



Scheduled for Thursday, Oct. 22, at 1:30 p.m. is the dedication by Bishop Paul V. Galloway of Magale Manor, the new extension unit of the Methodist Children's Home located in Magnolia. Mr. and Mrs. John F. Magale, who call both Shreveport, La. and Magnolia their home, have provided the funds for the construction and operation of this new facility located at 200 N. Pecan.

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Loyalty Sunday to climax Camden District stewardship program

The Camden District under the leadership of Dr. Roy I. Bagley, district superintendent, and the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent of the Methodist Children's Home, is engaged in a simultaneous stewardship emphasis program which will culminate with Loyalty Sunday on November 8.

The program got under way on Sept. 29 when the ministers met at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, El Dorado, for a workshop directed by Mr. Keith. A training program for the pastors and the leaders in their local church program was held Sunday, Oct. 11, at

First Church, El Dorado.

The announced purpose of the "Stewardship Commitment Program" is to secure a renewed commitment from every member family of the church to the areas of stewardship mentioned in the vows of church membership—prayer, presence, service and gifts.

Members of local churches will bring their commitment cards to the altar of their church on Loyalty Sunday, and those unable to attend on Sunday will be visited for their commitment during the week that follows.

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LAY LEADERSHIP URGED TO STUDY CONFERENCE SYSTEM

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — United Methodist annual conference directors of lay leadership training and lay speaking were urged here October 2-4 to study the conference system in which they work and determine how they can fulfill their leadership responsibilities within it.

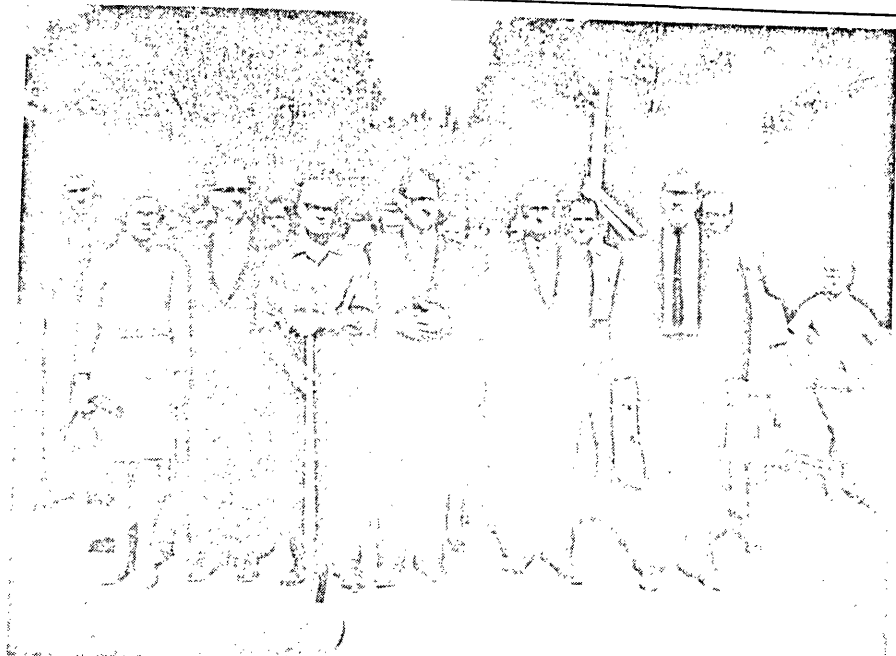
About 40 persons from across the nation attended the sessions sponsored by the General Board of the Laity.

Discussions and study centered on such topics as being an effective leader, identifying, facing and removing

barriers in their work, creation of new climates, setting goals, choosing methods, selecting materials and building schedules.

A unique feature of the weekend was the presence of two women with annual conference responsibilities in the areas covered — Mrs. James L. Smith of the New Hampshire Conference, and Mrs. Virgil Clarkson of the Pacific Northwest Conference.

Six program priorities of the denomination also were reviewed. These included studies of life style, racism, economic exploitation, world peace and wars, population explosion and hunger, and environmental pollution.



Ground was broken at Wilmar United Methodist Church, Monticello District, on October 4, for a new church plant. The site is on Highway 4, three-fourths of a mile east of the present church. Dr. Raymond Franks, third from right, front, district superintendent, officiated. The Rev. Steve Barker, pastor, front row right, and members of the Administrative Board complete the group.

Dr. Goodrich to preach at Asbury

Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr., pastor of First United Methodist Church, Dallas, Texas since 1946, will be the guest

minister for the Fall Preaching Mission at Asbury United Methodist Church in Little Rock, Oct. 18-21, according to the Rev. Edward W. Harris, pastor.

Dr. Goodrich's first message in the Asbury Preaching Mission will be presented at the Family Worship Hour, 7:00 p.m. on Sunday evening. On Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday, services will be held at 10:00 a.m. and again at 7:30 each evening, concluding with the Wednesday evening service on October 21. The services are open to any ministers and laymen who wish to attend.

Dr. Goodrich has been the preacher for many missions across the country and has been guest speaker for numerous Religious Emphasis weeks on college and university campuses. He has preached for seven of the Methodist Series of the Protestant Hour. In September, Dr. Goodrich was the Pierce Lecturer at First Church in Pine Bluff — his most recent appearance in Arkansas.



Dr. Robert E. Goodrich, Jr.



Pictured at the Oct. 11 dedication of the First United Methodist Church, Trumann, are: Bishop Paul V. Galloway, right, and, from left, the Rev. Gerald Hammett, the Rev. Arville Brannon, the Rev. Charles Thompson, the current pastor, the Rev. A.N. Storey, the Rev. J. William Watson, Jonesboro District, Superintendent.



We are indebted to the Conway Log Cabin Democrat for this excellent picture of the new multi-purpose Fellowship Center recently completed by the congregation of First Church, Conway. The pastor is the Rev. Ben F. Jordan.

Hendrix College announces plans for "Canada Year" emphasis

A program designed mainly to enlarge the horizons of Hendrix College students as the first of a projected annual series, placing emphasis on other countries, began Sunday with the arrival of Miss Jane Casson of the internationally celebrated Festival Theatre at Stratford, Ontario. The actress is the first of several distinguished Canadians who are scheduled to appear on campus as a part of the "Canada Year" emphasis.

Miss Casson will be artist in residence at Hendrix during October and November and will direct a student production of Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream," November 19-22.

The comprehensive "Canada Year" program at Hendrix will focus attention

on Canada through convocation programs, classes, seminars, concerts, film series, visual arts, book, and photography exhibits in addition to dramatic productions. To climax the year, tours of Canada, open to Hendrix students and other interested Arkansans are planned.

The role of the overall program in international relations is recognized. Many Hendrix College classes will include Canadian materials for the first time. A course in international economics will stress Canadian-U. S. trade. It has been said that Canada buys more U. S. exports than all of Western Europe put together and twice as much as all of Latin America. For the first time Canadian literature will be taught in world Literature and English courses.

Hays will speak at UN observance

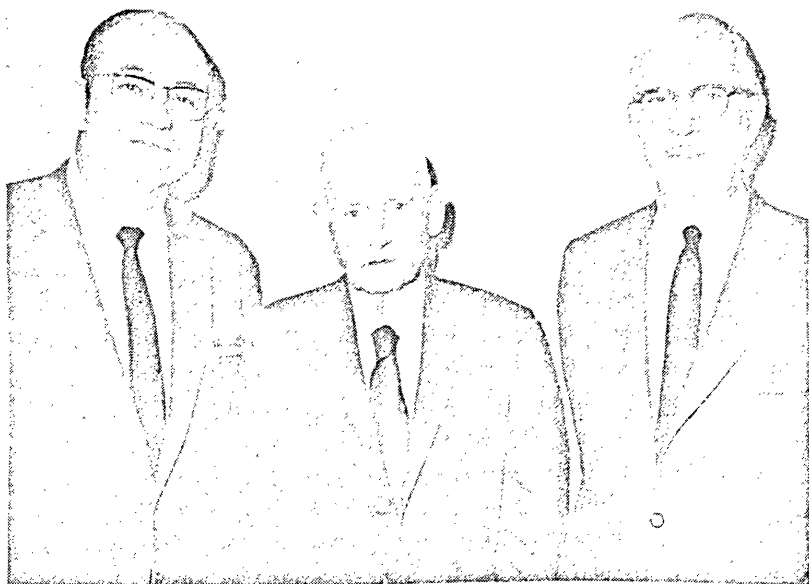
Dr. Brooks Hays, former Congressman from Arkansas and former Presidential aide, will be the guest speaker at a United Nations' Day luncheon, at noon, Thursday, Oct. 22, at Coachman's Inn, Little Rock, Richard Butler, president of the Pulaski County chapter of United Nations Association, USA, has announced.

Dr. Hays, a former president of the Southern Baptist Convention, who is currently director of Ecumenical Institute, Wake Forest College, Winston-Salem, N.C., was the United Nations'

Day speaker here five years ago.

The occasion will be the celebration of the 25th anniversary of the United Nations. Dr. Hays will be speaking on the United Nations contribution to world peace. He will be introduced by Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, editor of the *Arkansas Baptist Newsmagazine*, who is a former president of the Arkansas UNA-USA.

Reservations for the luncheon may be made by calling telephone number 376 4791, Ext. 63.



Dr. Gene Bartlett, right, the 1970 M.E. Peace Lecturer at First Church, Magnolia, is seen with Mr. Peace, center, sponsor of the lectureship, and the Rev. Howard Williams, left, the pastor.

U.S.-2 assigned to Aldersgate

Rush D. Holt, Jr. has recently been assigned by the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church to Aldersgate Methodist Camp in Little Rock as a program worker, according to Ray Tribble, camp director.

Under the Board of Missions "U.S.-2" program (designation by the Board of Missions for short-term full time Christian service), he will be working at Aldersgate to design and implement the camp program in cooperation with other community resources and organizations.

Rush is a 1970 graduate of Carleton College, Northfield, Minnesota, and attended public schools in West Virginia and Maryland.

