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Wells Scholarship Fund established at Hendrix College

Mr. and Mrs. George Wells of Little Rock have established a \$15,000 endowed scholarship at Hendrix College. It will be known as the George and Mary MacFadden Wells Scholarship Fund.

The income from the endowment will be used to make an award or awards to Hendrix students entering their senior year, based on the students' academic ability, general intelligence, personal character and financial circumstances.

George Wells, a retired Little Rock businessman, is a graduate of Hendrix College and a member of its Board of Trustees. Prior to his service in the U.S. Navy during World War II, he was the assistant athletic coach at Hendrix and a member of its student recruitment staff. While a student at Hendrix, Wells was an outstanding football player. Upon returning to civilian life after World War II, he has been in business in Little Rock.

The Wells and their four sons are members of the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

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Ecumenical Lectures scheduled for Little Rock area

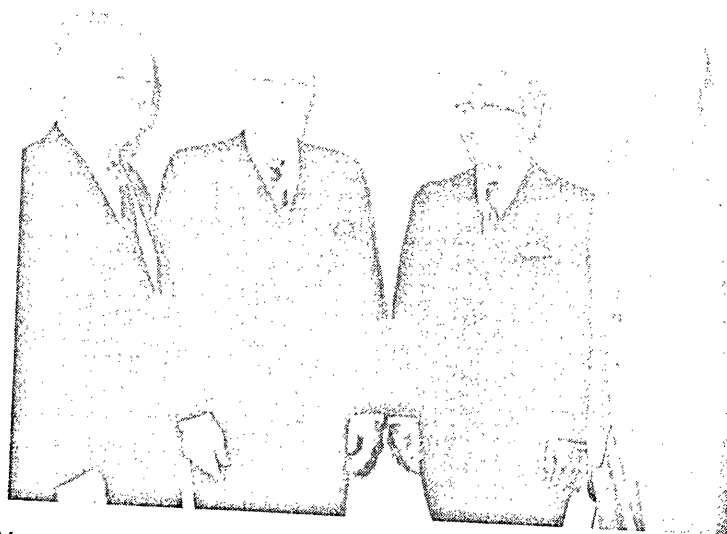
The 1971 Ecumenical Lectures sponsored by the Women's Council of Holy Souls Catholic Church, Little Rock, February 18-April 1 will bring three outstanding religious leaders to Arkansas. One is Lutheran, one is Jewish, and one is Roman Catholic.

On February 18 the first speaker will be Dr. Jaroslav Pelikan, Lutheran minister and Professor of Religious Studies at Yale University. He will speak on "The Reformation: Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow."

The speaker on March 18 will be Rabbi Balfour Brickner, director of Interfaith Activities of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations, who will be remembered as one of the speakers at the 1970 Arkansas Ecumenical Clergy Conference. He will speak on "A Religionist Looks at American Ferment."

The final speaker on April 1 will be the Rev. Andrew Greeley, Catholic priest who serves as program director of the National Opinion Research

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Visiting during a recent breakfast meeting in the interest of the Pulaski County phase of the Philander Smith College Capital Funds Campaign were (l. to r.): William M. Shepherd, who is serving as chairman for the campaign; Bishop Paul V. Gallo-way; Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, Philander Smith president; and Dr. William O. Scroggin, Director of Public Relations, who is directing the campaign for the college.

• August 14-18, Estes Park, Colo.

World Family Life Conference speakers named

NEW YORK (UMI) — A Swiss psychologist, a Korean professor, a sociologist from Singapore and four bishops are among speakers and leaders announced for the second World Methodist Family Life Conference August 14-18 in Estes Park, Colo.

Registrations are being received, and when the full complement of 200 delegates has been reached, representation is expected from 40-50 countries, according to Bishop Hazen G. Werner, New York, Conference program chairman.

The Conference is being planned by the World Methodist Council Committee on Family Life, of which retired Bishop Werner was chairman until last November. Dr. J. Otis Young, Evanston, Ill., is chairman of the world family group's executive committee and its North American Section, which is coordinating the Estes Park meeting.

Bishop Werner, who continues as chairman of the program committee, announced these leaders for the conference, which has an over-all theme, "The Christian Family and the Arriving Generation":

Dr. Nalla Tan, sociologist from the

University of Singapore, will give a paper on the Conference topic, "The Impact of a Changing Society on the Growing Person." Dr. Claus Eck, psychologist from the University of Zurich in Switzerland, and Dr. Henry Shin, professor at Women's Teachers College, Seoul, Korea, will present papers on the Conference topic, "The Responsibilities of Parenthood and the Growing Person."

Bishop Earl Hunt of United Methodist's Charlotte (N.C.) Area will give an address on "The Family in These Disturbing Times." Bishop Roy Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area will lead Bible interpretations concerning family life.

Bishop Eric Mitchell of United Methodist's Hyderabad (India) Area will conduct a service of Holy Communion, and Bishop Eugene Frank of United Methodist's Missouri Area will summarize conclusions and activities of the Conference.

Other speakers and leaders are expected to be announced soon. This will be the second world family meeting sponsored by the World Methodist Council. The first was in England in 1966.

Canadian Arts director in Hendrix College Seminars

Duncan Cameron, national director of the Canadian Conference of the Arts and an internationally known museologist and arts administrator is lecturing on the Hendrix College campus from February 9 through 12. His appearance here is a major feature of the college's "Canada Year" program.

Cameron's initial address was made in a convocation on Tuesday morning, February 9. Seminars under the leadership of the distinguished Canadian include two evening sessions, one on Tuesday and another on Wednesday at 7:00 o'clock. On Thursday, February 11 a seminar will be conducted in the Arkansas Room of Bailey Library at 8:00 p.m. The concluding seminar is scheduled for Friday, February 12 at 7:00 p.m. in Trieschmann Gallery.

Cameron's work as a consultant has taken him across the United States and Canada to advise universities, governments, museums, art galleries, foundations, arts councils, and corporations. In international circles he is best known as a theorist and specialist in social science research. In Canada Cameron is recognized as an arts administrator and critic of government cultural policies.

Following a successful career in journalism, the noted lecturer began his museum career at the Royal Ontario Museum in Toronto in 1956. In addition to his administrative position with the Canadian Conference of the Arts, he is currently president of Janus Museum Consultants Limited, which was curator of EXPO '67 in Montreal.

Later this month Cameron will give the annual university museum lecture at the University of Colorado at Boulder. He will present a major paper at the 1971 biennial meetings of the International Council of Museums in Paris.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Due to weather conditions last Sunday, the Service of Dedication for the Highfill United Methodist Church, Fayetteville District, has been rescheduled for next Sunday, February 14, at 2 p.m. Bishop Paul V. Gallo-way and Dr. Myers B. Curtis will lead the service.

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Our sense of sin is in proportion to our nearness to God.—Thomas D. Bernard



Dr. Raymond Franks (center), Monticello District superintendent, was the resource person for a recent workshop for pastors and members of Pastor-Parish Relations Committees in churches of Jonesboro District. Some participants are pictured here: FROM LEFT—Dr. John Kirkley and the Rev. Worth Gibson, First Church, Jonesboro, the Rev. Pharis Holifield, Fisher Street Church, Jonesboro, (Dr. Franks), the Rev. J. William Watson, Jonesboro District superintendent, Neal Storey, and Roy Weld, District lay leader. (Photography by Leonard Byers)

MEETING TIME CHANGE

The North Arkansas Conference Program Council has asked us to announce that the Board of Christian Social Concerns of that Conference will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, instead of at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, February 25, as originally announced in the schedule of Mid-Year Meetings.

News in Brief

THE REV. FRANK JONES, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Brookfield, Missouri, was the speaker at the morning service in Fisher Street United Methodist Church in Jonesboro on Sunday, December 27. Frank and his wife, the former Sue Osment of Jonesboro, graduated from Hendrix College and served several charges in the North Arkansas Conference before going to Missouri.

THE REV. P. D. ALSTON, retired minister of El Dorado, filled the pulpit of the Victory Baptist Church near Texarkana on Sunday evening, January 17.

A revised, updated **MINISTER'S INCOME TAX GUIDE** is available from the Program Council, 920 Rec- tor Building, Little Rock 72201. This guide includes revised forms (with filled-in examples) and information on all tax law changes needed to complete the 1970 return. Send in your request and **FIFTY CENTS** early. Supply limited.

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Ecumenical series

Center of the University of Chicago. His theme will be "Renewing the Mes- sage."

Tickets for the entire series which will be held at the Arkansas Arts Center may be ordered for \$5 for the entire series. Checks should be made to the Ecumenical Lecture Series and mailed to 315 Crystal Court, Little Rock. Each lecture will begin at 8 p.m.

Some Methodist Schools in Rhodesia Closed

NEW YORK (UMI)—As a result of refusal by United Methodists in Rhodesia to make up a 5 per cent cut by the government in teachers' salaries, some of the approximately 200 United Methodist primary schools are closed. Others apparently remain open, according to reports received by the United Methodist Board of Missions here. The arbitrary cut announced in 1970 and effected in 1971, and subsequent action by the Rhodesia United Methodist Conference, are believed to have heightened already tense church-state relations.

In recent months, Ian Smith's white minority government has banned United Methodist Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa from entering black areas (Tribal Trust Lands), following the Conference's decision to oppose, and to defy if necessary, Rhodesia's segregationist Land Tenure Act. The ban has been protested by African Christians in a daylong peaceful demonstration, and by the World Methodist Council executive committee and the United Methodist Council of Bishops. The Land Tenure Act sets aside "equal" amounts of land for Rhodesia's 234,000 whites and 4,800,000 blacks, and prohibits blacks from worshipping in white churches without a permit. It has been strongly opposed by most churches in Rhodesia. All this has led to increasing tension between religious groups and the Smith government.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP IN FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

Members of the Fayetteville District had an all-day Confirmation Workshop, Monday, January 18, at First United Methodist Church, Springdale.

The district team which led the workshop was composed of the Rev. Vernon Paysinger, the Rev. Raymond Fisher, the Rev. Victor Nixon, the Rev. Ray Burrow, and Dr. Myers B. Curtis.

Sixteen young people from First Church and Wesley Church in Springdale participated in the workshop. The Rev. Clint Atchley was the host pastor.

ACADEMY OF RELIGION AT FAYETTEVILLE

The third annual Academy of Religion will be held at Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, from February 7 to April 2. This year the focus will be on a Christological study, "Son of God and Son of Man."

During the eight weeks to be covered by the course six identical sessions will be held each week giving participants a wide choice of times for enrollment.

The studies will move toward the Academy Lectures, March 26-28, featuring Dr. Leroy T. Howe, associate professor of philosophical theology at Perkins School of Theology.

Though sponsored by and for members of Central Church, the Academy of Religion is open to all persons in the community.

THE REV. M. B. SHORT

The Rev. Milton Bruce Short, retired member of the North Arkansas Annual Conference, died on January 31 at his home in Hartford. The funeral service was conducted by the Rev. Archie N. Boyd, Dr. John A. Bayliss, and the Rev. Roger Glover on February 2 at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, Hartford.

He was born in the farming community of Basin Springs, Tex., son of Ruth and Martin Short on July 1, 1899. He received his education in a rural school once known as Basin Springs Academy.

