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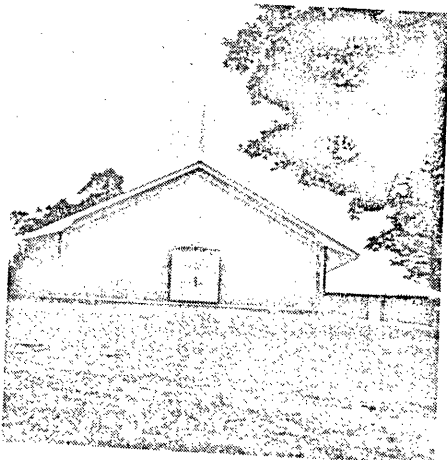
Bishop Paul V. Galloway (center) officiated at the recent Service of Consecration for the Center Grove United Methodist Church. Shown with him (from left) are: the Rev. David Hankins, Jr., pastor, the Rev. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent, the Rev. W. R. Bone and the Rev. Royce Savage, former pastors.

Center Grove Church consecrated

On Sunday, January 31, Bishop Paul V. Galloway conducted the Service of Consecration for Center Grove United Methodist Church in the Arkadelphia District. Assisting in the service were the Rev. George W. Martin, Arkadelphia District superintendent, and the Rev. David Hankins, Jr., pastor.

The service set an attendance record for this small church on the Okolona Circuit, which was named Open Country Church of the Year in 1970.

Two former pastors were present, the Rev. W. T. Bone and the Rev. Royce Savage. The latter was pastor when the new church was started. Friends from Okolona, Arkadelphia, and Gurdon, many of whom helped with donations on the building, were present.



New Center Grove Church

The noon meal was spread in fellowship hall, and many of those present stayed for singing in the afternoon.

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Jasper Church exceeds Philander Smith quota

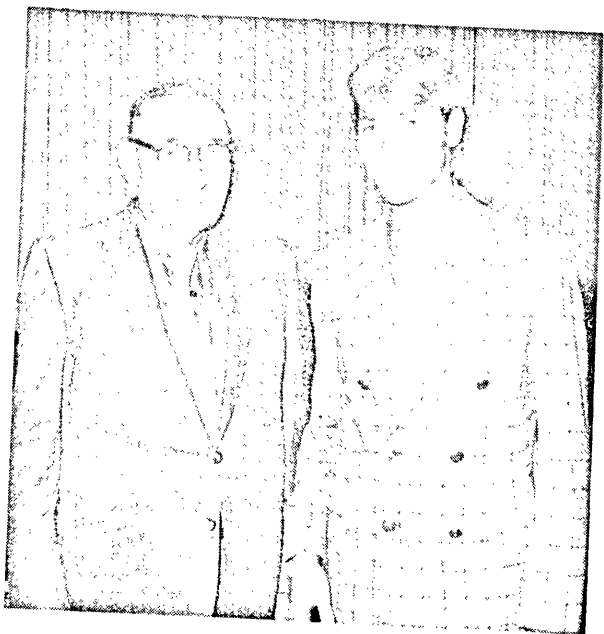
The Jasper United Methodist Church has contributed four times its annual quota to the Philander Smith College Capital Funds Campaign, according to Dr. W. O. Scroggin, the director.

The Rev. Lindsey Roland, pastor, invited Dr. Scroggin to speak to his congregation concerning the college and its needs. He announced an annual quota for the church of \$40, and

said that although no special offering was planned, they would be given an opportunity to make a voluntary gift at the close of the service.

From the approximately 15 families who were present at the service gifts totaling \$175 were received. Of this amount, \$135 will be counted in the Special Solicitations Campaign.

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S. H. "Herb" Allman, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of the Laity, with Jay Holland, Little Rock, youth member of that Board—photographed during last week's mid-year meeting.

Fifth annual Economic Education Conference for Clergy planned

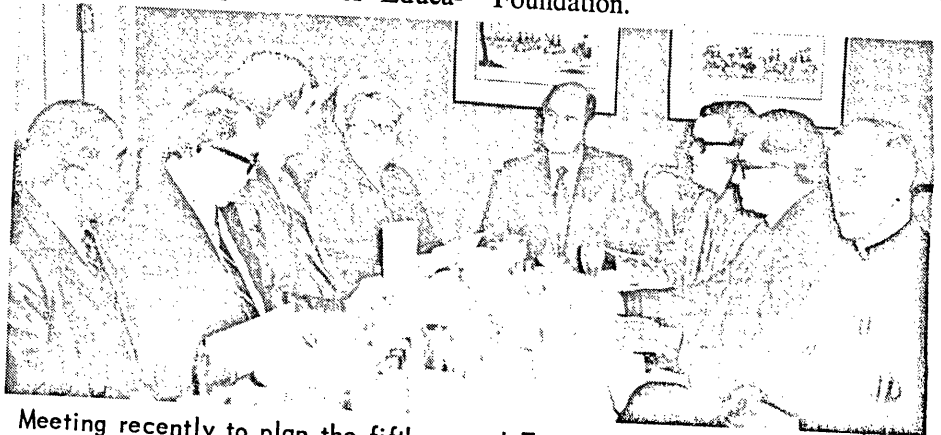
The fifth annual Economic Education Conference for the Clergy will be held at the Avanelle Motel, Hot Springs, May 2-6. Scholarships, covering all costs except travel, will be awarded to clergy representing all denominations in Arkansas whose leadership qualities indicate that they will profit most from the workshop.