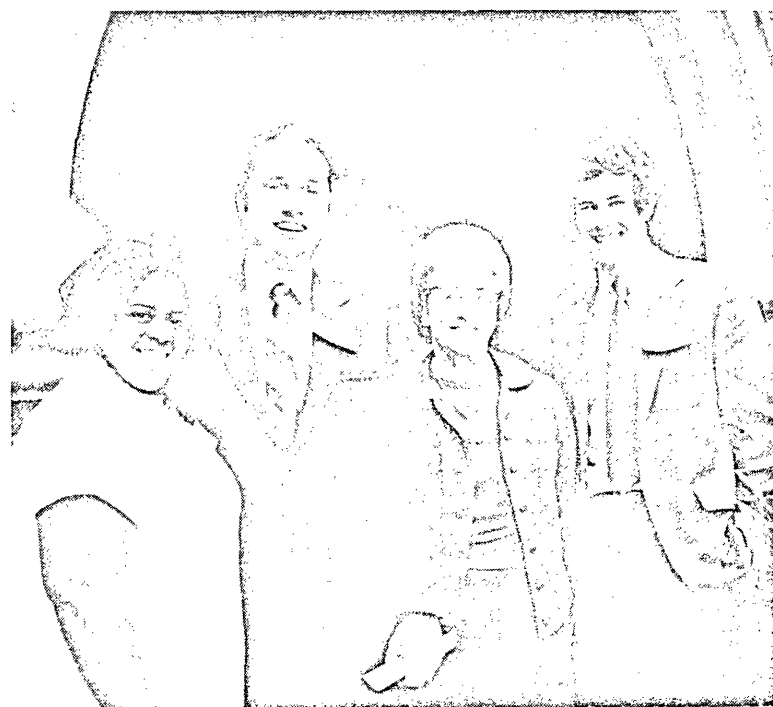
He served as a page in the U.S. Senate two summers during his high school years, and served as a page during the Republican National Convention in 1968.

He was selected for the Japan Summer Seminar in 1969, and produced a 35-minute documentary film as a participant in the seminar.



Mr. Holt

He has been a summer camp counselor at Camp Manito-Wish in Wisconsin and at Hawkeye Trails Camp in New York.



Four professionals assigned by the Board of Missions to Arkansas are shown when they attended the Conference WSCS meeting held at Pulaski Heights Church, Oct. 7. From left: Miss Masheetta Lindsey, Murphreesboro area town and country work; Ray Tribble, Aldersgate Camp director; Mrs. Grace Dwyer, Hot Springs area town and country work; Rush Holt, US-2, associate director at Aldersgate. Miss Lindsey and Mr. Holt have just arrived in the state.



Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District Superintendent, is shown as he presided at a meeting of the ministers of the district and their wives on Oct. 7 in Magnolia.

Editorial

WHERE DO WE GET OUR SENSE OF MORAL OBLIGATION?

As one looks about in this age of rapidly changing moral standards he is compelled to ask the question, "Where does our sense of moral obligation come from?" It is frightening to pause for a little while and make a list of the changes that have come in the last ten years in almost any area you choose. In the last few days we sat in a work group discussing changing moral values as they relate to films. We were guided by Dr. James M. Wall, editor of the Christian Advocate, and he was directing our thinking to the speed with which such changes have been taking place in motion pictures. We were reminded that ten years ago films were denied the code of approval because of suggestive words; while today theaters everywhere are offering the most explicit visualization of the ideas only suggested by the words that ten years ago were taboo.

We may later discuss with you our reactions to what has been taking place there, but for this time we want to come back to an old-fashioned word — conscience — and consider its source.

This question is as old as history and as universal. Men differ from time to time as to what is right and what is wrong, but deep down inside they do not differ in their conviction that there are lines dividing the two. People in every generation have affirmed that the right should be followed and the wrong disavowed. Can we deny the fundamental premise that all of us ought to do the best that we know. It is that feeling of "oughtness" about which we are concerned. However else the church may become involved with other issues of men's living it seems that it can never get away from its business of guiding persons to discover what things they "ought" and "ought not" to do.

Dr. Robert McCracken preached on this theme once at Riverside Church and told the story of a fighter pilot in World War II who finally became the victim of combat fatigue. One day while diving at a German fighter plane, he loosened his safety harness, slid his cockpit cover back. Just as he completed his dive he slowly turned the plane over and bailed out. He was sure that nobody would ever know just what happened. After he touched the ground the French Resistance people hid him and

made a great fuss over him as a hero. But two days later he shot himself.

Something "ate" on that boy for those two days and he found it intolerable to live with himself? We cannot explain it by saying that his nerves were on edge because of too much combat. Something much deeper was involved. There was within him a standard of behavior and he had fallen short of it, and he couldn't forgive himself. He could not pose as a hero and know all the time that he was a coward. He had a strong sense of moral obligation, and what plagued him was the fact that he hadn't been true to it.

In this rapidly-changing world of ours there is a similar struggle going on within us all—every soul is a battlefield on which is being waged a fight between right and wrong, between good and evil. With some it has grown so intense that they keep telling themselves there is no such thing as conscience, but they cannot convince themselves or others. Always in the fight there is a voice, different in quality and tone from all other voices in the soul. It sounds above the clamor of our appetites and interests. It is not outside us like a fact, but inside us, sometime it is a whisper and sometimes a loud clarion call. But always it is there.

This voice comes from God. It is the presence of the divine in the soul of man. Some have an intrenched interest in denying that there is any such source of conscience. The Marxists say it is nonsense to talk about the moral conscience as the voice of God in the soul of man. They, and others, hold that there is no absolute moral order—no place for set codes or fixed rules. They say the only guidance for conduct is the scientific understand-

ing of nature and history. There are people in this country who are like the Communists in denying that the sense of "oughtness" comes from God. They say that whatever moral standards there are are developed with humanity itself—that man creates his own values and standards.

What these and others like them do not seem to understand is that when the existence of a divine moral order is denied and no Supreme Ruler is recognized as being over all, absoluteness goes out of moral obligation, and expediency takes its place. Everything becomes relative. Nothing is regarded as unconditionally right or wrong. There are no absolutes and people begin to say, "I do this because it suits me," and stop saying, "I do this because it is right."

Back of the disintegration of moral values in our time is the loss of faith in a fixed moral order which has God for its origin and center. This faith must be restored if this erosion is to be stopped short of total destruction. More people must speak out in their conviction that there is a moral order which is fundamental and eternal and which is relevant to the life of man and the ordering of society.

The sense of moral obligation is the divinest thing there is in you. It is infinitely more than a social deposit, and accumulation of traditions and mores. It is the voice of God sounding in your soul. We need to remember that George Washington said in the days of this nation's beginning: "Labor to keep alive in your breast the little spark of celestial fire called conscience."

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the Editor's Corner



AN IMPORTANT COURT TEST AHEAD

One of our Arkansas pastors, Dr. John P. Miles of First Church, Arkadelphia, has filed a petition in Federal District Court to test the law which deprives his family—and others who move during election years—of their right to vote.

Dr. Miles, who moved this year from Hot Springs to Arkadelphia, has filed the petition against Dan McCraw, chairman of the Garland County Election Commission, asking that he be allowed to vote absentee in the county from which he moved.

Under the election laws of Arkansas a new resident of a county must reside there for six months before he is eligible to vote. The question being raised by the court test is whether one's citizenship is "in limbo" each time he moves or whether he actually remains a citizen of the former county of residence until he fulfills the residency requirements in the new county.

The suit was filed after Dr. Miles returned to Hot Springs, where he had been registered, to vote absentee in the August preferential primary and after he subsequently attempted to vote absentee in the September runoff primary.

The case does have real significance for all ministers who because of the date of annual conference would find themselves in this same situation each time an appointment carried them across county lines.

Of course, it is equally important to other citizens who find themselves deprived of their right to vote when required by their business or other circumstances to move. It will be interesting to read what the court has to say on this question.

Dr. Miles, who has indicated his intention of serving as his own attorney in this matter, is another example of the involvement of the ministry in the issues of our times—a trend which is being established in many places across the country.

Of course, fundamentally, this is the effort of a man and his wife to preserve their franchise. We feel sure all our readers will be interested in this petition and the decision rendered by the court concerning it.

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Stanley I. Stuber, veteran ecumenical leader in New Jersey, has submitted one of five proposals for reorganization of the council movement in the U.S. to a task force of the National Council of Churches General Board which has been considering plans for restructure. The former NCC staff member objects that "There is now no line of command or operation between the NCC and local, area and state councils of churches. He said, "At a time when the budgets of local congregations are hard pressed, it is not good economical policy, or even good ecumenical policy, to impose upon these local churches the multiple operating and over-head expenses of all these different and separate budgets." Dr. Stuber says his plan—"Option XYZ" will not only have administrative and financial advantages, but will facilitate "realistic operations which can on short notice help meet emergency needs at home and abroad."

Evangelist Leighton Ford, addressing a Youth Night capacity crowd of 4,000 during a recent Erie (Pa.) Area Crusade, told his listeners that "Sex is a tremendous and powerful gift from God . . . it is not dirty . . . it is not a toy." In his address on the sex revolution, Dr. Ford noted that "God is not some kind of kill-joy—He is the master designer and He knows how we work. He knows that if we misuse these powers, there will be a moral flashback." "If you want to enjoy this power of sex to the fullest, don't abuse it. Put this power into God's hand," Dr. Ford urged.

The president-elect of the American Bar Assn. criticized the nation's churches for their failure to take a leading role in the re-establishment of a dedication to law and order throughout the country. Houston attorney Leon Jaworski, speaking at First Baptist Church, charged that U.S. religious institutions have "not responded noticeably to our country's desperate need for leadership in a recommitment to compliance—voluntary compliance—with the rule of law." The attorney urged the country to pause and "examine the jeopardy in which our form of government is placed when lawless means are used to achieve even the noblest of gains."

The Rev. Charles W. Shedd, Presbyterian clergyman-author, who serves on the White House Committee on Children and Youth, warned that a lack of family togetherness and communication is at the heart of America's drug problem. During a speaking tour of schools and churches in the Miami region, Mr. Shedd said that he was appalled by "how many young people on drugs come out of homes where there is little communication—first between parents and then between parents and children." He said he was principally alarmed by his estimate that less than 10 percent of American homes are reaching their maximum "in character building." The clergyman went on to express optimism about the "many wonderful kids who are not on drugs and who are mature enough to stay off them because they have respect for themselves."

The widow of the late Bishop James Pike has returned to Israel to study at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem, according to a Religious News Service report. She will study Hebrew and such subjects as the history of the Second Temple period (the temple built following the 6th century B.C. exile) and biblical history. Mrs. Pike and her brother are said to be completing a book Pike was writing at the time of his death.