He was converted as a young man in a Baptist revival. He was licensed to preach in 1930 at Sherman, Tex. In his early ministry he served as a local preacher in the North Texas conference, with his first appointment being the seven or eight churches of the Denison Mission.

He moved with his family to Arkansas in 1940 and settled near Booneville where he assisted the Rev. I. L. Claud, then pastor of Booneville Methodist Church, in some rural work. In 1941 he was appointed to the Waldron Circuit. He served 23 years in Arkansas, being pastor of 11 charges during this time. As his last appointment he served Hartford Methodist Church from 1962 until his retirement in 1964. He and Mrs. Short had made their home in Huntington since retirement.

Survivors are his wife, Ruth; one son, Jack Short of Kibler, Ark.; two daughters, Mrs. Evelyn Carter, Little Rock, and Mrs. Ann Shaver, Neosho, Mo.; two sisters, Mrs. Nell Maudlin, Whitsboro, Tex. and Mrs. Emma Cagle, Broken Bow, Okla. and eight grandchildren.

Christian Education specialist to lead Coaching Conference

Mrs. V. B. Story will be the leader for a class of V.C.S. Administrators at the Coaching Conference for District V.C.S. Teams. This meeting is held annually in preparation for District Curriculums Workshops which will be held during April in each of the Districts.

Coaching Conference is scheduled for March 2 at 1:00 P.M. and closes March 3 at 12:00 noon, First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, 8th and Center Streets.

Sessions for Administrators will deal with Administration and General Planning, and are held primarily for one representative from each District who in turn will give leadership for local administrators of V.C.S.s. Churches are invited and urged to send representatives from their churches to take advantage of this special training. The Little Rock Conference Board provides entertainment for one only from each district. Expense for others attending is to be provided by local churches and/or the participant. (The foregoing applies only to class for Administrators. Other expenses for District Teams provided by Conference Board of Education.)

We are very fortunate to have the leadership of Mrs. Story who is a Certified Director with wide experience in the field of Christian Education serving for many years as Director of the Educational Program at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock. She is presently employed as Director at Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Outstanding leadership has been provided for each age level and has been recruited from the various Districts. One highlight of the two days will be the dinner meeting for participants and invited guests on March 2, 6:00 P.M., in the Church Dining Room.

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Editorial

THREE VIEWS OF THE COCU PLAN OF UNION

Increasingly the people of United Methodism are moving into a careful study of the Plan of Union prepared by the Consultation on Church Union. We have shared in a recent panel discussion and several other such appearances are scheduled in the near future. Our conviction grows that we have an obligation to inform our people about this proposal now being studied in the nine Protestant denominations, including our own, that are participants in this proposal.

In this connection we would like to commend to all our readers the February 4 issue of *Christian Advocate*, general periodical of our church. Three leaders have written in those pages of their own reactions to the plan, and we feel they have made real contributions to the background material we all need for an understanding of its "pros" and "cons." If you have this issue of the *Advocate*, we suggest you hold onto it as essential supplementary material for your study.

The three who have written the articles mentioned are Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, a strong supporter of the plan who indicates several points at which it should be strengthened; Dr. Lyle E. Schaller, director of the Center for Parish Development at Evangelical Theological Seminary, who carefully analyzes the parish organization suggested; and Bishop John Wesley Lord of Washington who discusses what he regards as the serious shortcomings in the method proposed for the appointment of ministers.

Bishop Mathews reminds United Methodists that they have been a part of the Consultation on Church Union almost from the beginning and that we therefore have a real obligation to react to the suggestions. Ten representatives of our denomination have represented us throughout the consultations and four United Methodists helped to write the Plan of Union. Bishop Mathews makes it clear that we are now dealing with a preliminary draft of a Plan of Union which will take its final direction as a result of the suggestions that are sent in by individuals and groups after they have studied it. He points out that we might all wish for a better plan, but that this is the one we have before us and it is to it that we must react.

We share with Bishop Mathews the affirmation that it would be irresponsible for United Methodists not to engage themselves fully in this creative process. This is why we are pleased to note that a substantial number of local church groups are now engaged in their discussions of the plan. However, we are still amazed to discover that many individual churchmen are not even aware of the proposal that has been made to bring nine churches, including our own, into a new church which would be seen as a step in the direction of broader church unity. The name, Church of Christ Uniting, may or may not be the one that is finally used. This will also depend in a large measure on the reactions that are received from the "grass roots."

Dr. Schaller points out that the "parish plan" of COCU will stimulate as much discussion as any other feature of it. This is his field, and he approaches it with a series of questions to guide us in our own evaluation of the new style of organization proposed to put the church in mission at the local level. May we remind you that the plan anticipates that the parish will consist in most cases of several congregations which will be working together in their planning and the administration of their church programs. Since we have all been so accustomed to thinking in terms of the local congregation, Dr. Schaller points out that this concept of interdependence replacing independence as the basic characteristic of the relationship of one congregation to another will be a major change from church life as we now know it.

We are reminded that the new proposal includes "task forces" organized for special projects in the organization of the parish. This seeks to implement the great emphasis on mission about which

most of us have been thinking and calls for the primary relationship of the clergy to the parish rather than to the congregation. He feels that this is the means by which a great deal of duplication could be avoided and would bring the pastor into a rich new relationship with his people.

Bishop Lord points out that ambiguities are to be found in the proposal concerning the function of a bishop and the method by which the pastors would be assigned to the congregations. He recognizes that this was inevitable in the writing of a plan which includes churches like the Anglican and United Methodist who have held the episcopacy in high regard and nonepiscopal churches like the Presbyterian and the Disciples of Christ.

He feels that small churches which now receive greater protection from the appointive system of United Methodism would suffer the most unless safeguards are written into this part of the plan of union.

Bishop Lord also points out that there are really two levels of episcopacy under the Plan — one at the district level, serving in an administrative capacity but not being full members of the National Assembly which would be the highest governing body of the church. However, it is his conviction that unless some careful reconsideration is made of the appointment system — or lack thereof — small churches will suffer greatly in their future supply of ministers. He feels that too many people and committees are involved in the appointment process, and we might add that we are inclined to agree with him at this point.

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the Editor's Corner



RECOLLECTIONS OF A MOUNT MAGAZINE WEEK-END

Any person with a fond attachment for Mount Magazine, one of this section's most beautiful spots, has been saddened by two events of the past week. First, we read the news of the fire which destroyed the picturesque Lodge atop Arkansas' highest mountain. Then, just three days later there was the tragic highway accident near Dardanelle which took the lives of five of the Dan Blocker Singers, an interesting group of young people who operated the Lodge during the last season.

Mrs. Knox and I are members of a group of friends that came into being first as a Great Decisions Group to discuss the problems of foreign affairs about seven or eight years ago. We became such close friends that we resolved to keep on meeting after the "Great Decisions" agenda had been exhausted. It has been a most delightful experience and we look forward to those second Saturdays when we meet.

In addition to meeting monthly in one of our homes we make one or two week-end trips a year to attractive camping sites. We have gone a number of times to Buffalo River State Park and have been once to Mount Petit Jean.

Last October we decided to visit Mount Magazine and found it one of the richly rewarding experiences we have had. Although we stayed in cabins, we did take some meals at the Lodge where we were attracted by two features — the rustic beauty of the building and the refreshing atmosphere that was generated by the Dan Blocker Singers who operated it and who presented a floor show with the dinner.

Although presenting some of the characteristics of the "hippie" generation, the Dan Blocker Singers communicated a depth and a purpose which kept them from being so classified. Originating on the west coast, they convinced Dan Blocker of "Bonanza" fame of their sincerity and spiritual purpose so that he was willing for them to carry his name and some degree of sponsorship.

We regret that we did not become better acquainted with them so that we could now recall the faces of those who met their untimely death.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Program styles of youths emerged as a top priority as 750 persons attending the annual Convention of Nat'l. Religious Broadcasters (NRB) in Washington, D.C., considered the topic, "Broadcasting Today . . . For Christ and Country." The NRB is reported to have 400 member stations and programs, which produce three-fourths of all religious broadcasting in the world. Convention delegates voted to develop a "youth bank" of program materials which will include tapes of programs presently being produced for exchange among NRB members. Dr. Benjamin Armstrong, executive secretary of the organization, said religious broadcasters have been placing their programs on the "Top 40" radio stations and finding growing acceptability among both station management and the youthful listening audience.

Pennsylvania State University is launching what is said to be the first U.S. graduate program in religion focusing entirely on American culture. The new curriculum will have both academic and professional orientations, according to Dr. Luther H. Harshbarger, head of the department of religious study. "Our program expects to provide special and dual competences for scholars, researchers and teachers who want to develop programs in secondary schools, community colleges, colleges and universities," he said.

The Southern Baptist Convention, which already has 1,400,000 "tithers," hopes to convince 100,000 additional members to give 10 per cent of their earnings by 1975, according to James Lackey, stewardship commission director. The SBC will strive also to get 99 per cent of its churches to contribute through its Cooperative Program during the same period, and to encourage 1 million Baptists to make a "current Christian will" that includes the church as a beneficiary.

Charles H. Tuttle, who served for many years as general counsel to the Nat'l. Council of Churches, died Jan. 26 at 91 years of age. Notable legal accomplishments of the Episcopalian attorney included his successful defense of N. Y. State's released time religious education program before the U.S. Supreme Court in 1952, and his investigation of political and judicial corruption which laid the foundation for the ultimate downfall of the Tammany administration in the days of Mayor James J. Walker. He helped draft the first statute in any state against discrimination in employment by reason of race, creed or national origin.

Four television commercials containing a catchy jingle and influenced by Sesame Street cartoons have been produced for the "sandbox set" by three Protestant denominations—Christian (Disciples of Christ), Episcopal and the United Methodist Church. Four 30-second spots star children at play—with balloons, a kaleidoscope, a wagon, and a talking chicken. "It's nice to share," is the theme of the simple story line.

Of 17 Southern and border states and territories whose Presbyterians split according to Civil War sympathies more than a century ago, Kentucky is the first to have its Presbyterians completely reunited. The reunion was accomplished through the recent merger of each of the United Presbyterians' three presbyteries, or regional governing units, with its counterpart Southern presbytery—into The Presbytery of Louisville (Union).

The Senate of Priests in the Corpus Christi Catholic diocese has called for state aid to non-public schools in Texas. It held that "pressing financial burdens" are a present threat to the survival of non-public schools, and, therefore, a threat to genuine "freedom of education." The rationale of the proposal by the Senate of Priests is "that parents, who are taxpaying citizens, have the constitutional right to choose a non-public school for their children's education and should receive some help from the state in relation to that part of the education of their children which is not religious education." The body holds that freedom of choice in education in the nation is possible "only if privately sponsored schools be allowed to continue to exist."

The Southern Baptist Convention, headquartered in Nashville, Tenn., has announced the appointment of the first Thai executive secretary of the United Bible Societies of Thailand and Laos. The 45-year-old Rev. Boon Krong Pitakanon of Bangkok is pastor of Thailand's largest Baptist congregation. He succeeds Chan Y. Choi, a missionary of the Presbyterian Church of Korea, as executive secretary. The new Bible Society leader said that scripture distribution is an excellent way of expressing the revival spirit evident among many groups in Thailand. "God is working here as never before," he said.