The deadline for receiving applications is April 1. The sponsoring committee will select approximately fifty participants from the applicants. Roy Murphy, President of Mid-South Engineering in Hot Springs, is chairman of the committee. Application blanks can be obtained from Dr. Bessie Moore, State Department of Education, Little Rock, or from any member of the advisory committee.

Topics to be discussed will be concerned with vital facets of our economic system including the political and social implications of these matters.

Dr. Ray Arensman, Dean, School of Business, University of Evansville will assist in the conference. He and outstanding economists from Arkansas colleges will lead discussions and encourage questions and debate.

The Conference will be conducted by the Arkansas Council on Economic Education in cooperation with the State Department of Education and the Clergy Economic Education Foundation.



Meeting recently to plan the fifth annual Economic Education Conference for the Clergy were (left to right): the Rev. L. C. Dade, Holy Temple Church of God in Christ, Little Rock; the Rev. Dallas T. Hudspeth, Central Nazarene Church, Little Rock; the Rev. Ed Matthews, First United Methodist Church, Fordyce; Mrs. Merlin M. Moore, executive director, Arkansas State Council on Economic Education; Roy Murphy, chairman of the Clergy Advisory Committee and president of Mid-South Engineering, Hot Springs; the Rev. Robert Lee McLeod, Jr., the Presbyterian Church of Crossett; the Rev. Lawson Anderson, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Newport and the Most Rev. Albert L. Fletcher, Roman Catholic Diocese of Little Rock.

Mexican church leader to speak in Arkansas

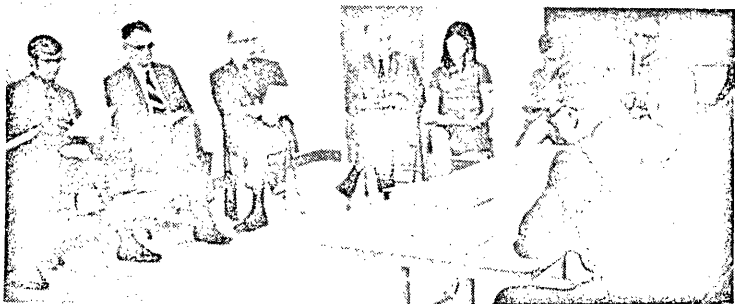
Mrs. Alpha del Toro, prominent Methodist leader from Monterrey, Mexico, will be speaking in several United Methodist churches in Arkansas next week. Widely known for her work in church-sponsored welfare programs in her native city, Mrs. del Toro will fill the following engagements:

Sunday, Feb. 28, Blytheville, First Church, morning and evening worship services (other churches of the Blytheville area will participate in the eve-

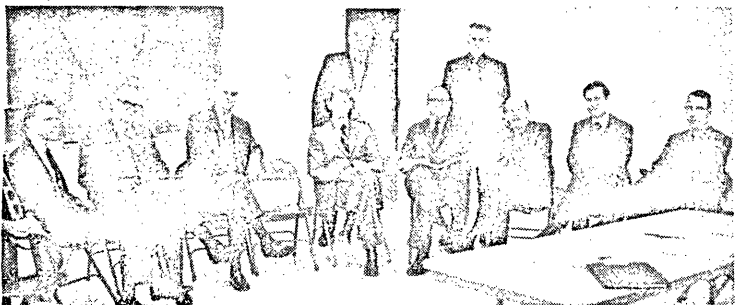
ALERT!

Pastors and other interested churchmen are alerted to the passage of SB. 349 (Alagood) which prohibits construction of facilities designed to accommodate more than 25 persons within 150 feet of the property line in a Class A-1 family zoned residential area, without prior notification and approval of those individuals or property owners whose property adjoins the area containing such facility. The Rules Committee of the House has stated that a public hearing will be announced so that all interested persons may be informed of the implications of the bill.

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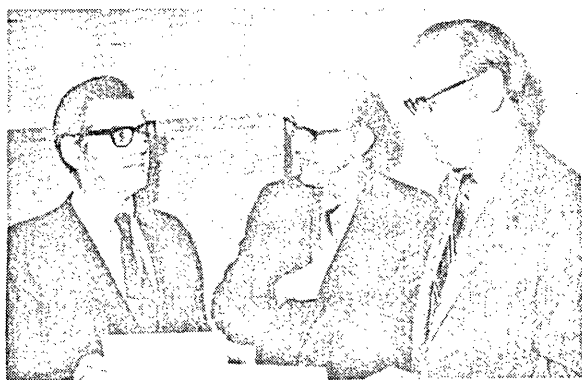


The Board of Education meeting with the Rev. Bryan Stephens, chairman.

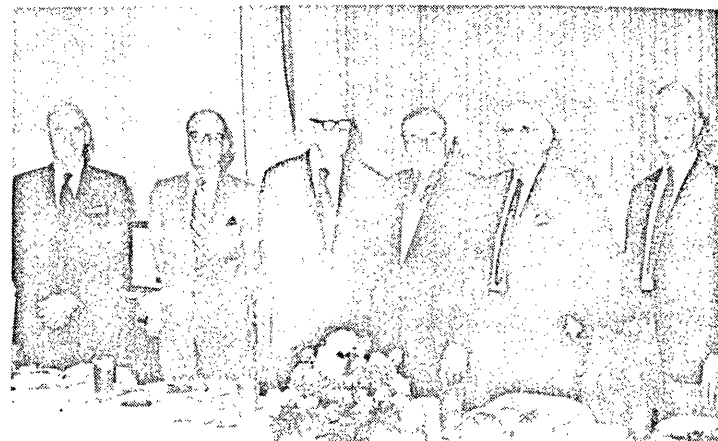


The Board of Christian Social Concerns in meeting with the Rev. Louis M. Mulkey, chairman.