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A Baptist official charged in Brisbane, Australia at the 93rd annual Queensland Baptist Union Assembly that many immigrants to that country were falsely claiming to be Baptists "so that the Church would sponsor their trip," but that, once there, "they refuse to have anything more to do with the church." A Baptist migration committee reported to the assembly that the Church had sponsored "over 900 families during the last 12 years," but that "many of them failed to maintain links with the church" after their arrival. The assembly called for a "tighter checking" on prospective Baptist immigrants.

Ernest H. J. Steed, director of the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism, has noted that governments in East Europe are placing a high premium on sobriety. Recently returning from a conference with government officials in Eastern and Northern European countries, Mr. Steed described various approaches to the problem in that section of the world stating that "France has the highest rate of alcoholism in the world. Government organizations are trying to battle it. They have posted everywhere the slogan: 'Sante, Sobriete, Securite' (Health, Sobriety, Security). As a result of their program the rate is showing some decline." "We need to create positive alternatives to using alcohol as a social lubricant, he said. "We need healthful beverages. Actually alcohol is anti-social because of what it does to people."

Retired Episcopal Bishop Girault M. Jones of Louisiana warned that "no bishop can afford to ignore the key role played by the diocesan newspaper." Speaking at a meeting of that denomination's editors in Sewanee, Tenn., Bishop Jones emphasized that the editorial staff is "potentially the most valuable asset the diocesan program has." "First, it is a means of developing the unity of the diocesan family," Bishop Jones noted. The bishop also pointed out that "the diocesan newspaper can reach more readers with national Church news than any other magazine" and receive a sympathetic reading.

A sharp increase in leprosy threatens the Southeastern State in Nigeria within a few years unless preventive steps are taken soon, according to Dr. Oliver W. Hasselblad, president of American Leprosy Missions, Inc. The State is one of four which sustained heavy damage in the civil war. American Leprosy Missions, Inc., founded in 1906, makes financial grants to an average of 500 hospital centers and rural clinics in 26 countries, reaching more than 100,000 persons. Grants are allocated on a non-denominational basis in cooperation with Protestant and Catholic agencies.

The British Weekly, for 84 years considered one of the most forthright, most respected and most quoted journals of Nonconformism in the country, was scheduled to pass into the ownership of a Church of England (Anglican) Evangelical group on Oct. 1. Taking over is Christian Weekly Newspapers Limited, which already publishes the Christian Record and the Church of England Newspaper, both evangelistic and evangelical. British Weekly, however, will retain its present name.

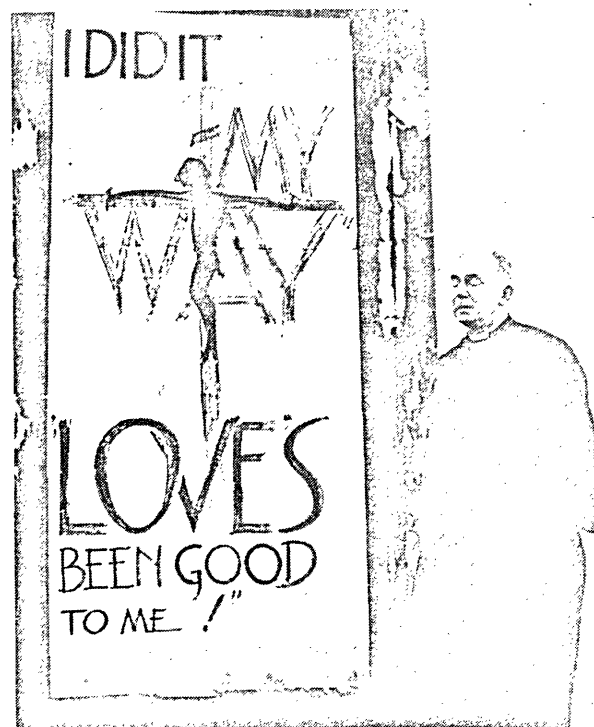
President Nixon, addressing students of the North American College during his recent visit in Rome, aroused laughter when he remarked that this was one college where an American President could speak without being interrupted.

A study to determine the requirements of Churches and developing countries for satellite communication facilities were authorized at the first meeting of the recently formed Ecumenical Satellite Commission (ECUSAT), in London. The announcement was made by Abbe Lucien Labelle of Toronto, Canada, the newly-elected president. The commission will also establish an Information Center to keep Church agencies informed as to trends and developments in satellite communication, and to provide for the telecommunications industry opportunities to discuss the moral, ethical and cultural questions raised by advancing communications technology.

An editor of a Seventh-day Adventist publication has warned that Bible reading and the study of religion from a purely detached point of view can be harmful. Don F. Neufeld, associate editor of Review and Herald, explained that many American schools will offer courses in religious studies this Fall. The U.S. Supreme Court decision against Bible-reading and prayer indeed encouraged courses "about" or "on" religion. "We do not wish to disparage sincere efforts to teach religion," he noted, "but we are fearful of the effects of widespread school instruction by teachers ill-prepared to teach in this area, worse yet, by teachers who have no respect for the Christian religion and no reverence for the Bible."

Two dissenting members — both clergymen — of the 18-member President's Commission on Obscenity and Pornography, are reported to have recommended to members of Congress that they "file in the wastebasket" the controversial majority report of the Commission. Father Morton A. Hill (N.Y.), told a Senate subcommittee that the commission has not "carried out the mandate of the Congress to recommend means to regulate effectively and constitutionally the traffic in obscenity and pornography." The Rev. Winfrey C. Link, United Methodist minister from Nashville, told the Senate unit, "Any recognition of the validity of the majority report will be to the detriment of the nation and will lead to an ultimate breakdown of all that we have held sacred through the years."

Leonardo da Vinci's famous painting of The Last Supper escaped damage in a fire bombing of the church of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy. Prompt action prevented the fire from spreading to the attached refectory of the church where the fresco is exhibited.



LONDON — Father John Knight uses the words of two of Frank Sinatra's hit songs — "I did it my way" and "Love's been good to me" — to support the teachings of Christ. Father Knight, the singing vicar of St. John's (Anglican) church in London's East End, is well known and respected for his pop singing activities in public houses. His singing in turn has drawn attention to the posters outside his church which use the words from popular songs to get his message across. "It's always been asked 'Why should the Devil have all the best tunes?'" says Father Knight. "I love the pop tunes of today and that's why I firstly like to sing them in public houses and secondly use the words of them to draw attention to God's message in the posters outside my church." (RNS Photo)

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Dr. Ira Brumley (l.), pastor of Salem Church in Conway, and Mr. William Casteel, a layman in the church, who contributed substantially to the Pension Endowment Campaign.

Salem Church first to reach Fair Share goal

The Salem Church of Conway District was among the first of the churches in the Conference to pay out their Fair Share Goal of the Pension Endowment Fund. The following is an article written by the pastor, Dr. Ira A. Brumley, relating how his church was able to accomplish this:

"When the quota for the Pension Endowment was received, it was presented to the Administrative Board, which accepted the quota and made it a budget item, to be paid in three years.

Rev. J. Wilson Crichlow, who had served Salem for four years, after his retirement from the Board of Pensions, called to say that if Salem would raise the entire three years by Annual Conference in 1970, he would make a certain contribution. The pastor presented this challenge to the Administrative Board, saying that he would do as much as Brother Crichlow had promised. It was decided to try to raise the entire amount and finish it by Annual Conference, and do it in honor of Brother Crichlow.

When the idea was first suggested to a small group, a number of them began taking out ten dollar bills, with others promising as much or more. A few individuals were contacted with excellent results. A Sunday was set to complete the amount with the offering of that day all going to the program. When the day was over we were ready to meet the total amount.

This extra effort for the Pension program has not hurt the other connectional items. All Conference and General appointments have been met to the first of October. We expect the district quotas to also be met by that time.

Along with meeting the above programs, the improvements on the property of the church have continued on a cash basis."

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TEA AT GOVERNOR'S MANSION FOR CHURCH WOMEN

Women from a variety of backgrounds are expected to be in attendance at the tea to be given at the Governor's Mansion, Center at 18th Streets, Little Rock, on Monday, October 19, from 2:30 to 4:00 p.m. The event is being sponsored by: The Sisterhood, The National Council of Negro Women, The Catholic Daughters, and Church Women United.

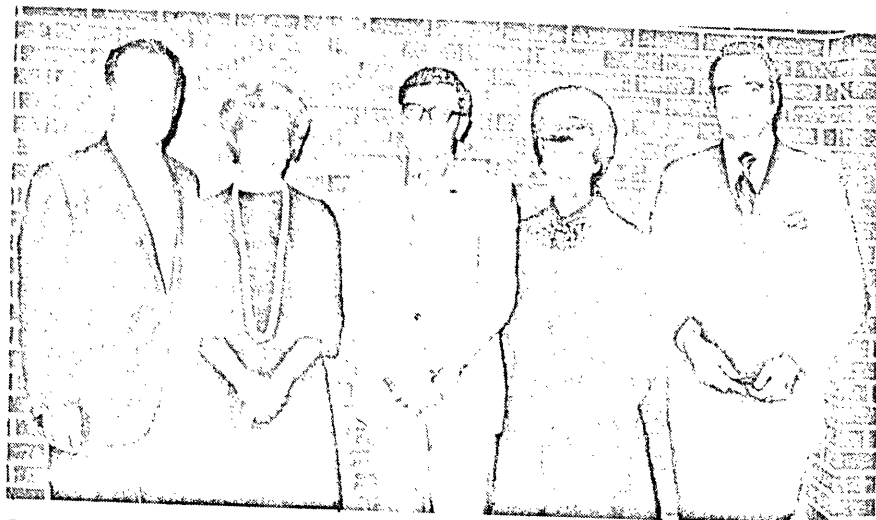
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THE P. A. SMITH FAMILY was honored with the presentation of a Saint Andrew award during homecoming activities in Western Hills United Methodist Church, Little Rock, September 13. The award noted their "all-around discipleship, witness, stewardship of time and talent, and complete unselfish dedication to Christ through service to His church." Maurice DeClerk was chairman of Homecoming events. The Rev. Bob Robertson is pastor.

THE CONWAY COMMUNITY sponsored a Drug Abuse program, which was held in the Fellowship Center at First U.M. Church on Monday evening, October 12. Captain Tom Davis, of the Narcotics Division of the Pulaski County Sheriff's Department, was the resource person. The program had the backing of the Jaycees, the Rotary Club, the Council on Human Relations, and the Wesley Foundation, as well as that of the Rev. Jon Guthrie, campus minister at Hendrix, and the Rev. Ben Jordan, pastor of First Church.