The new academic dean of Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary, Mill Valley, Calif., has called for a reexamination of seminary programs and aims. He urged a greater role in the field education aspect of the curriculum. The seminary should stress competence in the ministry rather than over-emphasize scholastic excellence, declared Elmer L. Gray in his inaugural address as academic dean of the Southern Baptist Seminary. Outlining some personal qualities essential for the modern minister, including the ability to think objectively, Mr. Gray added that in no way do these "rule out the working of God. By becoming competent the minister will not rely less on God but rather be available to him for greater service."

Emperor Haile Selassie of Ethiopia, welcoming a major committee of the World Council of Churches to Addis Ababa, said, "Man does not live by bread alone, but spiritual life does not deny the need for bread. Therefore the spiritual life of humanity must include common aspirations of all of us for a better standard of living and for greater improvement in the quality of human existence."

Mrs. Christian Van Wyk, deputy chairman of the executive board of Women's Aid Service of the largest of three Dutch Reformed Churches in South Africa, declared that persons guilty of "importing and/or distributing drugs" should be given the death penalty. "Drugs destroy the moral values of young people," she asserted, "causing immorality, sexual promiscuity, and an increase in the number of extra-marital births." She reported that many women of the Northern Transvaal branch of her organization agreed that the "crime of drug peddling" should be made "punishable with death."

A national Catholic laymen's group, under the leadership of Dr. Joseph O'Donoghue a former priest of the Washington, D.C. archdiocese and now executive director of the Nat'l Assn. of Laymen (NAL), has announced that it will develop plans for a world ecumenical council of the laity to reform the Roman Catholic Church. Dr. O'Donoghue said the lay council would parallel the official, high-level ecumenical councils such as Vatican II. One of the 42 priests suspended for protesting Pope Paul's encyclical on birth control, Dr. O'Donoghue has long been critical of "closed" episcopal meetings and the total decision-making power of the bishops. "The Church has always listened to good people," he said, "We can still be an authentic voice of the spirit"

A private school opened in 1910 by the founder of the Hershey Chocolate Company, Hershey, Pa., has made religion an integral part of its academic program. John A. Cook is director of religious education at the Milton Hershey School and conducts 43 weekly classes in religion. "We don't try to shove religion down their throats," said Mr. Cook, "We strive to show them that the religious man can be a decent, all-American type of person."

Eight church leaders representing a cross-section of Protestantism in Western Canada joined in editing an issue of the Western Catholic Reporter in Edmonton, Alberta. The issue was devoted entirely to the Bible and marked the Jan. 17-24 Christian Unity Week. Douglas J. Roche, editor, commenting on the observance noted that the world is torn by dissent, alienation and accelerating social change and is in a "state of future shock," and declared that only the "timeless messages and values" of the Bible provide the basis for the solution of man's problems today.



Members of the Central Committee of the World Council of Churches had a full agenda, with crucial issues to be decided upon, when they met January 10-21 at Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Here six United Methodists on the Central Committee are hard at work (left to right): Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr., New York, general secretary of the Board of Missions; Bishop Roy H. Short of the Louisville Area; Bishop Roy C. Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area; Dr. Lois C. Miller, New York, a Board of Missions associate general secretary; Dr. Jose Miguez-Bonino, president of Union Theological Seminary, Buenos Aires, Argentina; Bishop James K. Mathews of the Boston Area. (Methodist Information Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

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.

Feb. 14—Sunday	Luke 10:25-28
Feb. 15	Matt. 13:1-8
Feb. 16	Matt. 16:24-28
Feb. 17	Matt. 18:1-6
Feb. 18	Matt. 18:11-14
Feb. 19	John 8:12-19
Feb. 20	John 10:7-18
Feb. 21—Sunday	John 11:1-26

UPPER ROOM DEVOTION FEB. 15 BY HANNAH RHODE

Mrs. Hannah H. Rhode, member of First United Methodist Church, Conway, wrote the meditation for February 15 published in THE UPPER ROOM, the most widely read daily devotional guide in the world.

Active in Conway church life since 1923, Mrs. Rhode helped to organize Wesley Memorial Methodist Church in Conway and was a trustee and secretary-treasurer there for six years before rejoining First Church. She has served the Women's Society in local and district work in various capacities, and has been a member of the Wesley Foundation Board in Conway.

Other Arkansans who wrote devotionals for the January-February UPPER ROOM include Neva Jay, January 8, and Raymond Berry, a coach at the University of Arkansas, February 8.

CONFIRMATION WORKSHOP HELD AT SPRINGDALE

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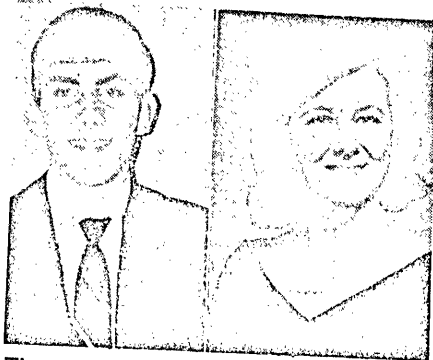
ROBERT S. ARNOLD

Robert S. Arnold, 77, died Sunday, January 17 in a Texarkana hospital. He was the brother of the Rev. Fred Arnold of Dumas, a retired minister in the Little Rock Conference. The funeral service was held in Fairview United Methodist Church, Texarkana, with the Rev. Winston Hudnall officiating. Burial was in Memorial Gardens Cemetery.

Arnold has been a member of the Fairview Church since 1944. He was a faithful member of the choir and a member of the Administrative Board. He was retired from Red River Army Depot, and was a veteran of World War I.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Vera Arnold; two sons, Lester E. Arnold of Ft. Worth, Tex., and Lloyd A. Arnold of Milwaukee, Wis.; his brother, Fred, and four grandchildren.

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Thomas Duane Byram, son of the Rev. and Mrs. Hillman Byram of St. Paul U. M. Church, Jonesboro, and Wanda May Gary, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Skipper Gary, both seniors at Jonesboro High School, were chosen to participate in the 1971 Secondary High School Program of "A Presidential Classroom for Young Americans." They are attending sessions in Washington, D.C., at the Shoreham Hotel from February 13-20, along with 300 other high school students. Now in its third year of operation, the program was initiated from White House memos dating back to an original idea of the late President John F. Kennedy.

DALARK CHARGE MEN MET AT BETHLEHEM

The Methodist Men's Club of the Dalark Charge, Arkadelphia District, met Monday night, January 18, at the Bethlehem U. M. Church clubhouse with 24 members and a total of 32 present.

Clark County ex-Sheriff Wilson (Red) Wingfield was in charge of the meeting. He introduced Chief Marvin Miller, chief of the Arkadelphia Police Force, who spoke on "Law and its Biblical Origins," explaining how each of the Arkansas statutes is based on a biblical law.

Seven WSCS members of the Manchester and Bethlehem Churches served a chile supper.

Eleven men from Dalark Charge attended the District Conference held at Malvern, January 12. The Rev. Harold Rogers is the charge pastor.

Resolution of Appreciation

At the recent session of the Paragould District Conference in Piggott, the following resolution of appreciation for Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford was adopted:

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Reverend and Mrs. Sewell B. Wilford have reared three children who are a credit to themselves, their parents and their professions; and

WHEREAS, they have given 46½ years to a ministry to persons in the name of our Lord through the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, The Methodist Church and The United Methodist Church; and

WHEREAS, the Presiding Bishops of the North Arkansas Conference have called upon him to serve in the Bishop's Cabinet as a District Superintendent; and

WHEREAS, Hendrix College has recognized his contribution to, and support of a wide range of worthy causes in the church by conferring on him the degree of Doctor of Divinity; and



Dennis Wayne Spence, student at Hendrix College, and son of the Rev. and Mrs. Harold H. Spence, was granted a License to Preach in a special ceremony on January 10 in the First United Methodist Church of Morrilton. Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, district superintendent, preached and then presided during the reading of the ritual. He was assisted by the pastor, Mr. Spence, and the Rev. Horace M. Lewis, and the Rev. I. L. Claud. At the close of the service, the Men's Bible Class presented Dennis with a complete set of The Interpreter's Bible and a complete set of the Interpreter's Dictionary of the Bible.

MRS. TROY TRICE of 609 West 10th St., Stuttgart, has asked us to announce that she will be glad to give away a number of Conference Journals and Disciplines which belonged to her father, D. H. Cocke. These include Disciplines for 1934, 1940, 1948, and 1952; Little Rock Conference Journals for 1952, 1962, 1964 and 1965, and North Arkansas Conference Journals for 1954, 1955, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1968. If you are interested in any of these write to Mrs. Trice.

THE FISHER STREET United Methodist Church in Jonesboro studied "How the Word Gets Around" on Sunday evenings in January. Miss Mildred Osment was assisted by Miss Delma Camp in teaching the study. The Rev. Pharis J. Holifield is pastor.

DR. JOHN P. MILES will be preaching in Little Rock the week of February 21 in a series of services at Capitol View United Methodist Church, Third and Pulaski Streets. The emphasis will be on "The Cross." Dr. Miles is pastor of First United Methodist Church of Arkadelphia. Capitol View pastor is the Rev. J. Frank Hamm.

FAMILY NIGHT AT DEWITT United Methodist Church was a fellowship supper, January 25, with Jack Essex, finance chairman, in charge of the program. The Rev. Robert Irvin, pastor of the St. Charles-Pleasant Grove Charge, showed slides he had taken at the White River National Wildlife Refuge. The Rev. Thurston Masters is the DeWitt pastor.

MRS. GEORGE KOEHLER was in charge of the "Call to Prayer and Self-Denial" program held by the Women's Society and Wesleyan Service Guild in the Carlisle United Methodist Church, January 15.

TYRONZA UNITED METHODIST Church held a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of January 22-24. A large crowd was on hand for every phase of the mission and someone estimated that on Saturday night, one-third of the population of Tyronza was present. Seven prayer and share groups were formed following the mission. The Rev. Cleve Yarbrough is pastor.

PARK VIEW United Methodist Church participated in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity with St. Matthew's Episcopal Church, the First Presbyterian Church and the First Assembly of God Church. Robert Crow, Jr. is chairman of Ecumenical Affairs at Parkview, and the Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

GODDARD MEMORIAL Church of Fort Smith is devoting six Sunday evenings to the study of "How the Word Gets Around." Early sessions featured Jim Kell and Lyle Sallee leading a discussion of communicating through the senses; the Adventurers Class presenting a drama discussion; William Slater, Dale Carnegie instructor, on "Listening Techniques"; Stan Tubb, psychotherapist, on "Evaluation of Communication by Learning." Bruce Roberts, radio announcer, was the speaker last Sunday on the values and pitfalls of each medium, and Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist, will speak next Sunday, February 14, on "The Church Role in Communication." Dr. Charles Richards is the pastor.