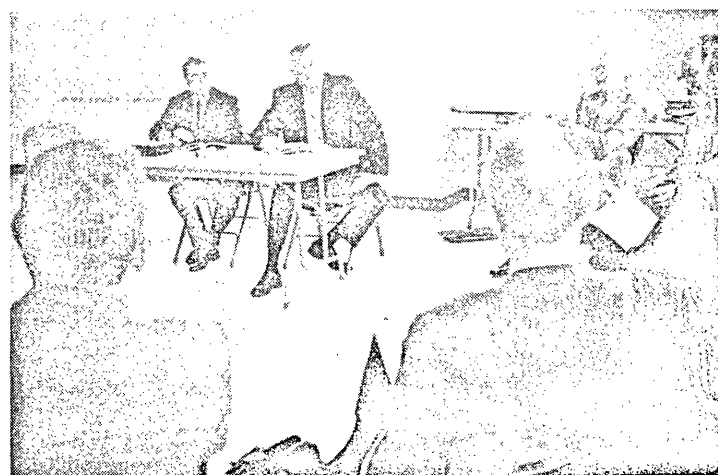
The Boards of Pensions of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences met jointly on Feb. 16. Leaders in that meeting were (l. to r.): Dr. Howard Miller of the General Board of Pensions; the Rev. George Meyer, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board; and Dr. M. D. Deneke, chairman of the North Arkansas Board.



Mid-year Boards and Agencies in session



At the head table for the Board of Laity luncheon at Asbury Church, Little Rock, on Feb. 17 (l. to r.): Taylor Prewitt, Dr. Alvin C. Murray, T. A. Prewitt, S. H. Allman, Bishop Paul V. Galloway, and the Rev. Joe Arnold.



The World Service and Finance Commission in session with Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, chairman, presiding.

Bumpers and Smith to leave Hendrix staff

J. Phil Bumpers, treasurer, and Wilburn V. Smith, business manager, have resigned their positions at Hendrix College to go into business in Conway.

The announcement was made February 18 by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president who said, "I know that the Hendrix community shares with me a keen sense of loss in the departure of Mr. Bumpers and Mr. Smith, and I am sure that everyone joins me in expressing appreciation for their outstanding service to Hendrix."

Bumpers, who joined the staff at Hendrix upon his graduation in 1947, has served under three presidents: Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Dr. Marshall T. Steel and Dr. Shilling.

Smith, who came to Hendrix as business manager in 1963, is a graduate of State College of Arkansas and was principal of Conway High School just prior to his coming to the Hendrix staff.

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Mexican leader

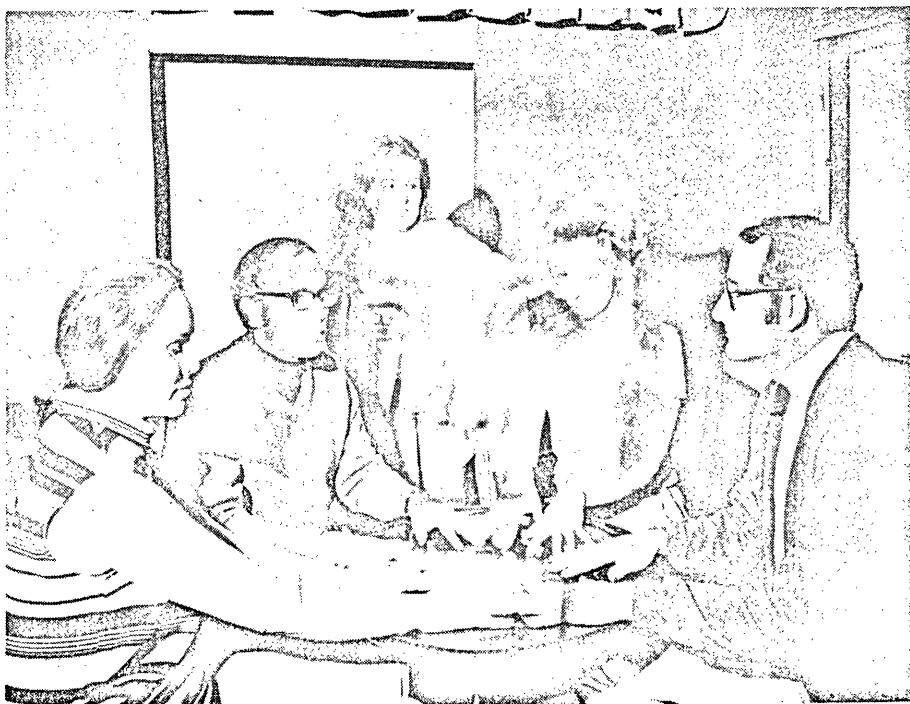
ning service); Monday, Mar. 1: a.m., WSCS, First Church, Blytheville; evening, Wesleyan Service Guilds, First Church, West Memphis; Tuesday, Mar. 2: morning, WSCS, First Church, West Memphis; 2 p.m., WSCS, First Church, Marion; 7 p.m., Rosewood Church, West Memphis.