THE FORREST CITY Junior High UMYF has had a series concerning different faiths. Guest speakers have included Mrs. Knox Kinney on the Baptist beliefs, Mrs. Jack Bridgforth on Episcopalian beliefs, and Mrs. Harold Sharpe on Jewish beliefs. Molly Gibbs is president of the group and Brad Beavers is vice-president. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is pastor.

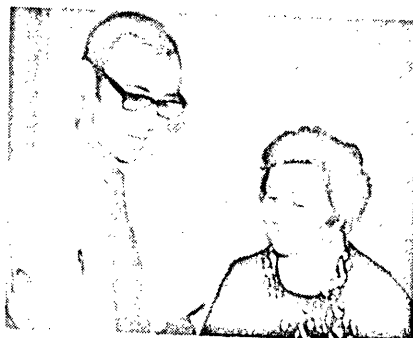
VANTREASE CHURCH UMY of El Dorado elected these senior high officers at a recent business meeting: president - Nancy Huskey, vice-president - Sharon Staggs, secretary-treasurer - Ruby Ford, and social concerns - Glen Avery. The counselors are Mr. and Mrs. Bennie Thomason. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale, is pastor of Vantrease.



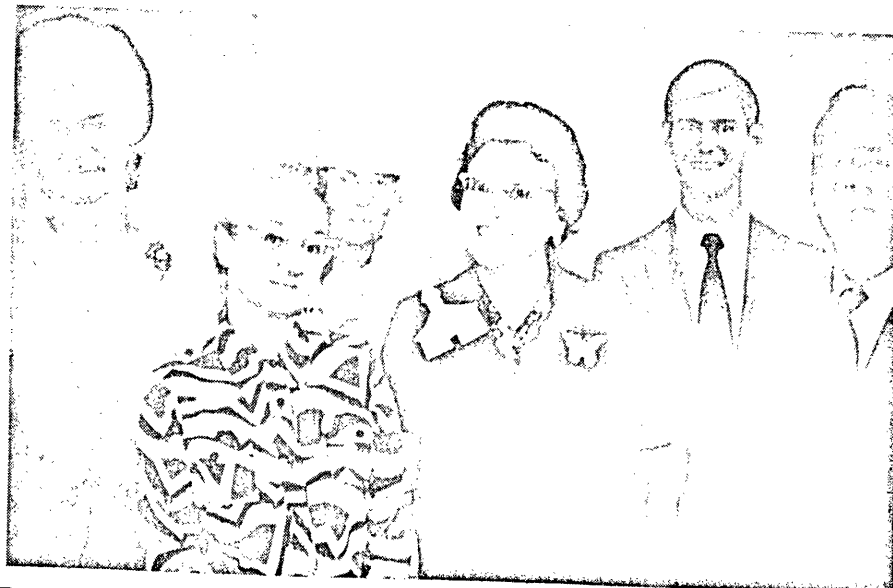
One hundred and sixty persons gathered for a dinner at Central Church, Rogers, Oct. 5 to honor President and Mrs. Roy Shilling (at center in picture), of Hendrix College. The dinner was sponsored by Dr. Myers B. Curtis, Fayetteville District superintendent, ministers of the District and the District Program Council. Others in picture are: District Lay Leader and Master of Ceremonies, Bob Cheyne and Mrs. Cheyne (at left), and Dr. Curtis (at right). Dr. Shilling spoke concerning Hendrix College; Mrs. Victor Nixon and Mrs. Lewis Chesser, Jr. provided special music. The Rogers WSCS planned and served the dinner. The Rev. Charles McDonald was host pastor.

THE REV. KIRVIN A. HALE, was the speaker at the Methodist Men's dinner, held Thursday, September 17, at Vantrease United Methodist Church, El Dorado. The officers elected for the ensuing year are: president-Hilton Marlar, vice-president-Robert Kelley, secretary-treasurer-Alton Avery. The next meeting will be October 15th, with Bery Anthony, as guest speaker. He will talk on "Drug Abuse." This will be a dinner meeting, and the ladies will be guests.

TEN COLLEGE STUDENTS, active in Wesley Foundation at Arkadelphia, visited the Children's Colony in Arkadelphia recently. Becky Beck presented a Bible story with flannel board materials. Florence Delavan, Wesley Foundation president, led group singing as Donna Jean Glasgow played the piano. College students recently visited the Wesley Foundation at Memphis State University. The Rev. David Hankins is the Arkadelphia Foundation director.



The Rev. David Moose, chairman of the board of managers for the Oct. 4-8 area laboratory school held at First Church, Ft. Smith and Mrs. Frances Winter, director of the school.



Faculty for the laboratory school held at Fort Smith First Church. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Virginia Lindlay of Jonesboro, Mrs. Paul Welker of Jackson, Tenn., Mrs. W. F. Bates of Quitman, Miss Louise Caldwell of Memphis, the Rev. Phil Ware of Oklahoma City and the Rev. John Hartman of Memphis.

FOR SALE: 20 pews (6 feet long, of two-inch material, mahogany color) and matching pulpit. Price: \$100 (with buyer hauling items away). Telephone: 623-4390. Tigert United Methodist Church, 1107 Spring St., Hot Springs, Ark.

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NEWS NOTES

TWO FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT churches are having Lay Witness Missions during the weekend of October 16-17-18. These churches are: Trinity United Methodist in Fayetteville, of which the Rev. Dewey Dark is pastor, and the Prairie Grove Church, of which the Rev. Vernon Paysinger is pastor.

THE DELIGHT UNITED Methodist Charge had the Arkadelphia District Superintendent, the Rev. George W. Martin, in all three churches Sunday, September 20. He spoke in the Smyrna, Antoine and Delight Churches. Debra Lynn Hunter, infant daughter of the host pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Fred W. Hunter, was baptized by Rev. Martin at the Delight service.

OSCEOLA UNITED METHODIST Men had as guest speaker at the October 6 dinner meeting, Jonesboro District Superintendent, the Rev. William Watson. A meeting of the Administrative Board followed. The Rev. Rufus Sorrells is the Osceola pastor.

WILLIAM SHEPHERD, Mabelvale Methodist layman and vice-president of the Arkansas Power and Light Company, was the speaker in First Church, El Dorado, on Laymen's Sunday, October 11. Frank Thompson, lay leader, was in charge of the service. Dr. Alvin Murray is pastor.

THE HARMONY GROVE United Methodist Church, Camden District, held a revival the week of October 5-9, with the Rev. Ralph Hale, pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Hot Springs, bringing the messages. The Rev. Robert Ekberg is the pastor.

WESTERN HILLS CHURCH in Little Rock is holding a study of Methodism on three Sunday evenings in October. The series is being conducted by Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist. The Rev. Bob Robertson is the pastor.

MIKE HORNE, owner and manager of Radio Station KARV, spoke to the Youth Fellowship of First Church, Russellville, October 4, on "The Responsibility of the Mass Media in a Broken World." The Rev. Charles E. Ramsay is the pastor.

MID HIGH YOUTH of Pulaski Heights Church visited the Teen Challenge Center in Little Rock with their counselors, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Prothro, September 27. The Center, of which Troy Collier is director, ministers to youthful drug addicts.

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ED LESTER, LITTLE ROCK attorney and St. Paul Methodist layman, was the speaker in First Church, Fordyce, on October 11. Allen Bedell is the Fordyce lay leader. The Rev. Ed Matthews is pastor.

HERBERT HONIE, FBI director for the state of Arkansas, was the speaker in First Church, Helena, on Laymen's Sunday, speaking at the 8:45 and 11 a.m. services. E. L. Burks is the Helena lay leader. The Rev. Jim Beal is pastor.

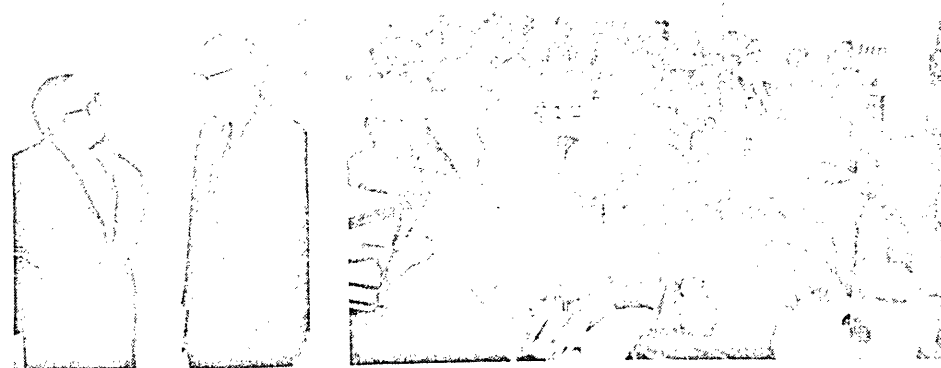
DR. CLARK STANCIL, Little Rock dentist and layman in Trinity United Methodist Church, was the speaker in First Church of West Helena on Laymen's Day. His message was "The Laymen's Ministry." At the evening service, the Rev. "Pop" Robinson, retired minister of Clarendon, spoke on "Church Renewal." The Rev. William Haltom is pastor.

METHODIST MEN of Lake Street United Methodist Church of Blytheville have elected Fred Davis to serve as president. Earnest Baker was elected vice-president, and C. E. Roush, secretary-treasurer. Gene Strickland was elected program chairman with E. H. Hall as assistant. The Rev. Kern Johnson is the pastor.

DR. EDWARD B. HOLLENBECK, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Benton, is the author of the "Pastor's Page" in the October, 1970 issue of the CHURCH SCHOOL Magazine.

THE REV. ROBERT TRIESCHMANN of Nashville was the speaker for the Teacher-Appreciation dinner held in the Oak Forest Church of Little Rock, October 1. He is a former pastor of Oak Forest, where the Rev. William A. Stewart is the present pastor.

A JOINT "SHARE SERVICE" was held in the Paris United Methodist Church with Wesley Church members of Fort Smith participating, September 27. Ministers are the Rev. William Hightower, Paris, and the Rev. Victor Green, Wesley.



The Bible Conference in First Church, Jonesboro, had an average attendance of 120 persons for the five sessions. They were from First Church, Huntington Avenue Church, St. Paul's, Fisher Street Church, Nettleton and Monette churches. A portion of the group is shown above. Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo of the Centenary College faculty, was the leader. He is shown at left visiting with the Rev. George McChehey, retired minister.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in Highland United Methodist Church, 13th and Cedar Streets, Little Rock, this weekend, October 16-17 and 18. Jay Lawhon of McCrory will be the coordinator. General chairmen of local arrangements are B. F. Allbright, Mrs. O. D. Longstreth, and Howard Clark. The Rev. Bryan Stephens is the pastor.