REPORT NO. 2

1971 Circulation Campaign

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Amity:Hemund	4	23		27**
Arkadelphia First:Miles	7	56	9	72
Bismarck Ct.:Dunaway	1	9		10
Dalark Ct.:Rogers	6	37		43**
Delight Ct.:Hunter	1	21	1	23**
Glenwood-Aldersgate:Smith	3	41		44**
Gurdon:Fair	7	37		44
Hot Spring First:Ivy		1		1
Grand:Hale	15	34		49
Oaklawn:Arnold	7	26		33
Pullman Hts:Hoover		9		9
Gardner-New Salem:Barron	5	9	2	16
Tigert:Morning Star:		7	1	8
Okolona Ct.:Hankins	9	28		37
Piney Grove:Fogle	3	3		6
Mt. Pine-Gum Spgs:Botteron	1	6		7*
Shorewood Hills Ct.:Langley	4	17		21
Malvern-Keith:Akin	36	19		55**
St. Paul:Nation	3	14	2	19
First:Ashcraft	23	86		111
Murfreesboro-Japan:Brent	7	43	1	50**
Totals	142	525	17	684

CAMDEN DISTRICT

Bearden-Thornton:Richardson		1		1
Bradley:Jester	3	17		20
Buckner Ct.:Walthall	1	2		3
Camden First:Dodson	32	87		119
Timothy-Buena Vista:Graham		11		11
Westside:Miller	17	1		18
Chidester Ct.:Bailey	4	23		27
Columbia Ct.:McLean		1		1
El Dorado Centennial-Rhodes:				
Haire		7		7
First:Murray	33	109	2	144
St. Paul:Connell	11	31	1	43
Vantrese:Hale	21	80	1	102**
Harmony Gr-Lakeside:Ekberg	9	22		31
Dumas-Lisbon:Green	1	14		15
Holly Spgs:Warren	5	17	4	26
Huttig-Bolding:Jackson	1	8		9
Junction City:Wagner		21		21
Lewisville Ct.:Walthall	6	45		51**
Magnolia First:Williams	23	93	6	122
Asbury:Swift		43		43
Greer's Chapel-McNeil:				
Taylor	3	10	1	14
Magnolia Ct.:Burleson		14	1	15
Marysville Ct.:Haustein	2	42		44
Emerson Ct.:Clegg	4	7		11
Norphlet-Calion-Ebenezer:				
Robken	1	35	1	37
Parker's Chapel-Bethel:Swaim	2	4		6
Pl. Grove:Mathis	1	22		23
Smackover:Alston	12	32	1	42
Liberty-Louann:Crain	5	5	1	11
Stamps:Johnson	3	49		52
Stephens:Hunter	3	30		33
Strong:Hays	2	5		7
Taylor-New Era:Diffie	5	27		32
Village Ct.:Roden	5	13		18
Waldo-Willisville:Ross	5	23		28
Welcome:Yates	8	6		14
Totals	228	956	19	1203

HOPE DISTRICT

Blevins Ct.:Rushing	4	25		29**
DeQueen:Wilson	20	36		56
Dierks Parish:Mashburn	19	45		64**
Emmett Ct.:Miller	6	35	1	42
Foreman:Goode	1	26		27
Doddridge Ct.:Gantz		1		1
Hatfield Ct.:Lawrence &				
Harbeson	7	35	1	43
Hope - First:Steele	9	91		100
Horatio Ct.:Prothro	5	22	2	29
Lockesburg Ct.:Callicott	10	35		45**
Mena:White	8	31		39
Mineral Spgs. Ct.:George	5	42		47
Nashville Ct.:Trieschmann	13	57		70
Prescott:Fincher	15	60	1	76**
Prescott Ct.:Downing	2	12	1	15
Rondo Ct.:Caldwell	4	5		9
Springhill Ct.:Robbins	4	45	3	52**
Texarkana First:Hallis	18	180	2	200**

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Fairview:Hudnall	2	37		39
Few Mem:Barron	3	16	1	20
Totals	149	835	12	996

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

Austin:Poss	10	28	1	39
Benton First:Hollenbeck	14	40	1	55
Parkview:Grogan		42		42
New Hope-Mt. Carmel:Diffie	1	18		19
Carlisle:Martin	12	42		54
DesArc-New Bethel:Ruth	7	30	1	38
Hamilton:Martin	4	11		15
Little Rock				
Western Hills:Robertson	18	32	1	52
Geyer Springs:Diffie	12	35		47
St. James:Phillips	35	52		87****
Asbury:Harris	13	37		50
First:Bearden		1147		1147****
St. Paul:Scott	4	61	3	68
Henderson :Bone	5	18	1	24
Highland:Stephens	12	61		73
Hunter:Kerr		41		41
Galloway Mem:McCulloch	2	3		5
St. Luke:DeBlack	13	46		59
Trinity:Taylor	7	16	2	25
St. Andrew :Nolley		1		1
Winfield:Dunlap		104		104
Markham:Workman	7	23		30
Hazen-DeValls Bluff:Holland	8	41		49
Mt. View-Martindale:Sewell	3	13		16*
Mabelvale:Hines	8	17		25
Primrose:Kilgore	13	24		37
Pride Valley:Hart	8	2	2	12**
Salem-CongoWilliams	1	32	2	35
Sardis-Bethel:Monroe	7	18		25
Traskwood-Ebenezer:				
Lightfoot:	7	14		21
Woodlawn Ct.:Eagle		1		1
Lonoke:Clayton	7	44		51
Totals	236	2074	14	2326

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

Arkansas City:Garner		1		1
College Hts Ct:Ogden		4		4
Crossett First:Norton	20	41		61
Dermott First:Cross	3	18	3	24
Dumas:Simpson	5	174		179***
Eudora:Johnson	10	29		39**
Fordyce:Matthews	1	52	1	54
Gould:Jones	2	5		7
Hamburg:Bell	12	22		34
Hampton-Harrell:Ford	1	36		37
Hermitage Ct.:Claiborne	6	23		29
Warren-Trinity:Scott		2		2
Lake Village-Montrose:				
Tanner	6	92		98***
McGehee First:Garner	7	193		200***
Monticello First:Elliott	12	50	1	63
Kingsland Ct.:Turner	8	40		48**
Star City:Jones	3	23		26
Tiller:Poss	7	49		56**
Watson:Arnold	4	17		21
Wilmar:Barker	2	9		11
Parkdale-Miller Chapel:				
Williams		22		22**
Totals	109	907	5	1021

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

Alzheimer-Wabbaseka:Shaddox	8	55	2	65**
Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner:				
Pearce	10	74		84**
Carthage Ct.:Scott	3	24		27
DeWitt-Prairie View:Masters	32	60	2	94*
England-Keo:Sadler	10	74		84**
Gillett-Camp Shed:Richardson	6	41		47
Pine Bluff				
Good Faith-Sulphur Spgs:				
Riggin	3	33		36
Carr Mem :Matthew	6	30		36
First:Lindsay	40	160		200
Hawley:Walker	3	37	2	42
Lakeside:Thomason	6	42		48
St. Luke-Center Gr.:Wilson	6	19		25

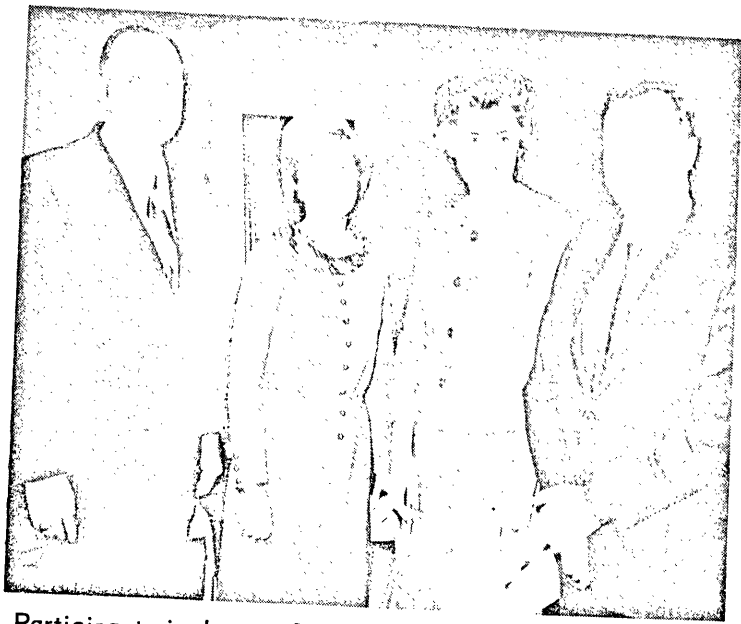
	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Whitehall-Redfield:Lea	4	34		38
Wesley:Regnier	3	23		26
Grady-Trinity:Hansford	4	23		27
Humphrey-Humnoke:Workman	8	10		18
Leola:Edwards	4	30		34
Roe Ct.:Richert	2	34		35**
Rowell Ct.:Lowry	3	17		20
Sheridan:Wilson	4	55	1	60
Sherrill-Tomberlin-Tucker:				
Patton		23		23
St. Charles-Pl.Grove:Irvin		28		28**
Stuttgart First:Beck	11	111		122**
Grand Ave.:Mulkey	39	81		120**
Totals	215	1118	7	1340

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

Batesville-Asbury Ct.:				
LeGrand	10	36		46**
Central:Casteel	4	16		20
First:Brannon	19	47	3	69
Antioch:Jones	5	12		17
Bald Knob-Hopewell-Russell:				
Watson	4	17		21
Beebe:Cook	6	28		34
Bradford Ct.:Masters	1	21		21
Cabot:Savage	6	35	3	44
Van Buren County Parish				
Clinton:Renfroe	1	46	2	49
Quitman:Strayhorn	6	13	1	20
Concord Ct.:Woodall	3	14		17
Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards	7	15	2	24
Griffithville Ct.:Cook	17	39		56**
Judsonia:Hunter	12	12		24
Holiday Hills:Cowan	6	23		29***
Kensett-McRae:Daniel		27		27
Moorefield-Southside:Ernest		33		33**
Moorefield Ct.	2	11		13
Moorefield #B-Bear Creek:				
Thomas	33	4		37
Melbourne Parish:Kelly	5	22		27
Mt. Home Parish:Womack	14	31	3	48
Mt. View:Hawkins	5	18		23
Newark:Wilson	1	23		24
Marshall-Leslie:English	3	20	3	26
Pangburn Ct.:Hook	7	19		26*
Salem-Viola:Bounds	10	39	1	50
Searcy First:Mann	55	62		117
Grace:Barton		4		4
Horseshoe Bend:Ford	7	10		17
Totals	249	696	18	963

CONWAY DISTRICT

Atkins-Pottsville-Bells:				
Pollard	13	29		42
Belleville-Havana:Savage		1		1
Conway First:Jordan	14	64	9	87
Wesley-Vilonia:Cordell	4	27		31
Greenbrier:Wingo	6	25	1	32
Salem:Brumley	10	17	1	28***
Danville-Waltreak:Atkins	5	36	2	43
Dardanelle First:Crozier	19	45	5	69
Jacksonville:Edwards	27	35		62
McArthur Dr.-Bethel:				
Bridenthal	6	7	2	15***
Mayflower :Armstrong		4		4
Morrilton First:Spence	16	112	3	131**
Morrilton Ct.:Mooney	9	25		34**
North Little Rock				
Amboy:Kennedy	18	62		80**
First:Conyers	36	108	5	149
Gardner:Villines	54	145	2	201**
Rose City-Beacon:Mitchell	9	13		22
Lakewood:Hays	22	43		65
Levy:Hammett	21	44		65
Sylvan Hills:Keith	4	13		17
Washington Ave:Poyner	2	31	1	34
Indian Hills:Teague	5	10		15
Ola-Plainview:Crossno	2	32	1	35
Perry County Parish				
Perryville	8	10	7	25
Oppelo	6	16		22
Plummerville:Lee	2	21		23
Russellville First:Ramsey	20	50		70
Wesley:McKay	8	14	1	23
Dover Ct.:Harmon	5	18		23
Totals	351	1057	40	1448



Participants in January 15-17 lab school held at North Highlands and Noel United Methodist Churches in Shreveport for workers with adults. FROM LEFT: The Rev. Earl Carter, North Little Rock, Ark., instructor; Mrs. Walter Johnson, Bossier City, session leader; Mrs. Doris Marsalis, Education director, Noel Church, and the Rev. Don Risinger, District director of Family Ministries.