On Wednesday, Mar. 3 at 7 p.m., Mrs. del Toro will speak to the Little Rock District WSCS meeting at St. Paul Church, Little Rock.

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Love is that which holds hearts together when heads disagree.

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"Blithe Spirit" cast portrays seance scene from Noel Coward's play to be presented at 8:00 p.m., Feb. 25-27 at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church. FROM LEFT: Fay Jean Hart, Kearney Dietz, Kacky Lines, Joann Martin and Jimmy Spradley—with the head of the "Blithe Spirit" (Georgia Sells) superimposed over the others in cast.

"Blithe Spirit" to aid scholarship fund

"Blithe Spirit," Noel Coward's improbable farce, will be presented at 8:00 p.m., February 25, 26 and 27 at the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, as the 12th annual scholarship fund-raising program by the Pairs and Spares Class.

Directed by Donna Wasson, Hall High School drama teacher, the cast includes Kearney Dietz, Joan Martin, Georgia Sells, Jimmy Spradley, Fay Jean Hart, Kacky Lines and Wanda Cochran.

Proceeds from the show are used for college scholarships at Arkansas colleges and universities. The class is

presently giving financial aid to four students.

Other principals involved in the production are Mary Rose Simmons, assistant director; Cecil Kelley and O. L. Holland, technical effects; Eddie Brantan, set construction; Bill Leavitt, publicity; Margaret Puddephatt, makeup; Zibbie Holmes, concessions; Bill Clark, ushers and Carolyn Henslee, special arrangements.

Tickets are on sale from class members or at the door prior to the performances. Prices are \$1 for adults and .50 cents for children.

Special Lenten events at First Church, Little Rock

Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of First Church, Little Rock, has announced the guest speakers for the Lenten services to be held each Wednesday at noon, beginning February 24.

They are:

Dr. James W. Workman, pastor, All Souls' Church, Scott, Ark., Feb. 24; the Rev. J. Edwin Keith, superintendent, Methodist Children's Home, March 3; the Rev. Everett Vinson, Program Director, Little Rock Conference, March 10;

The Rev. Joe Arnold, Associate Program Director, Little Rock Conference, March 17; Bishop Lawrence P. Graves, Auxiliary Bishop of the Little Rock Diocese of the Roman Catholic Church, March 24; the Rev. E. Eugene Efird, director of the Release Guidance Foundation, March 31; and the Rev. Earl B. Carter, Associate Program Director, North Arkansas Conference, April 7.

In addition, the Music Committee of First Church is sponsoring six organ recitals on Fridays at 12:10 during Lent. The artists appearing in this series are: David McNeal, Feb. 26; Keith McNabb, Mar. 5; Kay McAfee, Mar. 12; Harry Scher, Mar. 19; Karen Kuespert, Mar. 26; and Diane Woolard, Apr. 2.

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COMMUNICATING CHRIST WITH A BEAT

Hardly a one of us has not been concentrating on church communications during recent weeks as a large number of our congregations have undertaken seriously to discover "how the word gets around." By this means we have all been given an opportunity to look in on the various media and to become better acquainted with experts and technicians from a number of them.

These studies should have prepared us to be more objective about many of the communicative processes and made of us better listeners. A number of exciting things are happening around us, and we of the Christian community should listen to some of the things that are being said.

As you drive your car these days, or listen to the radio within your own home, you must be aware of the large number of religious songs that are being included in regular programs of popular music. Some are quick to declare that this programming is in itself sacrilegious, while others are able to see this trend as an honest effort of communication originating with youth and beamed toward the church.

The Rev. Spurgeon M. Dunnam III, editor of *The Texas Methodist*, said recently: "Although some religious leaders have been predicting a revival of religious interest among young people for some time, the advent of 'Jesus rock' has for the most part caught the average John Q. Churchman surprised and unprepared. He doesn't know quite how to respond to young people who have largely rejected the church, but who now show in their music a spiritual quest and a fascination with the person of Jesus Christ."

The easiest course of action for the traditional churchman is to scoff at the whole movement and write it off as exploitation. This, however, would not be true to the principles of communication about which we have been talking and would be erecting still another barrier

between the generations. This new trend in "Jesus rock" music could be just the opportunity we have needed to get to know our own young people and to hear them tell us of some of their needs and hungers.

Two or three developments should be mentioned at this point for those who need to be briefed on this subject:

—At the recent annual convention of National Religious Broadcasters, program styles of young people emerged as a top priority. Some minority voices were raised by some who still declare that "rock music is intrinsically demonic." However, one religious broadcaster said, "We believe the so-called 'Jesus movement' among some youth has helped religious broadcasters so that not only are Christian programs in the new format being accepted by stations — without cost to the broadcaster — but stations are asking for more."

—By far the most dramatic of the developments in this area is the meteoric rise in popularity of the so-called "rock opera" entitled "Jesus Christ Superstar." Here again we would plead with you to hear it before you knock it. May we quote again from our friend Spurgeon Dunnam: "Churchmen are likely to be unfairly harsh in their reactions to the rock musical. To evaluate it properly, one must first recognize 'Superstar' as expressing the images of contemporary youth culture rather than orthodox Christian theology. Clearly 'Superstar' falls far short of the theological stance required of a committed Christian." But, we might add, so the

expressions that most of us use in trying to get "the word around."