CHEROKEE VILLAGE UNITED Methodist Church has organized a men's group. Meeting on the second Tuesday nights of each month, officers of United Methodist Men elected at the September meeting include: Byron Sams, president; Fred Heard, vice-president; Oscar Seeber, secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Lawrence Dodgen is pastor.

BILL WALKER, LAY LEADER of First Church, Springdale, was in charge of the Lay Service in that church, October 11. Dr. Carl Hamilton, dean of Academic Affairs at Oral Roberts University, Tulsa, was the guest speaker. Dr. Hamilton is a member of Boston Avenue United Methodist Church in Tulsa. The Rev. Clinton M. Atchley is the Springdale pastor.

BOONEVILLE'S LAYMAN'S DAY had Dr. Milton Harbuck and "Mouse" Major, both of North Little Rock, as guest speaker and singer. Lyle Yarborough, lay leader, was in charge of the service. The Rev. Norman Carter is pastor.

JAMES VAN DOVER, Marianna Methodist layman, was the speaker in First Church, Marianna, October 11. Hugh Mixon, Jr. is lay leader. The Rev. Clyde T. Parsons is pastor.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY at Lonoke featured three speakers. Judge Charles Benafield spoke concerning "The Gathered Church"; Mrs. Lucy Glover spoke concerning "The Scattered Church"; Diana Bennett discussed the responsibility of youth within the gathered and scattered church. W. E. Coats is the Lonoke lay leader. The Rev. Mike Clayton is the pastor.

DAILY BIBLE READING

Below is a schedule for the Daily Bible Reading, which the Board of Evangelism invites you to use as a regular guide for use in your homes.

Oct. 18—Sunday	Gen. 5:21-24
Oct. 19	Psalms 16:1-11
Oct. 20	Psalms 23:1-6
Oct. 21	John 15:1-8
Oct. 22	Rom. 6:1-14
Oct. 23	Phil. 1:12-32
Oct. 24	I John 1:1-10
Oct. 25—Sunday	Matt. 18:15-20

100th YEAR OBSERVED AT HEBRON CHURCH

The Hebron United Methodist Church on the Hickory Plains Charge, Little Rock District, celebrated its 100th year on Sunday, October 4, with a pot-luck dinner at the noon hour and afternoon services.

Corsages were presented to the two oldest members, Mrs. Sadie White, 93, and Mrs. Rosa Patty, 89. Mrs. White and Mrs. Patty are sisters.

Specials were rendered by the young people and Ona Pryor and Evelyn White.

The Rev. Kelly Jones, pastor of the Antioch Charge and a former member of the Hebron Church, was speaker for the afternoon.

Bill Thornton is the Hebron church school superintendent. The Rev. Eugene Efird is the pastor.

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DR. ETHAN W. DODGEN, superintendent of the Forrest City District, preached at the Aubrey, La-Grange and Lexa Churches on Sunday morning, September 27. A charge-wide pot-luck dinner was served at the Lexa Church. Dr. Dodgen conducted the Charge Conference at two o'clock. The Rev. Charles E. Reed is the pastor.

MARMADUKE YOUTH HOSTS TO SUB-DISTRICT

Marmaduke U.M. Youth were hosts to the Grace Curtis Sub-district September 28 when attendance reached a high of 85. The business session was presided by the vice president. Roll Call resulted in the Attendance Banner being left with the host church.

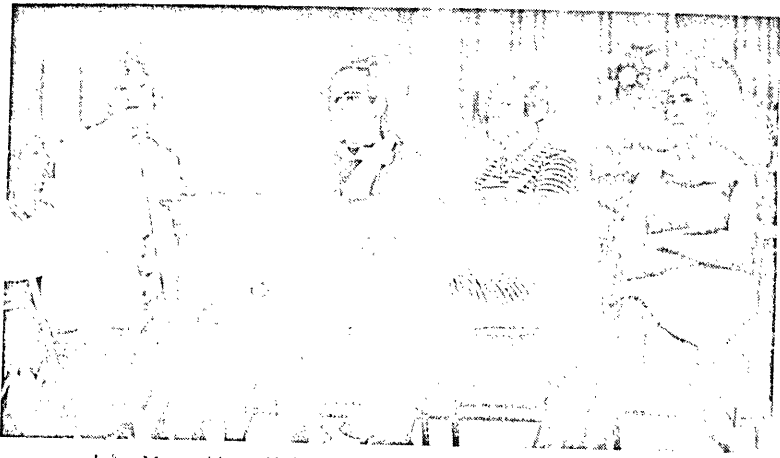
A program of Christian Folk Music was presented by Mrs. Nancy Gutherie, one of the Marmaduke counselors, and Miss Deborah Ross of Gosnell. The Fellowship Hall was appropriately decorated and special lighting effects added to the festive appearance. Refreshments were provided by the women of the church. The pastor is the Rev. Charles P. Reed.

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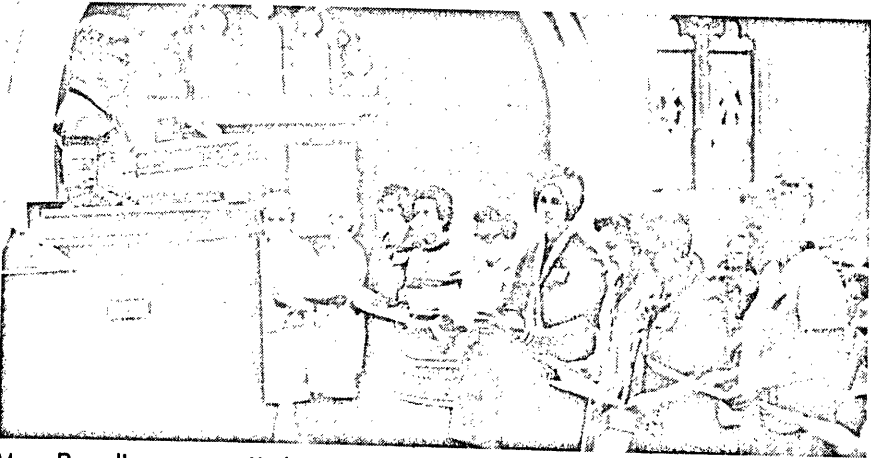
P. K. KORNER

A SON, GEOFFREY LYNN, was born Sept. 17 to H. Lynn and Millicent Sadler of Little Rock. The proud grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. Charles P. Reed of Marmaduke and Mr. and Mrs. Horace Sadler of North Little Rock.

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"Choose - It's Your Move" brought highlights of the Houston Assembly to the WSCS Annual Meeting held at Pulaski Heights Church last week. These panelists were all from the Mabelvale Church. Mrs. Louis Fish, at left, was moderator. Others were, as shown from right: Mrs. Bill Moore, Mrs. Gordan Buergey and Mrs. William Cook. Music from the Assembly was by Mrs. Hershel Moseley, soloist, and Mrs. John Gibson, guitarist, also from Mabelvale.



Mrs. Brandhorst installed officers, new and re-elected, a few of whom are shown above.



Mrs. William Arnold, left, and Mrs. Winston Deane were co-chairmen for the program which was based on the theme "Therefore Choose Life." Mrs. Arnold has been serving the conference as vice-president. Mrs. Deane is the recording secretary.

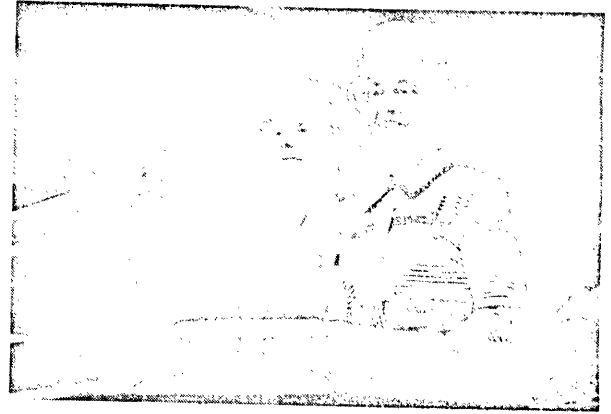


Retiring officers were awarded Honorary Memberships, the presentations being made by Mrs. Edgar Dixon, at left. From right, are Miss Ada May Smith, retiring treasurer; Mrs. Alvin Stone, chairman of nominations; Mrs. Charles Gardner, Christian social relations; and Mrs. W. S. Arnold, vice-president.



Local Pulaski Heights arrangements included these ushers and pages. From left: Mrs. Joe Hudson, Mrs. Alastair Hall, Mrs. Jack Tingle and Mrs. Ralph Covington.

Mrs. Davenport re-elected president, Little Rock Conference Women's Society of Christian Service



The Annual Meeting of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society of Christian Service was presided over by Mrs. E. T. Davenport, at left, shown above as she presented the principal speaker, Mrs. E. A. Brandhorst of St. Louis, jurisdiction president of the Women's Society.

The program format of the Annual Meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Little Rock Conference, was changed, as were the time schedule and length of meeting.

The one-day session at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, October 7, saw the election of some new officers and the re-election of Mrs. E. T. Davenport to serve as president for two more years. Also re-elected were Mrs. John S. Christian as chairman of missionary education, and Mrs. Fred L. Arnold as chairman of spiritual life. The new officers are named and pictured on this page.

To the leader's question "Why Are We Here?", the delegates responded in volume "To Choose Life." On this positive note they felt able to live up to the challenge of the inspirational speaker, Mrs. E. A. Brandhorst, who dared them to face change without being buffeted by it, with the knowledge that God undergirds all. Excerpts from her message will be printed later, as will those from Mrs. Davenport's "State of the Conference" message.

Worship throughout the day also

lifted up the theme, "Therefore Choose Life." Music was under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Richard H. Lines, of the Pulaski Heights Church music staff.

Opportunity for checking over the literature room and visiting colleagues was afforded during the lunch hour.

