellow man, for growth, for happiness, for peace and contentment, that is our real objective.

The man who burns himself out piling up wealth, and then spends the sunset of his life sitting on the porch of a sanitarium watching the healthy poor go by has failed. He has failed in his use of time, the minutes that come to him bright and shiny right from eternity, just as they come to you and me. In his accumulation of money, he has sacrificed thousands of hours of happiness. Time, not money, is the stuff that life is made of.

Raymond A. Dorman

Friendly Attitude Toward Chile Asked

NEW YORK (UMI)—U.S. missionaries of the United Methodist Church serving in Chile have asked fellow North Americans to maintain a "friendly and cooperative attitude toward Chile in her new venture," now that it appears the country may have the first democratically-elected, Marxist-oriented president in the Western hemisphere.

Dr. Salvador Allende, 62 year-old leader of Chile's Socialist party, received the largest proportion of votes, 36.3 per cent, in the September 4 popular election. However, since neither he nor his two opponents received a majority of the popular vote, the Chilean Congress has responsibility for selecting the next president, in a vote scheduled for October 24.

The statement by the United Methodist missionaries was approved at a meeting in Santiago, Chile's capital. Forecasting Dr. Allende's election by Congress, the missionaries urged the U.S. to "respect the right of self-determination of the Chilean people."

Bishop Guerra dies

NEW YORK (UMI)—Bishop Eleazar Guerra, 72, head of the 33,000-member autonomous Methodist Church of Mexico for 20 years, died September 14 at his home in Mexico City after an extended illness.

First elected to the episcopacy in 1938, Bishop Guerra was re-elected in 1942, 1946, 1950 and 1958. He served as head of the Methodist Church of Mexico longer than any other bishop in the Mexican church since it became independent of U.S. Methodism in 1930. On his retirement at the church's General Conference in 1962, Bishop Guerra was named to the honorary post of "Continental Evangelist" and commissioned to accept evangelistic engagements anywhere in Latin America and among Spanish-speaking people in the U.S. His son-in-law, Dr. Alejandro Ruiz, was elected as his successor and continues as head of the church.

Born in Reynosa, Mexico, Bishop Guerra was the son of a Methodist parsonage family. He was educated in three Methodist schools, Laurens Institute in Monterrey, Wesleyan Institute in San Antonio, Texas, and Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas. Before his election to the episcopacy, he had been pastor both of Methodist churches in Mexico (at Torreon and Saltillo) and of Mexican-American congregations in the U.S. (Dallas and San Antonio). When first elected, he was a district superintendent in northern Mexico.

A large part of UNICEF aid is given in the form of equipment and supplies. UNICEF has helped to equip over 14,500 educational and vocational training institutions; some 10,000 welfare institutions; 45,000 health centers; and over 8,000 nutrition institutions. UNICEF provides such supplies as textbooks, audio-visual teaching aids, agricultural tools, medicines, and hospital equipment.

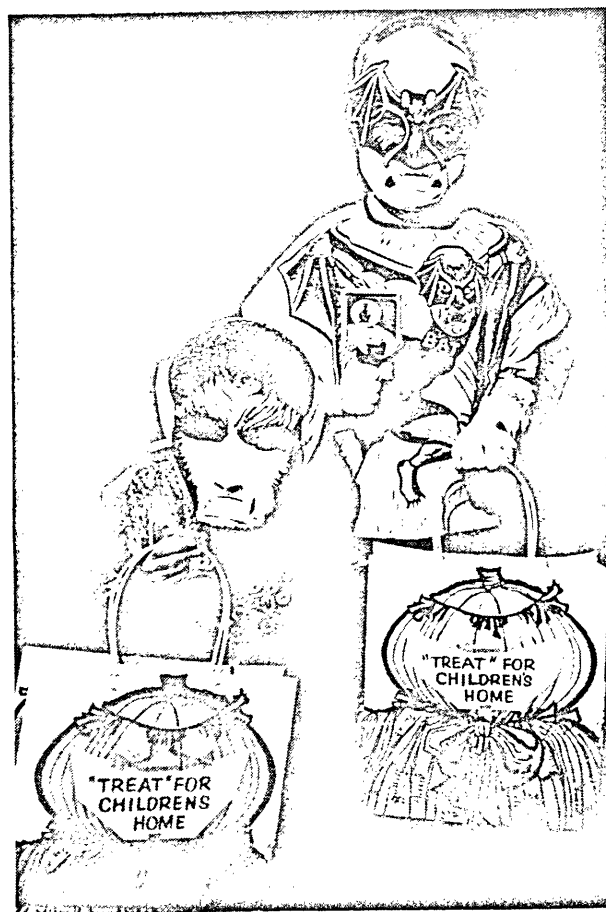
BISHOP SHORT HONORED

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — More than 500 persons were present here September 17 for a dinner marking the 50th anniversary of receipt of the first license to preach by Bishop Roy H. Short, episcopal leader of the Louisville Area and long-time secretary of the Council of Bishops.

Presentations included a diamond-set ring in the design of the United Methodist episcopal shield, a copy of the local preacher's license framed in historic woods, and a book of letters from all the denomination's bishops and members of Bishop Short's cabinets in the area he has served. Bishop James W. Henley of the Florida Area spoke for the Southeastern Jurisdiction College of Bishops. Women of the Louisville Area presented Mrs. Short with an antique ring.

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The majority of the world's children have been condemned to life sentences at hard manual labor—even though they are innocent of any crimes! Why? Lack of educational opportunities locks them into lifelong involuntary servitude. Millions are victims of chronic debilitating diseases and malnutrition caused by poverty and ignorance. But it doesn't have to be that way! The United Nations Children's Fund is busy in the developing countries, helping governments improve and expand educational facilities, to make schooling and vocational training available to more and more children, bringing them new knowledge, new opportunities, new hope. The children in the low-income countries are eager to learn and willing to work hard to improve their lives. They can look forward to a brighter tomorrow, if we help UNICEF to help them.



Two Halloween 'Trick or Treaters' present a fearsome appearance as they make their rounds, collecting candy, money and other gifts for youngsters in a children's home. These goblins had just as much fun as ever but had the added joy of making other youngsters happy. (RNS Photo)

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