The Rev. H. Myron Braun, editor of *Music Ministry*, said in commenting on "Superstar" recently: "I hope we can say also to the great body of 'average' churchmen that the appearance of a 'Jesus' vocabulary in song doesn't necessarily mean a sudden asking of deeper questions or a sudden return to Christianity or the church; searchings into the deeper meanings of life have been with us for quite some time—in the music of Simon and Garfunkel, Bob Dylan, and others, to mention only a few recent examples."

Mr. Dunnam suggests that "Jesus rock" presents the church with a tremendous challenge for Christian evangelism. But he says effective evangelism depends upon the integrity of the evangelizer. He says that before we can use this opportunity to evangelize young people we must show our openness to them as persons, and reflect in our words and actions toward them the humble and compassionate spirit of Jesus.

Youth are witnessing to Jesus Christ in many exciting new ways in our time. Don't turn them off until you have turned them on long enough to hear what they are saying. Give prayerful, objective consideration to these new forms of helping to "get the word around."

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Editor's Corner

A New Look at
George Washington Carver

A little book arrived on our desk this week bringing new insight into the life and character of the great Negro scientist Dr. George Washington Carver. It is entitled *'Soul and Soil'* and is written and compiled by the Rev. W. Maurice King, dean of the Upper Room Chapel in Nashville.

Starting with a number of quotations related to the difficulties of a man of science having a faith in God, the book, published by The Upper Room, moves on to show us the depth of Christian faith possessed by Dr. Carver.

We are reminded that, with God's help, this black scientist developed more than 300 products from the peanut; 118 products from the sweet potato; and 75 products from the pecan. In addition, he made synthetic marble from wood shavings, dyes from the Alabama clay; and starch, gum, and wallboard from cotton stalks.

The book is filled with quotations from the numerous biographies that have been written about this great man who contributed to all of American science, but who gave himself to Tuskegee Institute in Alabama.

Dr. King says: "He was called 'the soul of the faculty' at Tuskegee; he received acclaim from Thomas Edison, from presidents of the United States, from the poverty-stricken and the wealthy-stricken; from the Northerner and the Southerner. Turning down a \$100,000 job offer, he chose to use his God-given talents to the end of helping all persons, with God as central in his life."

Brief, pertinent quotations from Dr. Carver are given a new dimension by Dr. King through prayers and comments he has added. One excellent prayer speaks to the alienation between age groups in our day. It is worth sharing with you:

"It seems as yesterday, Lord, when I, too, was a young person—prophetic, idealistic, strong and determined. Mine was a good world! A unique world! A perfect world! Now I am older. The world that I was going to set right is still broken, still torn, still imperfect. But I tried, Lord. With all my youthful vigor, I set out to straighten things out. Now it is my children's turn. I watch as they defy authority, challenge tradition and question everything. Help me to be patient instead of judgmental, to offer guidance instead of scorn, to see them as You saw them—prophetic, idealistic, strong, and determined. AMEN."

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A special fireproof packet containing microfilm copies of the Scriptures was deposited on the Fra Mauro highlands of the moon by astronaut Edgar D. Mitchell. Prepared by the American Bible Society, the packet contained a complete Bible in the Revised Standard Version, 16 different language versions of Genesis 1:1, and other Scripture selections. It shows the Scriptures circling the globe. "It is symbolic of our basic goal to provide the Scriptures for man everywhere in a language they can read or understand," noted Dr. James Z. Nettinga, executive secretary of the Society's Nat'l. Distribution Dept.

America's three largest Lutheran Churches have been urged to set aside "a special Sunday in the near future as a Day of Prayer for prisoners of war and persons missing in action in Southeast Asia." Earlier, Dr. J. A. O. Preus, president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod, had declared March 14 a Day of Prayer for war prisoners throughout the Missouri Synod.

One of the nation's leading proponents of church-state separation suggested in Washington, D.C. that religious groups seeking government aid to church institutions are neglecting their "spiritual mission" in favor of "political power." Characterizing such government subsidies "as destructive of the church itself," Glenn L. Archer, executive director of Americans United for Separation of Church and State, said "this implies that religion can be bought for a price." Dr. Archer described the present era of church-state confrontation as "the great awakening," observing that there is growing evidence that the rank and file of America is awakening to the church-state problem.

Person-oriented rather than cost-centered care for the aged could keep people healthy longer and reduce the cost of hospitalization, said the Rev. John Mason, director of the American Lutheran Church (ALC) Services to the Aging. He said that homes which provide remotivation and rehabilitation programs for the aging are "penalized for this high quality care" because reimbursement is drastically reduced. However, homes which provide "sedation method" care receive a higher level of reimbursement from federal assistance because the patients are "heavy-care patients." Mason added that church-sponsored homes have more "ambulatory" patients than government homes, indicating that this is the result of rehabilitation efforts.