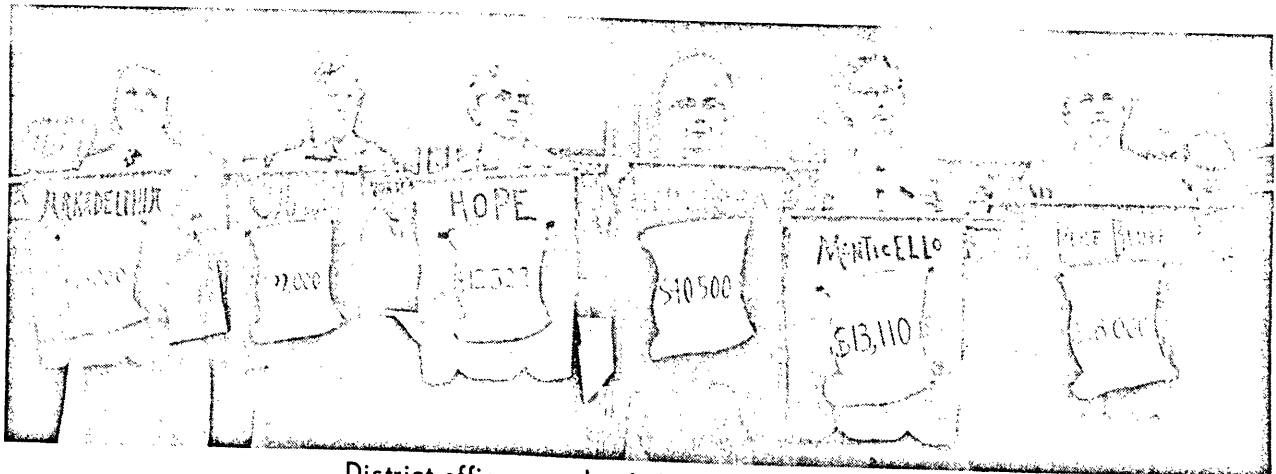
A picket line during lunch was not a protest against anything—but rather, a demonstration for good reading. Materials for study courses and response, the magazine for Methodist women, were promoted. Leading the picket line with posters in hand were Mrs. John Christian and Mrs. J. H. McLarty, chairmen of missionary education and program materials, respectively.

The afternoon program featured four women from the Mabelvale Church bringing highlights of the Houston Women's Assembly. These four panelists, shown on this page, were introduced by Mrs. Charles Gardner, chairman of Christian social relations.

The closing session included the pledge service conducted by Miss Ada May Smith, the installation of officers by Mrs. Brandhorst, and the Service of Commemoration by Mrs. Edgar Dixon and Mrs. Fred Arnold.



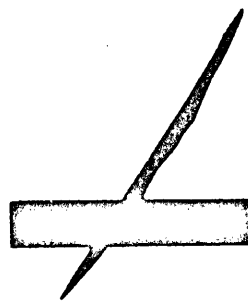
New officers elected to service the Little Rock Conference Women's Society for the next two years are, from left: Mrs. D. E. McCoy of Sheridan, vice-president; Mrs. Charles McNamara of Arkadelphia, chairman of Christian social relations; Mrs. Ray Hozendorf of Little Rock, chairman of nominations; and Mrs. Hubert Blakley of Benton, treasurer.



District officers made pledges totaling \$120,500.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR OCTOBER 25: Growing Through Prayer

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Luke 11:1-13; John 15:1-7

MEMORY SELECTION: If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask whatever you will, and it shall be done for you. (John 15:7)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help members understand the place that prayer occupied in the life of Jesus; to help develop a personal discipline of prayer for one's own life.

As we continue our series on the nurture and maturation of the spiritual life, we move naturally from Bible study to prayer. In the words of Dr. Howard P. Colson (Broadman Comments): "As the hymn writer said, 'Prayer is the Christian's vital breath, the Christian's native air.' In the deepest sense, prayer means fellowship with God; therefore, prayer is a chief means by which our spiritual life is nourished and strengthened. Without prayer Christian growth is impossible."

A youth leader was asked why there was such a widening gap between his generation and the church, and he said, "I guess that what I resent in Christians is not that they are Christians, but that they are not Christian enough." Certainly this ruthless honesty among today's youth should motivate us to mature advocates of that faith we profess. This series of lessons deals with the vital question: How does a person become increasingly a Christian when he is already one? Prayer is one aspect of that growth to which all of us need to give more attention. Dr. Douglas V. Steere in his book *Prayer and Worship* says: "Prayer then is simply a form of waking up out of the dull sleep in which our life has been spent in half-intentions, half-resolutions, half-creations, half-loyalties, and becoming actively aware of the real character of that which we are and of that we are over against."

Judith L. Weidman helps us focus on our problems concerning prayer as she says in *Adult Bible Studies*: "I believe we have trouble with prayer because we misunderstand what it is all about. Like religion in general, we try to make it one of the many things we do in life — fifteen minutes in the morning or three sentences before we drop off to sleep at night. But my contention in this lesson will be that prayer is seeing the world through the eyes of God. That makes it a full-time job. This goal was expressed by Paul when he wrote, 'Pray constantly.'" (1 Thess. 5:17)

The printed text consists of Luke's version of The Lord's Prayer followed immediately by the very complicated parable of the importunate neighbor. It is to be hoped our study today will sharpen our conviction that we can only become mature Christians by developing a prayer life which will contribute to our spiritual growth. However, we would share these words from Miss Weidman's treatment of the lesson: "I am not sure there is any cut-and-dried answer to the dilemma (that created by conflicting ideas of what things we can ask for and expect to get through prayer), but in this lesson we will hope to gain some perspective on the subject by taking a look at the nature of prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

The disciples knew that Jesus had developed a technique of prayer — that prayer meant everything to him. His face reflected his life of prayer, and his teachings always included references to prayer. The

disciples wanted to know about the development of such a relationship with God, and so they asked him to teach them how to pray. Our lesson consists of his response as recorded in Luke. This version of the Lord's Prayer is considerably shorter than the prayer as recorded in Matthew 6:9-13, but the essence of the two versions is essentially the same.

The prayer in Matthew is somewhat longer than that in Luke and the circumstances under which it was delivered are different. In Matthew it is part of the Sermon on the Mount—regarded by most scholars as a collection of Jesus' teachings from throughout his life. Luke is much more specific, saying that the disciples were once present with Jesus while he prayed, and when he had finished one of them said, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John also taught his disciples." We are not told when and where they were, but Luke seems to think it was late in our Lord's ministry.

Dr. E. F. Scott in his book *The Lord's Prayer* indicates that he strongly favors the version in Matthew as closer to the original and gives a great deal of scholarly evidence to support his position. It is not essential that we vote for one against the other, because both contain essentially the same words and thoughts.

THE OUTLINE OF THE LORD'S PRAYER

We should recognize that the prayer Jesus taught his disciples was not so much a set of words to be repeated as it was a set of ideas to guide them. It is made up of a few short sentences, all of them concerned with the primary needs of life. Dr. Scott says: "It was clearly the intention of Jesus to reduce prayer to its simplest elements. In the religion of his time it had become wordy and complicated. It ran off into so many side-issues that men lost sight of the essential things they required from God. Jesus taught a prayer in which there was nothing unnecessary. He wished men to fix their minds on their fundamental needs, and to tell them in the plainest words."

"Father"—By choosing to address God in this manner Jesus bore witness to the character of God and the nature of man's relationship to him. Dr. Harry B. Adams says in *International Lesson Annual*: "To pray to God as father specifies the dependent status of man and the personal quality of the concern of God."

"Hallowed be thy name"—The assertion of the holiness of God immediately sets the address to the Father in its proper context. Again quoting Dr. Adams: "God may be called Father by the believer who comes to know him through Christ, but God is yet the holy one, the awesome one whose name is to be revered."

One commentator (Judith Weidman) says the prayer is divided into "thou petitions" and "we petitions." The former relating to the holiness of the name and the coming of the kingdom which refers to the final triumph of God's purpose and will. Miss Weidman says: "The kingdom of God will not be a utopia of man's making, but to use this fact as an excuse for seeking spiritual nourishment while ignoring an unjust social order is to suggest that religion is about something other than life."

The "we petitions" concern the giving of the bread, the forgiveness of sins and the protection against falling into temptation. Jesus led his disciples to pray for the mundane necessities of life, but it was not a prayer for such an abundance that a man would have enough stored for many days and thus be tempted to forget his dependence on God. In spite of his new life in Christ, the Christian knows

well that he is vulnerable to the passions and pressures that press every man. Thus he prays that he may be shielded from the temptations that try him beyond his strength.

THE PARABLE OF THE PERSISTENT NEIGHBOR

The second part of our selection from Luke was apparently Jesus' commentary on the prayer he had just taught his disciples, but we must admit that its meaning is not altogether clear. In the story of the neighbor who finally gained his request just because he kept knocking on the door in the middle of the night, it is not obvious what Jesus was saying to his disciples about prayer. Certainly we are not to conclude that in our prayers we are to stubbornly pursue our desires until we make God do something he does not want to do.

Dr. Adams summarizes the parable as follows: "This story is another example of the way in which Jesus took the ordinary affairs of human life and used them to illuminate facets of man's relationship with God. Perhaps Jesus was involved in an accident like the one he describes here. The point of the parable is clear. When a man prays seriously, he prays with passion and persistence. When a man prays with the awareness of his intense need for what God can give to him, his prayer will be answered."

Dr. George Buttrick in his analysis of this story in his *Parables of Jesus* says: "Prayer must become a tireless beseeching before God can richly reward it. Human experience will at times afflict us with the fear that heaven is empty or unfeeling, that the only answer to our prayers is the answer of an echo . . . Thus Jesus confronts us with what has been called 'the indifference of God to anything less than the best there is in man—the determination of Heaven not to hear what we are not determined that Heaven shall hear.'"

OURSELVES AND THE WILL OF GOD

Many of us are confused about prayer because we have a mistaken idea of what it is. As Miss Weidman says, "If our prayers of petition come only when we are in a bind, then we make a travesty of prayer."

We need to see prayer as a means of constant communication with God, so that we can come to a continuing understanding of what God's purpose is for the world. There will be concerns that we will share with God, but we are not to be in the position of making bargains with him.

Dr. Buttrick speaks of the element of persistence in prayer in his great book entitled *Prayer*. He says, "The requirement of persistence in prayer is unmistakable. A friend begins by appearing aloof. Then through speech and silence, through laughter shared and danger braved, through the give and take of unsuspected self-revealings, the heart opens and mutual loyalty is gladly pledged. So with a friendship above time; it grows of oft-repeated meetings, contacts, self-givings, and mutual trust. For whatever high reasons, men of prayer must knock and knock—sometimes with bleeding knuckles in the dark."