For to sin, indeed is human: but to persevere in sin is not human but altogether satanic.—St. John Chrysostom

Nations and men are much alike. They seldom appeal to God unless they are getting licked.—Baltimore Sun

THE SEDGWICK CHURCH, Paragould District, held a Lay Witness Mission the weekend of January 23, 24 and 25. Donald Huenefeld of Augusta was the coordinator. Churches of the community shared the program as well as the housing of approximately 25 visitors. The Rev. Elbert Bruner is the Sedgwick pastor.

MRS. GLENN HAMMOND, recording secretary for the North Arkansas Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, was the speaker at the joint supper meeting of WSCS and WSG in First Church, Conway, January 11. She spoke on "Christian Symbols in a Changing World." The Colonettes from the Arkansas Children's Colony sang.

MRS. PAUL BOYER showed slides of her recent trip to South America for the Central Church WSCS of Fayetteville. This beginning study of "The Americas" was at the luncheon meeting, January 4.

BETH NELSON, director of social services for the Methodist Children's Home, led the pledge service for the Women's Society of Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, January 5.

RUSHING MEMORIAL CHURCH in Chidester held the School of Mission on Sunday evenings during January. Mrs. Joseph Purifoy is chairman of the Mission of the Church. The adult study was on "Man, Media and the Message" with the following instructors: the Rev. George C. Bailey, pastor, Mrs. Ben H. Williams, Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District superintendent, and Mrs. Purifoy. Youth instructor was Miss Lula Jewel Yarbrough. Children studied "How do you spell TV?" Mrs. E. C. Atkins was instructor and Miss Sharon Walker was assistant.

MRS. GENE KETCHUM was in charge of the joint WSCS and WSG observance of "Call to Prayer" in First United Methodist at Lonoke, January 12.

SALVATION ARMY experiences were given by Mrs. Major Kenneth O. Johnson, Fort Smith, at the January joint meeting of the Women's Society and three Guilds in Goddard Memorial United Methodist Church. Special music was presented by the Rev. John Copher, associate minister. The devotional was by Mrs. Phillip Cornelius. A covered dish dinner at 6:30 p.m. preceded the program.

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Bentonville:Lanier	13	48	1	62
Berryville:Stokes	5	15		20
Elkins Com:Qualls	1	3		4
Decatur-Centerton:Burrow	1	25	1	27
Eureka Springs:Whitfield	4	16		20
Fayetteville Central:Cooper	19	74	2	95
Gentry Parish:McClurkin	7	17		24
Goshen:Hathcock	3	1		4
Green Forest-Alpena:Moyer	8	47		55
Harrison First:Connell		1		1
Lincoln-Morrow:Woods	6	33	3	42
Madison County-Huntsville:				
Van Hooker, Knapp	6	25		31
Jasper-Valley Spgs.:Rolland	8	16		24
Omaha-Bergman:Brown	1	1		2
Pea Ridge:Rentfro		10		10
Rogers Central:McDonald	21	62	3	86
Siloam Spgs:McCormick	7	33	3	43
Springdale Wesley-Mt. Hebron:				
Fiser	21	32		53
Totals	131	459	13	603

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

Aubrey-Lexa:Reed	2	19		21
Augusta:Wilson	6	33	2	41
Cherry Valley:Price	7	46	1	54*
Colt Ct.:Davis	6	14		20
Cotton Plant:Logan	4	28		32
Earle:Wilson	4	28		32
Forrest City First:				
McSpadden	11	323		334****
Forrest Hills:Robison	7	4		11
Holly Grove:Lancaster		21		21
Hughes:Sanford	1	12		13
Marianna-Haynes:Parsons	2	44		46
Marion:Douglas	4	110		114***
Marvell:Eaton	2	12		14
McCrory-Fakes-Patterson:				
Brewer	5	55		60
West Memphis First:				
Burleson	40	118		158**
Rosewood:Linam		1		1
Wheatley-Salem:Nichols	4	36		40**
Wynne:Golden	1			1
Totals	102	904	3	1009

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

Altus Ctl:Wright	1	18	1	20
Charleston-Branch:Hazelwood	5	33		38
Ft. Smith First:Bayliss		1270		1270****

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Goddard Mem:Richards	61	186		247**
Wyatt:Weir	12	36	2	50
Hendrix Hills:Hollis	1	8		9
Messard:Skelton	1	15		16
Wesley:Green	10	19		29
Greenwood-Milltown:Evans	9	16	1	26
Hartford Ct:Glover	4	12	2	18
Hartman Ct.:Matthews		25		25
New Hope-Kibler:Good		8		8
Lavaca:Chaffin	10	16		26
Mansfield-Huntington:Holland	4	17		21
Mt. View:Byrd	3	14	1	18
Mulberry-Dyer:Millard	3	22		25
Ozark-Cecil:Anderson	5	21		26
Van Buren First:Chapman		2		2
St. John's:Cleary	12	21		33
Waldron First:Clemmons	5	45		50**
Scott County Parish	2	24		26
Totals	148	1828	7	1983

	New	Renew	Not Due	Total
Beech Gr-Gainsville:Holland	10	27		37
Boydsville:Penney	3	25	1	29
Corning:Clark	21	28		49
Hardy:Hall	20	6	1	27
Hoxie-Clover Bend:Gilliam	2	18		20
Eli Lindsey:Watson		3		3
Marmaduke:Reed	4	36		40
Newport Umsted:Strayhorn	3	19		22
Paragould First:Bridwell	34	65	5	104
Griffin	10	30		40
Christ United-Shugtown:	9	8		17
Pocahontas-Biggers:Chandler	15	39	2	56
Piggott:Harris	5	28		33
Ravenden Spgs:Weatherford	1	5	1	7
Rector First:Couchman	4	35	1	40
Pl. Grove:McLester	12	7	1	20***
Sedgwick:Bruner	4	20		24
St. Francis:Piercy	12	24		36***
Swifton-Alicia:Luter	7	36		43**
Tuckerman:Randle	2	14		16
Walnut Ridge First:Meadors	4	39		43
Cherokee Village:Dodgen		13		13
Old Walnut Ridge:Hance		5	1	6**
Totals	182	530	13	725

KEY

* reached quota
** exceeded quota
*** doubled quota
**** tripled quota

RECAPITULATION Report No. 2

1971 ARKANSAS METHODIST CAMPAIGN

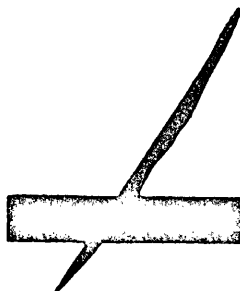
DISTRICT	New	Renew	Not Due	Total	Quota	Percent
Jonesboro	204	1451	38	1689	1824	92
Monticello	109	907	5	1021	1124	91
Fort Smith	148	1828	7	1983	2468	80
Pine Bluff	215	1118	7	1340	1700	79
Hope	149	835	12	996	1517	65
Little Rock	238	2074	14	2326	3604	65
Conway	351	1057	40	1448	2296	63
Forrest City	102	904	3	1009	1775	57
Camden	228	956	19	1203	2193	55
Batesville	249	696	18	963	1849	52
Paragould	182	530	13	725	1487	49
Arkadelphia	142	525	17	684	1440	47
Fayetteville	131	459	13	603	1960	31
TOTALS	2448	13340	206	15994		

FEBRUARY 11, 1971

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox

LESSON FOR FEBRUARY 21: Knowing and Doing God's Will



BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:21-29;
21:23-32

MEMORY SELECTION: Not every one who says to me, "Lord, Lord," shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 7:21)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover how we might know the will of God with some reasonable assurance; to gain an understanding of the way in which we can do that will in our own lives once we have discovered what it is.

We hear a great deal these days about the problems of "the generation gap." We often wonder what it is that "turns the younger generation off" from those who are adults. Our lesson today will take us into this territory, because one of the characteristics of our young people is that they cannot endure hypocrisy among their elders. This is by no means the sole condition of the alienation, but we must face the fact that most of us do not do as well as we know in our relationships with God and man.

No question causes us greater concern than this: How can we know God's will with any kind of assurance? Jesus knew that many who were following him were asking that question, and he sought to give an answer by using a number of short parables which should have settled the issue once and for all. Yet we will all be thinking of how much we are like some of those in Jesus' time who moved him to say, "Not every one who says, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven." People are truly serious about wanting to discover the will of God for their lives, and yet how few of us have the satisfaction of feeling that we have really attained that goal?

Too many people think that the will of God is identified with unhappiness and tragic circumstances. This is an idea that we need to get rid of. Jesus did not believe that, and the parables in today's lesson help us see this. Another thing we will be seeing here is that Jesus had a great deal to say about doing the will of God. This is the most positive aspect of these stories. However, there is plenty of evidence around us to show that it takes more than knowing the will of God to do it—the additional ingredient is called motivation. All through the lesson we need to examine the characters in the stories to see what made them act like they did.

Dr. Laymon says in **International Lesson Annual**: "Applying Jesus' teachings today requires dedication as well as knowledge. It calls for an inner sensitivity to God's spirit so that we may learn God's will and be guided by it."

There are two simple stories in our material today: the first tells of the houses built on the sand and on the rock, while the other speaks of two sons—the one who said he would do his father's will by working in the vineyard and then failing to report for duty, while the other said he would not work but did. These two brothers are as interesting in their contrasts as the prodigal and his elder brother.

NOT EVERY ONE WHO SAYS "LORD, LORD"

Our first story comes near the end of the Sermon on the Mount. In the introduction to this parable Jesus deals with the place of obedience. By the time Matthew was written the disciples were referring to Jesus as Lord of heaven and earth. This emphasis is on the absurdity of profession without performance. We hear Jesus saying that he does not want men to call him "Lord" in private prayer or public worship if they are not willing to obey his commands.

Jesus was surrounded by people who addressed him this way. This was the everyday language of his followers, and yet his heart broke continually

as he saw through their words to the deeds that were lacking. Two important words here are "saith" and "doeth." How often we have known people who spoke out clearly concerning the high goals and purposes of life, but those words could not be heard because of their deeds?

Jesus was making the point that it is ridiculous to address a man as "my teacher" if you pay no attention to his teaching. There have been periods in the history of the Christian Church when certain words including the name of Jesus have been used as a sort of magic formula. In our own day we have seen those who sought to exploit his name without making any effort to help bring his kingdom in. Faith and worship have been used as substitutes for helping Christ's kingdom come.

Dr. George Buttrick says in **Interpreter's Bible**: "A man ought not to expect light on God's will in life's intricacies of conduct if he is unwilling to follow a clear will in life's simplicities." Mark Twain spoke on this theme when he said, "It's not the parts of the Bible that I don't understand that bother me. It's the parts that I do understand that give me trouble."