Addressing a Youth for Christ International staff convention meeting in Minneapolis, a Christian education specialist charged that adults have overplayed the externals in their approach to youth. Dr. Howard Hendricks, chairman of the Christian Education Dept. at Dallas Theological Seminary said, "Parents have been too preoccupied with criticizing long hair and such, while youth workers often think you have to look like kids to get a hearing." The key to a hearing is "attitude—not age," according to Dr. Hendricks. "... the kids are basically looking for a brush with reality. They want to see models of Christianity, to see whether the Christ we talk about really makes a difference in the way we live and act," he continued. The educator asserted that the church is too program-oriented and spends too much time in "entertainment" for today's youth. "Many young people would rather study Scripture and discuss their problems in relation to the Bible," he said.

United Methodist Bishop Reuben H. Mueller has asked for the defeat of a state legislative proposal that would allocate \$10 million annually to buy "secular services" from private and parochial schools, according to a Religious News Service release. Head of the denomination's Indianapolis Area, he said that the bill is a "subterfuge" to permit indirect public support to schools which are free to pursue "sectarian or partisan overtones."

In an effort to counteract the growing "exodus" of priests from the ministry, the Vatican plans to offer a new series of guidelines aimed at "the recovery" of clergy who have second thoughts about their calling. Announcement of the new measures is contained in the 1970 edition of "The Activities of the Holy See," an annual report on the work of the Pope and the Vatican. Implementation of the measures will be under the direction of the Sacred Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith. Statistics revealed a loss of 1,476 of the world's priests during 1970.

The Bible Societies in the German Democratic Republic (East Germany) have been accepted into full membership in the United Bible Societies. This brings to 50 the number of national Bible societies in the 25-year-old worldwide fellowship. Dr. Oliver Beguin of London, general secretary of the United Bible Societies, said recent indications show that about 25 per cent of East Germans belong to a Christian church—compared with 80 per cent a generation ago.

Dr. Harold Lindsell, editor of Christianity Today magazine, charged at the Layman's Leadership Institute meeting in Miami, Fla., that "the atheistic, existentialist idea that life is meaningless is reflected in the cultural disjunction evident in art, music, philosophy and a religion in which the church has been secularized." He said that the church ought to convince men that "life has meaning."

Speakers at the second annual Nat'l. Conference of Trinity Institute in New York are reported to have "anathematized" secular Christianity and called upon the Church to recognize that its business is religion. An Anglican priest, a Catholic theologian, a Catholic lay philosopher, a Lutheran theologian, an Orthodox theologian, and the Institute's Episcopal director are said to have "taken turns assailing the secular interpretation of Christianity found in Harvey Cox's 'Secular City' and Bonhoeffer's religionless Christianity." The Rev. Michael Marshall, vicar of an Anglican parish in London, said that the "new religion outside the church comes from deep spiritual need but doesn't lead to the kingdom of God." He said that Christianity is "scandalously" different from every other religion, and that it should redirect the religious movement outside the church rather than be swept along with it.

The Nat'l. Temperance and Prohibition Council has been challenged to launch an all-out campaign against alcohol as its major activity in 1971. "Americans must be shocked by the facts ... the bare facts of the toll that alcohol is taking upon human life," declared Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of New Jersey.

There is no basis for condemning the chaplaincy as a tool of the military, the president of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) said. Dr. A. Dale Fiers, reporting on a recent visit with chaplains in the Far East, underscored the "ministerial character of the chaplaincy and its validity." The executive said: "Individual chaplains differ as much in their abilities, theology and personalities as civilian ministers, but they have one basic thing in common—they consider themselves to be ministers of the Gospel and servants of the church in the world."

Interdenominational Riverside church in New York City will receive \$1 million from the estate of the late Mrs. Martha Baird Rockefeller, who died Jan. 24. The sum is reported to be one of 14 charitable bequests by the second wife of the late John D. Rockefeller, Jr. The property of Riverside church is estimated as having a replacement value of about \$86,000,000.

Sen. Mark Hatfield of Oregon, a one-time American Baptist Sunday school superintendent, told 500 laymen assembled for the Layman's Leadership Institute in Miami that the "message of salvation" must be tied to "the problems of society." He warned that society has been changed by the impact of television, bringing the realities of life to children in the home. For that reason, he said, the young are aware of problems "which cannot be fundamentally solved unless there are basic changes in cultural values and premises."

With every alcoholic drink a person takes, he may be destroying a few brain cells—cells which are irreparable, according to a startling conclusion drawn by a team of medical researchers in S. Carolina. This applies to the social drinker as well as the alcoholic. Research by Dr. Melvin H. Knisely, professor of anatomy at the Medical University of S. Carolina, and two associates showed that the circulating red blood cells become "agglutinated" when alcohol is consumed, causing a thick, sticky "sludge," which is not able to pass through the fine capillaries in order to nourish body cells with oxygen. Neurons, the brain cells, are especially vulnerable to the lack of oxygen. The researchers found that if oxygen is cut off from the brain cells for more than three minutes, they are seriously damaged. If deprived of oxygen for 15 or 20 minutes damage is permanent and the nerve cell dies.