THE RELATION OF PRAYER AND ACTION

Dr. Douglas V. Steere in his book *Prayer and Worship* speaks of the relationship between prayer and action. He says, "Prayer is not a retreat from action; rather, it is a preparation for action. In prayer we can discover the action God wants us to take. To get his guidance is very important . . . It is a solemn fact that when we put ourselves in God's hands, we never know where he will lead us. And that raises the question. Are you open to what God is trying to tell you? Are you willing to be led?"

This kind of lesson calls for much self-analysis. What is our thinking about prayer? Have we learned the laws of prayer? Are we becoming more effective in our prayer life? We need to understand the axiom of the old Puritan who wrote, "Much prayer—much power; little prayer—little power; no prayer—no power." Do you agree that this applies in your own life?



Dr. George A. Buttrick, general editor of "The Interpreter's Bible" and editor of the "Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible," has written a new book, "Still It Speaks" for The Upper Room's department of publications. Dr. Buttrick, a recognized scholar, preacher, counselor and lecturer, says in an early passage in the new volume, "The Bible is not a book of our finding God, but primarily of His finding us."

Bishop Phillips, Comm. on Church Union chairman, dies

SAN DIEGO, Calif. — Retired United Methodist Bishop Glenn R. Phillips died early Tuesday morning, Oct. 6, at his home here, following a lengthy illness. He was 76.

Bishop Phillips was elected to the episcopacy in 1948, following 18 years as senior pastor of First United Methodist Church of Hollywood, Calif. He was assigned to the Denver Area of the church, geographically one of the largest administrative areas in the denomination. On his retirement from the Denver Area in 1964, Bishop Phillips was described in a published tribute as "a man to match our mountains."

Bishop Phillips was a versatile and widely traveled man. He was a member of the World Methodist Council and the World Council of Churches, and served the Methodist Church in many official capacities. From 1960 to 1964, he was chairman of the Committee on Church Union, which formulated the plan for the union of the Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren Churches. Bishop Phillips saw that union successfully carried out at the General Conference in Dallas in 1968.

Late in 1967, following the death of Bishop A. Raymond Grant of Portland, Bishop Phillips, though retired, was asked by the Council of Bishops to lead the Portland Area on an interim basis. He served in Portland until the General Conference the following year.

Bishop Phillips and his wife, Ruth, whom he married in 1918, were the parents of one son, Dr. Randall C. Phillips, who is pastor of Wilshire United Methodist Church, Los Angeles. Mrs. Phillips preceded her husband in

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Structure Study Commission announces principles which will determine changes

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — Consensus on six principles to be observed in proposing changes in the structure of United Methodist general boards and agencies has been announced by the commission conducting the four-year study.

At a session here September 28-29 the group:

1. Said efforts are being made to design a structure which is faithful to the priorities in the questions on criteria evaluated by members of the 1970 General Conference and others, including youth;

2. Affirmed the proposal for creation of a General Council of the Church with the powers of General Conference in the interim between sessions as assigned by the church's top law-making body, including eight specific functions;

3. Determined to align agencies according to functions;

4. Said that relation of functional units to each other and the General Council has not yet been settled;

5. Agreed on the principles that church-wide program priorities and denominational budgeting should be done by the General Conference and the General Council;

6. Approved the concept of a communications agency for the denomination with exact placement in the structure to be determined later.

In saying that it was trying to design structures reflecting the priorities listed by General Conference delegates, the commission noted that service to the local church had received first priority. Three other criteria were

closely grouped in second place—efficiency and economy, theological validity and coordination and accountability.

As conceived by the study group, the General Council would have the power to create, change, and suspend agencies program units and task forces; determine missional priorities for the church and assign them for implementation; assign missional functions to the agencies, program units and task forces; insure that the program of the church in all aspects is comprehensive and complementary and conforms to decisions of General Conference; shift missional funds to support priorities; do research and planning to keep the church flexible; and elect the chief executives of each unit.

The General Council of about 160 persons would be composed of bishops, program unit officers and representatives of all annual conferences in the U.S. Membership would be drawn so as to stress representation from the laity, as well as from various minority groups within the church.

At present five functional units are being discussed:

—Mission: The church at all levels as it relates to the world and other churches;

—Ministries: The empowerment of the personnel of the church, lay and ministerial;

—Resources and Services: The skills and services needed by the personnel for the mission;

—Institutions: The mission through these facilities;

—Finance and Property: The fiscal support for the other four.

It is expected that each functional unit will contain a number of work area units.

In regard to the financial operation of the church, it was decided that the missional budget should be approved by the General Conference on recommendation of the General Council and would be based on priorities set by the church.

The proposed communications agency would include staff persons with various kinds of responsibilities in relating the church and its work to both persons inside and outside the church.

In another action, the commission said that copies of the General Conference response instrument would be distributed to members of the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries; annual conference youth councils and youth serving on boards and agencies.

"The plan for restructuring must meet the expectations both of those who must approve it in 1972 and those who must live in it in the future," said the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, chairman of the study group.

The commission studying the general board and agency structure was set up by the 1968 Uniting Conference for the denomination and asked to bring its recommendations to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

Next meeting of the commission will be November 30-December 1 in Denver, Colo.

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Eight young persons elected to membership on Bd. of Evangelism

OMAHA, Nebr. (UMI) — Eight young persons and one adult have been elected to the membership of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

Youth-young adult nominees elected during the annual meeting of the board here September 30-October 1 were: Edwina Howard, 19, Chicago, Ill.; Jeannine King, 18, Upland, Ind.; Ramona H. Hernandez, 28, New York City; Samuel Roberts III, 19, Sophia, W. Va.; Marzena Renee Lewis, 18, Ft. Worth, Tex.; Kathi Salerno, 16, Waco, Tex.; Charles Thomas Martin, 18, Charlotte, N. C.; Kenneth Robinson, 16, Nashville, Tenn.; Paul Baker, 19, Los Angeles, Calif.; and Mary Nothdurft, 23, Seattle, Wash.

Elected to fill a vacancy from the Western Jurisdiction as a member-at-large was Adam Najera, Sacramento, Calif., a layman.

In other action related to board

death in April, 1969.

A memorial service was held Sunday, October 11, at Wilshire United Methodist Church, Los Angeles, with Bishop Gerald Kennedy presiding. Also taking part in the service were retired Bishop Donald H. Tippet of Berkeley, and Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of Denver, Colo.

membership and staff personnel, Carl D. Case, Jr., was elected to succeed Mrs. Sam Witthoft as treasurer of the board. Mrs. Witthoft has been named business manager of the North Hollywood United Methodist Church. Mr. Case has been director of promotion and public relations for The Upper Room since 1968.

Resignations and retirements projected for the next year which have not been previously announced include Dr. Chan Hie Kim and the Rev. I. Wayne Leighty. Dr. Kim, editorial associate in The Upper Room will leave that position March, 1971, to assume a professorship in his home country of Korea. Mr. Leighty, a staff member of the board since 1967, will retire in February, 1971.

A musical trio known as "The Light Company" appeared at the board meeting. Formerly the Newcomers, the three ordained ministers will be sponsored by the board and will be available for bookings in local churches and church-related functions across the nation. Under special appointment as evangelists, the three musicians are Dave Trout, Bill Hanlin, and Bob Morley, all of Dayton, Ohio.

Next meeting of the board is scheduled for Colorado Springs, Colo., September 29-October 1, 1971.

Inauguration for Scarritt's sixth president held

Scarritt College for Christian Workers in Nashville, Tenn., celebrated the inauguration of Dr. Gerald Harry Anderson as sixth president at special ceremonies on October 5. The new president succeeds Dr. D. Dillion Holt who retired July 1 from the administrative post he had held for eleven years.

Dr. Anderson, a former Fulbright scholar, studied at Marburg, Geneva, Edinburg, and Boston Universities. He came to Scarritt following ten years in the Philippines as professor of Church History and Ecumenics, both at Union Theological Seminary near Manila, and in the federated faculty of the Southeast Asia Graduate School of Theology.

The inaugural address was given by Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., general secretary of the Board of Missions of The United Methodist Church. Included in evening events was the Bishop George A. Miller lecture on Inter-American Affairs, presented by Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, assistant general secretary of the Board of Missions.

Pre-inaugural events included an organ recital by Dr. George Faxon, organist at Trinity Church, Episcopal, Boston, and professor of Church Music at Boston University.

OCTOBER 15, 1970

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

of Arkansas

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in September as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

DR. RALPH L. ARMSTRONG
by Mrs. Ernest Beatty

MISS ANNE BOWEN
by Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Simmons

MRS. J. T. BRADFORD
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack K. Wherry

MRS. CLYDE BOND
by Mr. & Mrs. Bill Nix

ALF BROWN, SR.
by Wm. L. Brown

BRUCE LYNN BIRKHEAD
by Mrs. Olivia E. Varnell

MRS. W. T. BOWLS
by Mr. & Mrs. R. L. Ashcraft

MRS. DORA BECK
by Mrs. J. W. Farr

by Mrs. Jerry Richardson

MISS KAY CAMP
by Miss Olivia Bingham

MRS. ANNIE WALSER CARTER
by Mrs. Mattie Green

WALTER TAYLOR CREWS
by Dr. & Mrs. E. Stewart Allen

JAMES CHILDS
by Lynelle Freeman

by Mr. & Mrs. William E. Smith

INFANT CARL LEE
by Mrs. W. G. Rye

by Mr. & Mrs. W. T. Robinson

MR. FRED CLEMENT
by Mr. & Mrs. Bennie J. McCoy

GEORGE E. CORLEY
by Mr. & Mrs. David L. Sanders

FRANK DIAL
by Mrs. Horace Looney

JOHN DIAL
by Mrs. Horace Looney

GRADY DEBOW
by Mr. & Mrs. Armin T. Dressel

MRS. GARLAND DERDEN, SR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Clark Smith

by "We Will Sunday School Class",
Stuttgart First United Methodist Church

CHRIS DIETRICH
by Mrs. Guy Rowland, Sr.