WISE AND FOOLISH BUILDERS

The story of the wise and foolish builders ends with the words, "And great was the fall of it." In Matthew these are the concluding words of the Sermon on the Mount. Jesus used this story to bring together all that he had been saying and to establish a mood of urgency.

He told them of two builders who made diametrically opposite choices concerning the stuff with which they built the foundations for their homes. Let us remember that Jesus had worked in the building trade and knew how crucial this choice was. In the dry land where he lived there are many days when it does not seem to matter where one builds—the sand is almost as hard as the rock. Yet Jesus had seen those other days when the torrential rains came down from the hills to destroy structures that did not have strong foundations.

Storms do come in life—it is not enough to prepare for just the happy days. Can we not see the picture in Jesus' mind of those other days? He was thinking with his own disciples concerning the testing times they would know because of their allegiance to him. He was thinking of those days that come to all men when their faith is tested and spiritual structures built on the sand are swept away. Who has not seen human houses "fall in"—crumble in sudden ruin—before the onset of business calamity, or the overwhelming storm of sorrow? And who has not seen other houses endure however the pitiless rain might beat down?

Throughout this story we see Jesus speaking as an architect with authority. He does not leave any doubt about the kind of people he is visualizing as building on sand. He says, "Every one who hears these words of mine and does not do them will be like a foolish man who built his house upon the sand." Only on this truth can the life of men and nations stand. Yet so many fail to see the direct connection between Jesus' teachings and their conduct. This is what the Sermon on the Mount is all about.

THE STORY OF THE TWO SONS

The second of our parables is found in Matthew 21 and is very similar to the first with its emphasis on finding and doing the will of God. A man had two sons, one of whom was rebellious while the other constantly put on a show of respect for his father. However, when the time of testing came it was a different story. When the father asked the defiant son to work for him in the vineyard he was rude and disrespectful and said he would not go. Yet he changed his mind and did the work assigned to him. The other was polite and said that he would work, but he only paid lip service and did not go. Jesus then raised the question, "Which of the two did the will of his father?"

Continuing the application, Jesus used the meth-

od of dramatic contrast which was characteristic of him, comparing the rebellious son to tax collectors and harlots who had rejected God but were now to be found in the company of Jesus' followers. On the other hand, he makes the point that the religious leaders of his day had previously paid lip service to God, but were now opposed to what he was trying to do through Christ.

Many people in that day and in ours have given lip service to religion and their loyalty to God and the Bible, while at the same time they have been obstructionists when the will of God became obvious. It seems so difficult for some people to accept this central teaching of Jesus. Clearly pointing his finger of accusation at the religious elite who were plaguing him as he now approached his cross, he said, "Truly, I say to you, the tax collectors and the harlots go into the kingdom of heaven before you." (Matt. 21:31)

One of the serious questions confronting churchmen today concerns the mission of the church. Where is the will of God being done today? Many new forms of ministry have been implemented and many who have been accustomed to giving lip service to God within the traditional religious patterns are opposing them. These parables speak to us so directly concerning these tensions many of us now feel.

DISTURBING THE RIGHTEOUS

How this parable must have grated on the self-righteous people as he reminded them that what they said with their lips was not enough to qualify them for membership in the kingdom. These were people who by tradition had come to believe that this was the route into God's presence. Many of us are direct descendants of that company, and we do not like to be reminded that what we say will be measured by what we do.

A minister once described his mission as "comforting the disturbed and disturbing the comfortable." Isn't this the kind of work Jesus did, especially in these little stories about which we are talking today?

In a number of meetings we have attended recently the emphasis has been on bringing together the positions of the pietists and the activists. It may have appeared for a time that a Christian had to vote for one of these philosophies or the other. Just ahead of us we may see a new vitality in the Christian faith as we rediscover what Jesus was talking about in our lesson for today—saying that we have faith in his Lordship and then working with all our energy to achieve the goals of his kingdom.

There is a new emphasis on worship and ritual in our time, and this is bringing new vitality to many churches. However, this can be no more than lip service unless the church with a truly great worship program is also engaged in a program of outreach to meet human need and work against injustice.

HEARING AND DOING GOD'S WILL

Someone has told the story of a visitor being carried on a tour of a great oil refinery. It contained some of the most modern machinery and seemed to be a model of petroleum production. Then the visitor asked his guide what the oil was used for that was being made there. He was told that there was no oil to sell because it took the entire production of the refinery to lubricate the machinery.

Stability in the Christian life comes from knowing and obeying the teachings of Christ. Most of us do not do as well as we know, and so the problem is not so much one of knowledge as of motivation. We have been told that over and over again Jesus stresses the principle that the will of God is something to be done—not just something to be believed in; something to be said.

Jesus has warned us that the emotion which says, "I go," and is not straightway translated into deeds is the kind of insincerity that is worse than denial. A word which Jesus often used was "straightway," for his commands are vibrant with immediacy. He said, "We must work . . . while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work." (John 9:14)

There are so many tasks challenging the church today. None of us dares risk our eternal part in the kingdom by just giving lip service to the will of God. "Not every one who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he who does the will of my Father who is in heaven."

UNITED METHODIST MISSIONS — Botswana to Zambia

NEW YORK (UMI)—A new symbol of ecumenism and other signs of church progress in the Philippines, growing strength in United Methodist's new missionary outreach in Botswana, and probable autonomy for United Methodist Conferences in Hong Kong and Taiwan are among news items in recent reports from around the world.

The reports have been provided to members of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions by staff executives of the Division. News items culled from the staff reports follow.

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Taiwan. At its 1970 session, the Taiwan Provisional Annual Conference voted to request United Methodist's 1972 General Conference to grant it the authority to become an affiliated autonomous church when the requirements of the Discipline for autonomy have been fulfilled.

China. As far as is known by the World Division, and "by all reports available to us," the Division staff reported, "all open practice of religion has been suppressed since the Red Guard rampages of 1966-67 when every church, temple, mosque and monastery was closed or converted to secular uses. However, we have seen no official policy statement to cancel the Constitutional guarantee of 'freedom of religious belief.' For the time being it appears China will remain by choice isolated in most ways from many other nations."

Hong Kong. Construction of the United Christian Hospital began in 1970. Financial assistance has been pledged by North American and Brit-

ish mission boards and the German Central Agency. Additional financial assistance is being provided by the Hong Kong government and other local support. The Hong Kong Provisional Annual Conference has voted unanimously to become autonomous in 1972 and to seek self-support by the same date. It is expected that church union with the Chinese Methodist Church and the Church of Christ in China may come at about the same time as autonomy. The final construction of the refugee village "St. Andrew's by the Sea, Taipo" has been completed, providing 200 living units and four shop spaces.

Philippines. The Roman Catholic Church has invited the Philippines Protestant churches to celebrate the 400th Anniversary of the introduction of Christian faith to the Philippines. The United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ in the Philippines accepted the invitation. In the United Methodist Church, the Southwest Philippines Provisional Annual Conference has been formed and divided into three districts. Three annual conferences (among a total of six) voted for full autonomy of the Philippines church. Mary Johnston Hospital added a new service building and prepared to start construction on the long awaited annex, and the Mary Johnston School of Nursing is set to construct another building. Philippines Wesleyan College survived a serious crisis in leadership, administration and finance.

Europe. The United Methodist Conferences in Europe represent a wide spectrum of missionary activity. Some of them are missionary-sending conferences. The Swiss Conference, the three

conferences in West Germany, the conferences of Norway, Denmark, Sweden and Finland have well organized mission boards engaged in the recruitment, training and finding of missionaries. At present more than 100 persons representing these conferences are serving in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. Substantial funds are also raised to support the program of United Methodist Churches located in the continents mentioned above.

"The economic affluence of the Western European countries has enabled the churches to have adequate resources so that they may participate actively in the World Mission of the United Methodist Church; successful efforts are being made to correlate the sending programs of the European boards with the World Division program," the World Division staff report said.

Several European conferences are receiving conferences; their membership is not sufficiently large to provide self-support. Two factors make World Division support essential, the Division staff said. "One is that the United Methodist Church receives no support from governments as do some of the large State Churches, but must depend upon the contributions of its small constituency. The second is that many of these conferences are located in Eastern Zone countries where some limitations are placed upon the institutional church. These differ from country to country but usually affect adversely the growth potential of the organized church. However, the United Methodist congregations in East Europe continue to show astounding vitality despite many problems. The response from those who are privileged to hear the Gospel is most heartening."

Botswana. Here where African Methodists have taken the lead in a "foreign mission" outreach, reports indicate that the first school year is proceeding well. However, there are still unmet needs as far as buildings and missionary housing is concerned. Mr. and Mrs. Denbow, a young couple with previous experience in Africa, have gone to the field, and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Rothrock will be ready to go around February 1. The Loyd Schaad family will be transferred from Angola to Botswana, and will be doing agricultural and medical work.

Kenya. The World Division has received indications that the Kenya Methodist Church is interested in developing a closer relationship with other churches including the United Methodist Church. It has primary relationship to British Methodism.

Zambia. Bishop Ralph Dodge who serves as chaplain at the Mindolo Ecumenical Centre, reports that there has been considerable discussion about the question of "Zambianization." It may be that the time has come when the World Division will be asked to withdraw some of its missionaries and transfer its support to nationals, the Division staff report speculated.

Nigeria. There is hope for the beginning of a public health program at a northern Nigeria hospital to which the World Division is related when new staff arrives during the next few months. Also hoped is that an agriculturalist will be available for Nigeria soon, to work through the Muri Christian Training School. Agricultural and public health programs should begin to deal with some basic problems of that part of Nigeria.

RURAL HEALTH CENTER DEDICATED IN SOUTH CAROLINA

NEW YORK (UMI) — About 300 persons attended the dedication of the Rural Mission Health Center on Johns Island, S.C., on January 19, with Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr. of the Columbia Area of the United Methodist Church giving the principal address.

The United Methodist Church is closely associated with the clinic through the National Division, Board of Missions, and Dr. Eldred B. Heisel of Columbus, Ohio, a United Methodist physician who was instrumental in starting the medical facility.

The health center, located in a specially-renovated addition to Bethlehem United Methodist Church, is operated through Rural Mission Inc., an interdenominational, interracial, nonprofit agency which already sponsors other work in the Sea Islands, off the coast of South Carolina.

So far, Dr. Heisel, who travels to the clinic weekly from Columbus, is the only medical doctor on the staff. The clinic's most pressing need is for a full-time, permanent physician, according to Miss Betty J. Letzig, executive secretary for health ministries of the National Division.

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Need for continuous review and adaptation of study materials recognized

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—The agency responsible for Christian education resources in the United Methodist Church acted recently to step up interpretation of resources and training of church school teachers in the use of materials.

Members of the Division of Curriculum Resources of the Board of Education meeting here January 25-27 reaffirmed their confidence in the church school materials. They also agree that there must be continuing review and adaptation of materials to changing needs and new educational media.

Following comments that "when people know our resources, they will use them," the division instructed its general secretary, Dr. Henry M. Bullock, to seek "adequate interpretation and training of teachers in the use of curriculum resources." It authorized the installation of a telephone service for "instant communication" with persons having questions about resources.