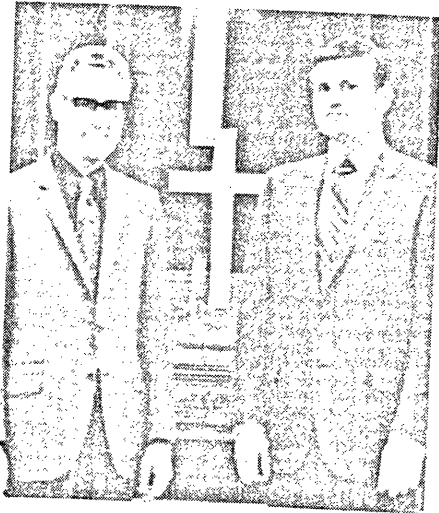


NEW YORK — An actor portrays Christ in two of the television spots based on Jesus' teachings — the "Rich Young Ruler" (left) and "The Woman Taken in Adultery" — produced by two denominational broadcast agencies, the United Methodist Church's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication and the United Presbyterian Church's Division of Mass Media. The new campaign includes the television spot announcements aimed at TV's main audience, middle-aged Americans, and also several radio spots for varying audiences and station formats such as youth, "country and western," etc. (RNS Photo)

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. 28—Sunday ... John 20:24-31
 March 1 Psalms 16:1-11
 March 2 Psalms 22:1-5
 March 3 Acts 24:10-15
 March 4 Rom. 15:4-13
 March 5 Job 11:13-18
 March 6 Prov. 10:22-28
 March 7—Sunday Prov. 14:27-32



Douglas Phillips (left) spoke to the members of Monette United Methodist Church, January 31. A layman of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, Mr. Phillips told of the work leading up to and the results of a Lay Witness Mission program. Shown with him is Russell Strickland, president of Monette United Methodist Men.

DR. W. HENRY GOODLOE, executive director of the Arkansas Christian Civic Foundation, was guest speaker at the family night supper held in Oak Forest Church, Little Rock on January 31. The Rev. W. A. Stewart is the Oak Forest minister.

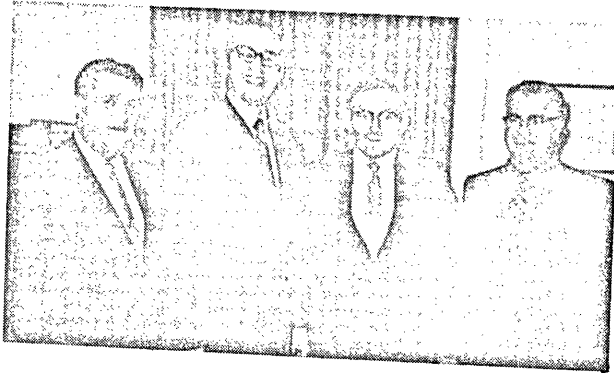
MINOR MILLWEE presented a musical program at the January 25 fellowship supper of Methodist Men in the DeQueen Church, where the Rev. David B. Wilson serves as pastor.

CAMDEN FIRST United Methodist Church recently added two ranks of pipes to the organ. The ranks consist of an eight-foot Gemshorn with 61 pipes and a four-foot Spitzprincipal of 61 pipes. Lecil Gibson, organ builder of Little Rock and Director of the Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, made the installation. David Crouse is organist-choirmaster at Camden First Church; the Rev. Edwin B. Dodson is pastor.

CARR MEMORIAL METHODIST Men held their Sweetheart Banquet on Saturday, February 13, at the Town House Restaurant in Pine Bluff. Guest speaker was Jack Ferguson of North Little Rock, who will serve as coordinator of the Carr Lay Witness Mission. The Rev. Carl V. Matthew is pastor.

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Leaders for the recent District Confirmation Workshop held at First Church, Jonesboro, were (l. to r.): the Rev. W. Leonard Byers, the Rev. Worth W. Gibson, the Rev. J. Hillman Byrum, and the Rev. J. William Watson.



NEIGHBORHOOD GROUPS have been formed by Hawley Memorial Church, Pine Bluff, for small group meetings. The 21 small groups each have a "shepherd." These were installed at the Sunday morning service, January 31, by the pastor, the Rev. John F. Walker, Jr.

COVENANT HANDBELL CHOIR and the Sanctuary Choir of First Church, El Dorado, under the direction of Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Betenbaugh, presented a concert of sacred music at the Hamburg United Methodist Church, February 7 at 7 p.m. The Rev. Virgil Bell is the Hamburg minister.

BHAILAL N. PARMAR, age 21, of Baroda, India, was guest of honor at Markham United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on Sunday evening, February 7. He is studying engineering at U.A.L.R. and is sponsored by the Markham Church upon the recommendation of the Rev. David Bauman, Methodist missionary to India. He is staying in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Andrews on Flag Road.

DAVID BEVIL, coach at Elaine High School, was licensed to preach by the recent Forrest City District Conference. Mr. Bevil was guest speaker at the Sunday evening service, February 14, in the West Helena United Methodist Church of which the Rev. William Haltom is pastor.

PARKIN UNITED METHODIST Men have elected Henry Orman to serve as president this year. Buddy Proctor was reelected secretary-treasurer, and Donald McKnight will be vice-president. At the recent meeting, a venison dinner was served by H. P. Sisk and Ralph Crook. The Rev. Gail Anderson is their pastor.

MALLALIEU UNITED Methodist Church, Fort Smith, is holding four Sunday evening sessions for the study of The Psalms. Classes are under the leadership of Mrs. Elmus C. Brown, wife of the associate pastor of First Church, Fort Smith. The Mallalieu pastor is the Rev. R. C. Preston.

FIRST UNITED Methodist Church of El Dorado, exploring ideas for youth summer service projects, invited Ray Tribble and Rush Holt, directors of Aldersgate United Methodist Camp to present the work and needs of that camp during the Sunday evening service, January 24.