by Jimmie, Olivia & Mike Rogers

by Lenna Appleberry

by Joe, Linda & Marie Leslie

ARTHUR DIEKMANN
by Mr. & Mrs. Ted Cash

by Mrs. A. H. Diekmann

CLIFTON FERGUSON
by Mr. & Mrs. G. W. Roark

MRS. ROSA LEE FAIRBANKS
by Mrs. C. H. McClinton

MISS LUCY T. FURLOW
by Mrs. Idelle Furlow Dodgen

by Mrs. Myrtle Furlow Jester

MRS. J. O. GRIFFITH
by Mrs. J. C. LeMaster

by Mrs. W. B. Harrison

MRS. THELMA GRIMES
by Reverend & Mrs. S. T. Baugh

RALPH HAMILTON
by Mrs. August Prange

by Tom & Luzelle Hasty

MRS. LOTTIE HARPER
by Florence Hamilton Sunday School Class, Siloam Springs

CLAY HUTCHINSON
by Sunshine Class, Camden First United Methodist Church

BILL HORTON
by Tillie and Karoline Feibelman

MRS. H. W. HOWARD
by Officers of Review, #47, McGehee

LEE HORTON
by Elizabeth & "Zebe" Perry

J. MACE HARRISON
by Mrs. E. M. Murphy

DON HENRY
by Mr. & Mrs. Hugh Atwood

MRS. BESSIE F. HOLMES
by Mrs. Raymond Henry & Family

ROLAND INGRAM
by Mrs. A. H. Dickman

JOE DON JONES
by Mr. M. E. Stires

by Mrs. D. W. Hogge

by Miss Helen Stires

BRAD JORDAN
by Mr. & Mrs. Joe Baxter

MRS. SOPHIA AUGUSTA JOHNSON
by Betty Robinson

MRS. PEARL DRAKE KING
by Mr. & Mrs. L. Q. Thompson

MRS. CLARA KIRKLAND
by Mrs. Electa Smith & Family

STUART KEATHLEY
by Mrs. Eric Caviness

HAROLD LAMBERT
by Mr. & Mrs. Armin Dressel

PORTER LUNSFORD
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack W. Newton

MRS. A. LEPINE
by Tom & Luzelle Hasty

LEO MERTENS
by Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon Miller

MRS. C. W. MARTIN
by Mrs. John H. Dial

SANDRA MICHAEL
by Anna K. Carter

WILLIAM G. MOUSER
by U.M.Y., Carr Memorial, Pine Bluff

MRS. DAVID L. MITCHELL
by Mrs. J. C. LeMaster

by Mrs. W. B. Harrison

JOHN H. MORGAN
by Col. & Mrs. Elliott A. Stoddard

MRS. CHARLES MENEAL
by Mrs. Frank Welch

MRS. C. L. McNUTT
by Leona C. Andrews

MRS. RUBY NAYLOR
by Mr. & Mrs. A. E. Fuller

MRS. HOWARD PARK
by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Wimberly

PERCY C. RICHARDSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Ed Ware

by Mrs. Ruth P. Wade

by Mrs. George Knapp

MRS. W. F. RICE, SR.
by Mr. & Mrs. Charles Rowland

MRS. STELLA RICE
by Helen Clayton

by Mrs. Nell Henry Cornett

by Mr. & Mrs. Grover Jones

JAMES F. ROGERS
by Mr. & Mrs. H. S. Seabrook

MRS. WALTER RYLAND
by Havelia Dike

by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Williamson

DR. R. B. ROBINS
by Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Sillimon

HARRY ROBERTSON
by Mr. & Mrs. B. E. Sillimon

MRS. E. R. SCHELL
by Mr. & Mrs. W. C. Lewis

MRS. VIRGIL STONE
by Mr. & Mrs. Clark Smith

CHARLES OWENS ST. CLAIR
by W.S.C.S., Sulphur Springs United Methodist Church

MRS. CORA PRANGE SWINDLER
by Flavelia Dike

JOHN L. STAIR
by Mr. & Mrs. D. B. Morgan, Sr.

C. L. STIPP
by Mr. & Mrs. Gaylon L. Miller

by Mr. & Mrs. Eugene Miller

MRS. ANNA BELL SMITH
by Esther Mae L. Walker

MR. TIMMONS
by Methodist Men's Class, Glenwood United Methodist Church

DON VOLLMAN
by Mr. & Mrs. W. D. Simmons

MRS. DOLPH SMITH
by Judge & Mrs. John A. Fogleman

FRANK WIDENER
by Miss Olivia Bingham & Family

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North Arkansas Guild members in retreat



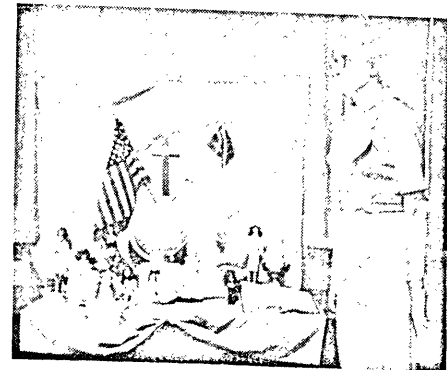
Leaders at the Guild Retreat held by members of North Arkansas Wesleyan Service Guilds, October 3 and 4, included, from left: Mrs. Julian Vogel of West Memphis, chairman of spiritual growth, Mrs. Truman Stephens of Fort Smith, conference chairman of Guilds, Dr. Harold Eggersperger of North Little Rock, Program Council director who led the vesper service, and the Rev. Charles D. Whittle of Nashville, Tenn., who was the inspirational leader for the weekend.



In a natural setting at Aldersgate, small groups studied the Bible.



Mrs. Harold Womack, second from right, and Mrs. Marie Roberson of First Church, North Little Rock, register for the retreat with the help of: from left, Mrs. V. O. Van Dusen, Mrs. Kelly Sadler and Miss Margie Goodson.



Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson stands beside the worship setting she prepared for the retreat held by Wesleyan Service Guilds at Aldersgate Camp. The theme "God's Word-God's Women-God's World" is depicted in the setting.



Retreat group leaders were, from left: Miss Mildred Scott, Mrs. Julia Freeman, Mrs. Meryl Kirkendall, Mrs. H. D. Womack and Mrs. Sue Woods.

UNICEF AT WORK

UNITED NATIONS, N.Y. — The money raised during the children's "Trick or Treat for UNICEF" on Halloween and from the sale of UNICEF greeting cards aids the United Nations Children's Fund in providing educational, medical and nutritional aid for youngsters all over the world.



The photos at left were taken at a one-room schoolhouse in Jicaro, Guatemala, where the government of Guatemala, with UNICEF assistance, has been working to improve the educational system. In the top photo, an earnest student concentrates on her writing lesson and below children brush their teeth, a daily ritual at the rural school. At present there are four grades being taught in the one-room school but by next year the community will be able to boast of a complete school providing all six primary grades, for the first time in the village's history.

THEOLOGIAN SAYS UMCOR AID SHOULD GET AT ROOT OF WANT

GREENWICH, Conn. (UMI)—Service in the form of relief and rehabilitation aid to persons in need is not just a "job for the church" but is grounded in the very nature of God, the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (UMCOR) was told at its meeting here September 21-22.

But for relief-rehabilitation aid to meet emerging needs, new factors must be taken into account, such as using service (often called "diakonia" in church circles) not only to help victims of natural disasters but also to get at root causes of hunger and want, UMCOR members heard. A theologian addressing them on the "why" of UMCOR's work asserted that aid must be curative as well as palliative; it must "be directed at systems as well as symptoms" of victims.

Dr. Carl Bangs, Kansas City, Mo., said a new understanding of "who is giving aid to whom" should be accepted by U.S. Christians, an understanding that service does not flow only from East to West, from rich to poor, but that . . . God's universal work also functions from East to West, from poor to poor and poor to rich, from black to white. The recipient of aid is called to participate in that work.

125 STOP FOR PRAYER ON WAY TO SCHOOL

PITTSBURGH (RNS)—Each morning 125 children en route to classes file into the Garden of Prayer church in nearby Homestead for a short scripture reading and prayers.

Mrs. Edith Bickerson, evangelist at the Garden of Prayer, said, "We're not disobeying our government but we are providing a place for children who want to say a prayer on the way to school."

Now in its second year, the project was launched when members of the Garden of Prayer became concerned over the U.S. Supreme Court decision on school prayers.

The doors open at 7:45 a.m. and the children are on their way to school by 8:15, Mrs. Bickerson said.

On the way out they are offered a doughnut and hot chocolate but Mrs. Bickerson noted that "some of the children don't even take the food. They just stop by to say the Lord's Prayer before going on to school."

Elementary, junior high and senior high schools are in the area of the non-denominational church.

METHODIST 'PEOPLE'S HELPERS' NAMED TO AID DISADVANTAGED

NEW YORK (RNS) — Ten "people's helpers" have been appointed by the national division of the United Methodist Board of Missions to help the disadvantaged make constructive social changes in their communities.

The workers, who include two women—one a Catholic nun—represent various racial and cultural backgrounds. Among them are American Indians, Spanish-Americans, Chinese and whites.

These "indigenous community developers" will assist the needy to become more deeply involved in community life, by engaging in what is considered constructive social change.

The developers will work in Puerto Rico, Chicago, El Paso, a Mexican-American community in Los Angeles, a former coal mining town in Kentucky, among American Indians in Oklahoma and North Carolina; Sunflower, Kan., and in San Francisco Chinese-American community.

UNICEF helps children in 112 developing nations. To improve their lives it provides equipment to schools and training grants to teachers. More schools and teachers are urgently needed. Support UNICEF's work!

UNICEF is active in over 100 countries, bringing millions of children better health and nutrition. But physical care is not all that children need. One-third of UNICEF's resources are spent on aiding education. To keep pace with population growth, UNICEF is steadily increasing its flow of educational equipment and teacher-training grants in many of these countries. Your contributions to UNICEF help to make this important work possible.

'MISS AMERICA OF RELIGION' PAGEANT URGED BY CHURCHMEN

DETROIT (RNS)—A Greek Orthodox pastor here has advocated an interreligious "Miss America of Religion" pageant based on spiritual values.

"It's about time we paid attention to spiritual values and internal beauty," declared Father Demetrios Kavadas, president of the Greek Orthodox Clergy Association on Detroit and pastor of the Assumption Greek Orthodox church.

The water used by 90 per cent of the population in the developing world is either unsafe or inadequate, or both. UNICEF projects help provide abundant, unpolluted water.

More than three-fourths of the world's 1.2 billion children live in the developing nations. UNICEF aid helps protect these children from malnutrition and disease and prepares them for future citizenship.

In the developing nations, nearly half the population are under 15 years of age. Approximately three-quarters of the world's children live in areas where the average income is less than \$500 a year. The United Nations Children's Fund helps provide better food and medical care for these youngsters.

Three out of four children live in areas where mortality rates among one to four-year-olds are about 40 times higher than in the developed countries. UNICEF means help and hope for those children.