The division also authorized a guide for new church school teachers on how to use curriculum resources, a tool which pastors also could use in orienting new and prospective teachers.

Gary H. Vincent, manager of Graded Press which produces the curriculum resources, pointed out that

motive to become independent corporation

NASHVILLE, Tenn (UMI) — *motive* magazine, controversial United Methodist periodical, will become an independent corporation July 1, 1971, according to action taken at the annual meeting of the United Methodist Board of Education here January 25-27.

Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education which has published *motive*, and Robert E. Maurer, *motive* editor, stressed that the plan for the new corporation was mutually acceptable.

Dr. Wicke said, "We want it clearly understood that the United Methodist Church has not thrown the child out of the house. This is not a sudden inspiration but a recommendation we are making in mutual agreement following a thorough study."

During the 1969 annual meeting of the division action was taken to provide financial support for the magazine for three years with instructions that "an ecumenical home" be sought. At this recent meeting a committee was appointed to study *motive* during 1971. Whether the magazine will continue to receive support from the division beyond the end of this calendar year will depend upon the recommendations of that committee.

All staff and members of the Board of Education will resign from *motive* positions July 1, 1971 and all members of the staff of *motive* will resign as members of committees of the Board of Education.

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circulation decreases have generally paralleled declining church school attendance since the mid-60s.

With division president, Bishop Francis E. Kearns, Canton, Ohio, in the chair, the division also authorized a study of the possible need for a new children's curriculum series and heard reports on continuing efforts to sensitize staff to the perspectives and concerns of blacks and other minority groups.

Police-Community Relations Workshop reviews pilot project

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A year's experiences of church-related task forces in building police-community relationships in seven cities were shared at a workshop here, made possible by the United Methodist Fund for Reconciliation.

Some 60 representatives of task forces, plus consultants, shared in the second annual mid-winter workshop of the Police-Community Relations Project. These included the seven pilot cities plus seven more now getting under way. According to the Rev. John P. Adams, Washington, director, the project is primarily a "broker" of information and resources to communities. All of the programs are ecumenically based.

Issues dominating this workshop included police use of firearms, recruitment and promotion of ethnic policemen, handling of citizen complaints and grievances and the relationships of churches to police chaplains. Adams noted that the ethnic approach had broadened during the year from almost exclusively blacks to include other groups, especially Mexican-American.

Without any real choice in the matter, "churchmen are being thrust" into such issues, Adams pointed out, and the experience can be "both delicate and dangerous." The prime effort of the project, however, is to help the church "be a positive factor, rather than negative."

During the past year, the pilot cities have been Oakland, Calif.; Tucson, Ariz.; Memphis, Tenn.; South Bend, Ind.; Cleveland and Columbus, Ohio and Pittsburgh, Pa. Additional task forces are now at work in Houston, Tex.; Omaha, Nebr.; Akron, Ohio; Syracuse, N.Y.; Jackson, Miss.; Flint, Mich., and Wilmington, Dela.

Mrs. Carolyn Wilhelm, New York, of the Women's Division, Board of Missions, is associate coordinator for the project, which has a \$35,000 annual grant from the Fund for Reconciliation. Adams is on the staff of the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns.

A dining room table with children's cager, hungry faces around it, ceases to be a mere dining room table, and becomes an altar.—Strunsky

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

11. Organizing for Mission

Chapter 8 of the Plan moves into the matters of structure and organization and will require several columns for adequate treatment.

While recognizing that there are elements of congregational, presbyterian, connectional and episcopal forms of polity in the proposed organization it asks that none of these designations be retained in the new structure. As in the other areas of the church's life, structures shall be open to experimentation and change.

The levels at which the united church will be organized are the parish, the district, the region and the nation. We will take a quick look at each level, indicating points of similarity and difference between our present form of United Methodist organization and that proposed.

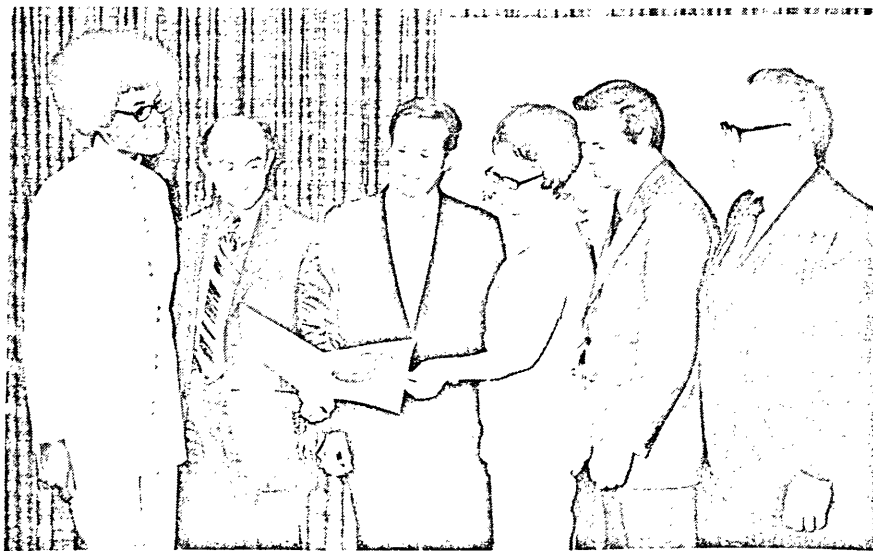
The **parish**, although it may consist of only one congregation, will normally consist of several congregations and developing task groups. The congregations making up a parish will not necessarily be contiguous but will be formed to include diverse elements in different parts of a city or rural section. It certainly does not mean that all churches of the uniting denominations in a given geographical section will become part of the same parish.

The **district** will be more nearly like the Annual Conference than the district organization with which we are familiar in United Methodism. This will be the unit over which a bishop presides. The Plan recognizes that districts will be of different sizes but suggests that 75 parishes might be ideal. From this you can see that there would be a large number of districts and many bishops in the new church.

The **region** would compare with our jurisdiction in The United Methodist Church. It is pointed out that regional boundaries need not conform to the geographical structures current in the uniting churches. "The regions, as in the case of the districts, may differ in size, but not in their essential function." The region would provide program resources and leadership for the districts and will carry responsibility for such areas as communication, training, and joint planning, in association with national agencies and district and parish structures.

Included in the area of the **nation** will be the appropriate legislative assembly which will establish a relatively lean bureaucratic structure, substantially less than a combination of the staffs of the uniting churches. The staffs would serve in those areas which cannot be implemented by structures in the region, district, or parish. Because the united church will reach out in mission and service far beyond the borders of the nation there will be kept in mind the possibility that some future unions might encompass more than the political boundaries of a single nation. United Methodists will see this as happening at the time we should elect to come into such a union.

In every area of the new structure, in both lay and ordained leadership, the united church shall assure all races, various age groups, and both sexes the right of full participation. To that end each parish and each governing body beyond the parish shall have a committee on equity to assure the implementation of these principles.



NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — New officers of the 750-member Christian Educators Fellowship of the United Methodist Church, elected at a recent meeting of the CEF Board of Directors, are (l. to r.): Miss Ethel R. Johnson, Syracuse, N.Y., member-at-large; the Rev. R. Harold Hipps, Nashville, Tenn., executive officer; the Rev. Donald E. Barnes, Dallas, Tex., chairman; Miss Emma Mae Richardson, El Paso, Tex., secretary; the Rev. James H. Holmes, New York City; and Richard E. Van Skike, Denver, Colo., treasurer. Beginning in 1972, full membership in CEF will be limited to ministers, directors, and associates in education who have gained professional certification by the church. Associate membership will then be open to others who are working in Christian education.

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Wesley Foundation at Arkansas Tech

(Russellville)

(The sixth in a series of articles relating to the work of Wesley Foundations in Arkansas)

by Muriel H. Peters, Director

The Wesley Foundation is Methodism's answer to the call of a new frontier. As America's geographic boundaries pushed westward, the Methodist Church went forth to meet the challenge. It was able to develop a ministry which was very effective on this geographic frontier.

Now, the social, moral and intellectual challenge of the college campus has become America's new frontier. The United Methodist Church must minister to the ideological frontier of this century as effectively as it did to the geographic frontier of the last if it is to continue its contribution to the religious and spiritual development of America. The "circuit riders" of this new frontier are the Wesley Foundations.

The Wesley Foundation at Arkansas Tech is attempting to meet the challenge of being the church on this new frontier. To accomplish this task, it is necessary to develop a program which ministers to every aspect of the life of both the campus and the individual. It is unlikely that plans for such an ambitious task can be made without some errors. Since the risk of error did not cause the church to withdraw from the frontiers of the past, it should not cause the church to abandon the frontiers of the present.

The basic purpose of the campus ministry is to develop a program which will provide an opportunity for personal growth and maturity in all areas of life. Since an individual is considered to be a physical, social, mental, and spiritual being, a program must be developed with all of these aspects in mind. At Tech our objectives are defined in such a way as to serve as guidelines in the development of whole persons. The scope of our ministry includes all persons and activities on the campus.

Through programs in the area of Christian fellowship, there is

an opportunity provided for social and physical development. Participants engage in both recreational and group fellowship. The objective behind this part of the program is to promote the idea that it is possible for a Christian to have an enjoyable experience through wholesome activities. An effort is made to create an atmosphere which will dispel the attitude that a "good time" is limited to those activities normally categorized by the church as "worldly pleasures." Hopefully, this aspect of the program will motivate those participating to seek enjoyment in life through wholesome group activities in their local church and community.

Since the purpose of the college community is to expand the mind through the transfer of ideas, the programs of Wesley Foundation must provide for intellectual growth. At Tech the Sunday Morning Seminar is designed to assist the students in growing spiritually as they develop academically.

As intellectual growth takes place, it is natural for one to call his past experiences and moral assumptions into review. Through an examination of Christian theology and Christian ethics, the students have the opportunity to analyze their new intellectual discoveries. The objective of the program of religious education is to assist the students in increasing their knowledge of the Christian faith and ethic and to expand their understanding of how these may be applied to the knowledge they have gained in their chosen field of study. At Tech, there is an attempt to bring John Wesley's dream that "knowledge and vital piety be united" into a reality.

When establishing objectives, the spiritual nature of the individual must not be forgotten. Following the Sunday Seminar, the students attend weekly wor-

ship services at local churches. Transportation to these services is provided by the director and student members of the Wesley Foundation.

The local church does not provide the only opportunity for worship, however. The students plan and lead Sunday devotionals and worship services in the chapel. An especially memorable event was the Christmas program. The planned activities of the day were developed under the title "A Christmas Celebration." It included decorating the tree, providing and wrapping of toys for a day care center, having a worship service and serving a fellowship meal for the group. The worship service was planned by the students and a dramatization of the Christmas story was written and presented by the students.

One important fact should be noted. The Wesley Foundation, the campus ministry of the United Methodist Church, is a mission of the church. It is a mission because it can not be a self-supporting institution and must depend upon the local churches for its financial resources. However, it is not just a mission of the church; it is also the church in mission.

At Tech, the members of Wesley Foundation have initiated the development of the Bethlehem Day Care Center for underprivileged Blacks, provided tutoring for students of poverty families and developed a program to teach adults how to read and write. The Bethlehem Day Care Center is now self-supporting, but students still provide gifts on Christmas and baskets at Easter.

Last semester some twenty-five students gave two hours of their time each week to the local

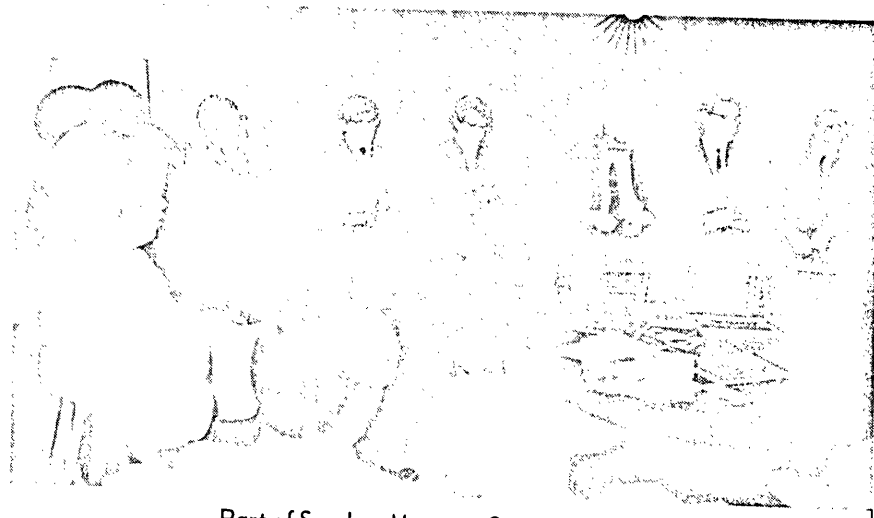
ARVAC centers to serve underprivileged students. This is truly the church in service to its community. So, the Arkansas Tech Wesley Foundation seeks to be a mission of the church that is in mission for the church.

Since Wesley Foundation is the church at the campus, it provides all of the functions of the ministry normally provided by the church. In addition to those already discussed, there are services offered in personal counseling, weddings in the chapel and special services to other organizations and clubs on campus.

At Tech, there is good rapport with the entire campus community. Many who have been longtime supporters of Wesley Foundation are members of the faculty. This good relationship is also demonstrated by the participation of the students of the Wesley Foundation in campus-oriented projects and activities. The students are active in the parades and pep rallies which are held before athletic events. The float entered in this year's parade was called "Bridging Troubled Waters" in order to reflect the parade theme, "The Thrust of the 70s."

The reflections of some recent graduates have been encouraging. One has said that it would not be possible for her to repay Wesley Foundation for its contribution to her life.

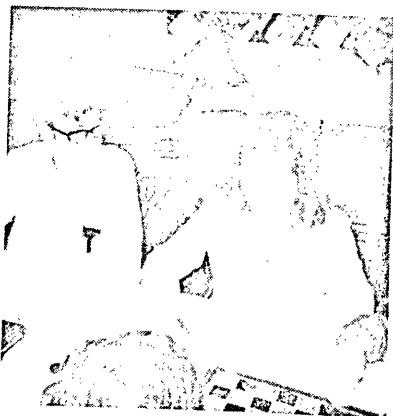
And, a young man who graduated last semester said, "The past four years at Wesley Foundation have made me feel that for the first time in my life I have truly been a part of the Church." Thus, for him at least, the purpose of Wesley Foundation was fulfilled. Hopefully, it can be in the experiences of others.



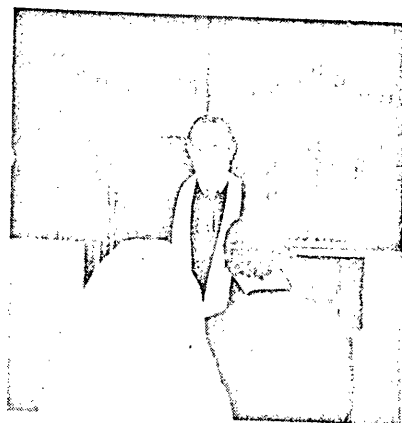
Part of Sunday Morning Seminar group.



A Christmas Celebration includes decorating of tree.



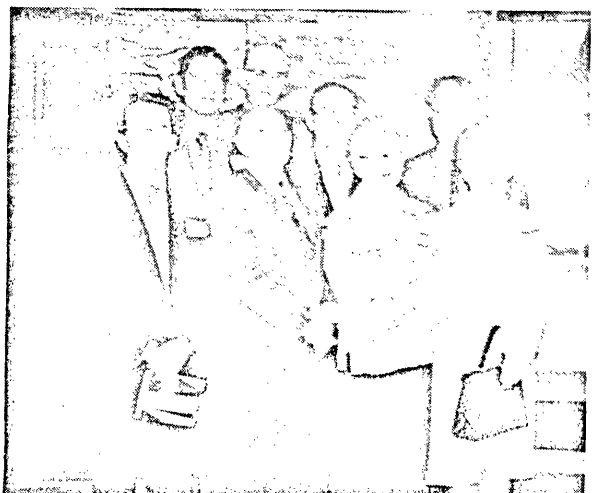
Students tutoring at New Hope Arvac Center.



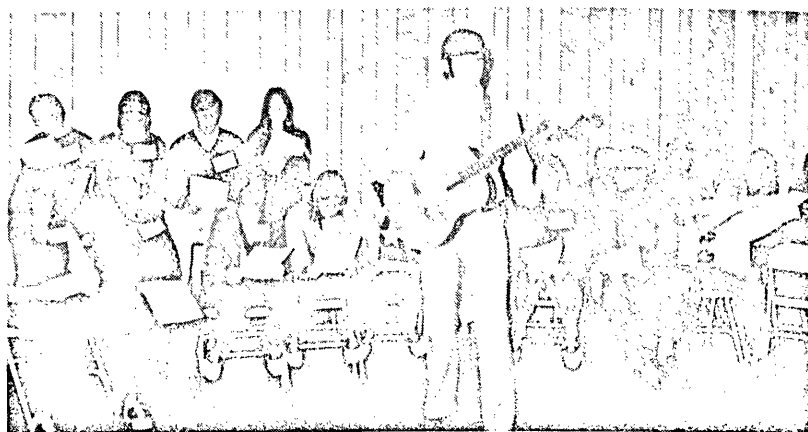
The Rev. Muriel Peters officiates at wedding service for Mr. and Mrs. Gary Jefferson in Chapel.



Churchmen from the North Arkansas Conference who attended the Laymen's Spiritual Life Retreat at Lake Murray Lodge, Ardmore, Okla., January 22-24, are pictured here with Dr. Virgil Morris (third from left, back row), South Central Jurisdiction executive secretary, Oklahoma City, Okla. and Dr. Buren Stewart (third from left, front row), Jurisdiction Board of Evangelism secretary, El Paso, Texas.



Delegation from the Little Rock Conference attending the Spiritual Life Retreat at Ardmore, Okla. shown with Jurisdiction executives Dr. Virgil Morris (at back) and Dr. Buren Stewart (second from left, in front).



Scenes from the Batesville District Youth Rally held at Central Avenue Church in Batesville on Saturday, January 16. The day's activities which involved 120 youth and adult counselors, included a Sing-A-Long with Marty Smith, an input session comprised of skits and discussion on Conference and District youth activities, a film and a contemporary worship service conducted by Misses Mona Marshall and Cynthia Binkley. In the afternoon Dr. Charles Casteel and the Rev. Robert English presented ways for strengthening the local UMYF. The overall program was planned by a task force which included Warren Casteel, Nancy Cramer, Mona Marshall, Rickey Matlock, Jody Renfro, Stephen Street and Mark Williams.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

"The grand essentials to happiness in this life are something to do, something to love, and something to hope for." (Joseph Addison)

LOVE

Giving, caring,
Needing and sharing.
Over the roar of the tempest, Love sings -
Hoping, forgiving, bearing all things.
Faith and compassion, tender and deep,
Given the lost ones, for whom we weep
And pray, alone.

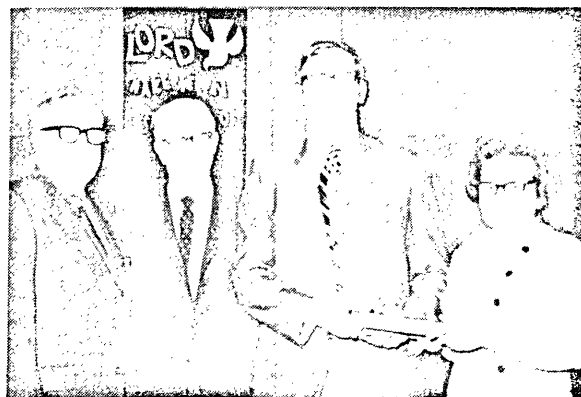
Trusting, believing,
Rapture and grieving.
Ecstasy, sorrow and bitter tears
Of sacrifice, through the years -
Lonely Cross, upon a hill.
Silent prayer, when night is still -
Divine flame of celestial fire
Illumes the heights, our Souls to inspire,
Lighting the pathways we must tread
Leading us safely Home, to God . . .
And Infinite Love.

-by Dorothy Price Scheckenbach

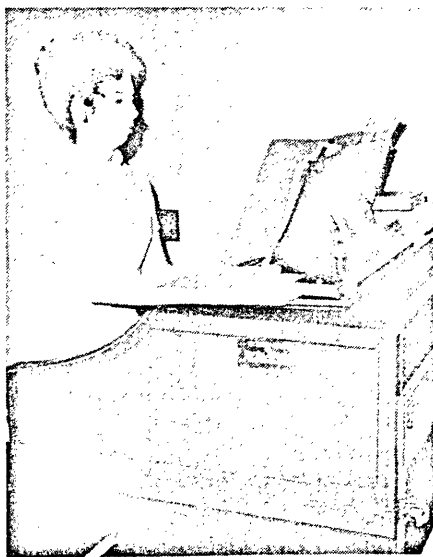
PRAYER FOR UNIVERSAL LOVE

Creator of all things,
grant to all nations
the silver plow of understanding
that we may till the barren fields,
making rows deep and straight in sweet harmony.
From the hand of Overflowing-mercy
let the life-giving seed of love
fall on the waiting fields
and let them be filled with abundant growth.
Give to us the desire to work these planted fields,
cleaning away the ugly weeds of discord and strife
until all lands are a floral tribute
to God, and we have Universal Love . . . Amen.

-by Anna Nash Yarbrough



The new Wurlitzer organ and new hymnals at Marysville UM Church in Camden District were dedicated in a special morning worship service, Sunday, Jan. 24. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, district superintendent, and the Rev. Fred Haustein, pastor, officiated. The participants (l. to r.) were Orvin Bishop, representing the family who presented the organ, Dr. Bagley, Pastor Haustein, and Mrs. Darce Bishop, chairman of the Work Area on Worship, representative donor of the hymnals. The organ is a memorial gift to Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bishop and their daughter, Miss Ophelia Bishop given by Mrs. Enis Andress, Mrs. Murray Sewell, Mrs. J. W. McWilliams, Woodrow Bishop and Orvin Bishop-children of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bishop.



Mrs. Kay Reese, granddaughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Bishop, was organist for the Jan. 24 morning worship service at the Marysville Church. Another granddaughter, Mrs. Betty Ballard, sang "The Lord's Prayer" by Malotte. A fellowship dinner, organ music and congregational singing followed morning worship.