A DAY OF RENEWAL was held February 20 in First Church, Wynne. Graham McCallie of The Institute of Church Renewal, Inc. of Atlanta, Ga. was the leader. The schedule of events included: luncheon for members of Share Groups and persons interested in forming small groups, a meeting with the Council on Ministries, a church wide pot luck supper, and an evening service under Mr. McCallie's direction. The men of the Church met at 7 a.m. Sunday for breakfast.

DR. BOB RILEY, Arkansas' Lieutenant Governor, was the guest speaker at the 7 p.m. service February 14 at First Church, Wynne. His topic was "Communication." This was a part of the church wide mission outreach "How The Word Gets Around" being held each Sunday in February. The Rev. Warren D. Golden is pastor.

THE CORNING UNITED Methodist Church held three sessions of the Bible study "The Psalms Speak to Us" on Sunday, January 24 through Tuesday, 26. Mrs. Elmus Brown of Fort Smith, wife of a former pastor of the Corning Church, was the instructor. The Rev. Wayne Clark is the Corning pastor.

MRS. LEWIS R. HYATT of McGehee has been added to the staff of First United Methodist Church of Dermott as choir director and organist. Mrs. Hyatt is working toward completion of her bachelor of music education degree at Ouachita University, Arkadelphia. The Dermott minister is the Rev. Noel Cross.

PREACHING MISSION AT LAKE VILLAGE

Dr. John W. Lindsay, minister of First United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, is the guest preacher for the preaching mission being held Feb. 22-25 at Lakeside United Methodist Church, Lake Village. The guest musician for the services is Oris Baldwin, minister of music at First United Methodist Church, Hurst, Tex. The worship services are being held at 7 p.m. each day with men's fellowship breakfasts being held at 6 a.m., Tuesday through Thursday. The pastor is the Rev. George A. Tanner.

NEWS and NOTES

CORRECTION!

On the "News and Notes" page last week an item announced that Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, was preaching at First Church, Jonesboro, on Sunday, February 21. This should have been First Church, Conway, where the Rev. Ben F. Jordan is pastor. We are sorry for this editorial "goof" and hope that all our readers will note this correction.

STUTTGART'S FIRST U.M. Church plans a Youth Encounter Weekend and "Experiment in Discipline and Discovery" for the weekend of February 26-28. Mr. and Mrs. Howard Eddins are general chairmen for the Experiment; Bob Lindsay will be the trainer; Marquis Jones will head the Youth Encounter. The Rev. Robert O. Beck is the pastor.

THE REV. W. A. DOWNUM, retired and living in Fayetteville, was the speaker at the January 26 meeting of the Golden Age Club in Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

FIRST U.M. CHURCH, Arkadelphia, had 562 present for the Morning Worship on Sunday, February 14, a new record for that congregation. The pastor is Dr. John P. Miles.

LT. COL. JEFFERSON E. DAVIS, who has been stationed at Tainan Air Base in Taiwan, has been assigned as Wing Chaplain at L. G. Hanscomb Field in New Bedford, Mass. Chaplain Davis will assume his duties in April. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Davis of 4 Treasure Hill Court, Little Rock, and is a member of the Little Rock Conference.

WESTERN HILLS METHODIST Youth Mid and Senior High Retreat was held at Camp Aldersgate on January 29 and 30. The Rev. Bob Robertson is pastor at Western Hills Church, Little Rock.

GEORGE KELL OF SWIFTON, baseball great who is active in the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, was the speaker in Walnut Ridge for the Youth Fellowship of First United Methodist Church, January 31. The Rev. James M. Meadors was host pastor.

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ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT

| | New | Renew | Not Due | Total |
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| Amity:Hemund | 4 | 23 | | 27** |
| Arkadelphia - First:Miles | 12 | 66 | 11 | 89 |
| St. Andrews-Hollywood: | | | | |
| Adkinson | | 3 | | 3 |
| Bismarck Ct.:Dunaway | 1 | 10 | | 11 |
| Dalark Ct.:Rogers | 6 | 37 | | 43** |
| Delight Ct.:Hunter | 1 | 21 | 1 | 23** |
| Glenwood-Aldersgate:Smith | 3 | 41 | | 44** |
| Gurdon:Fair | 7 | 38 | | 45 |
| Hot Springs-First:Ivy | 19 | 40 | 3 | 62 |
| Grand:Hale | 15 | 35 | | 50 |
| Oaklawn:Arnold | 7 | 26 | | 33 |
| Pullman Hts:Hoover | 1 | 10 | | 11 |
| Okolona Ct.:Hankins | 9 | 30 | | 39 |
| Piney Grove:Fogle | 3 | 3 | | 6 |
| Hot Springs-Gardner- | | | | |
| New Salem:Barron | 5 | 9 | 2 | 16 |
| Sparkman-Macedonia:Elder | | 1 | | 1 |
| Mt. Pine-Gum Spgs.:Botteron | 1 | 6 | | 7* |
| Hot Springs-Tigert-Morning | | | | |
| Star: | 7 | 1 | | 8 |
| Fountain Lake:Coover | | | | |
| Shorewood Hills Hts.:Langley | 4 | 17 | | 21 |
| Malvern-Keith-Butterfield: | | | | |
| Akin | 36 | 19 | | 55** |
| St. Paul:Nation | 3 | 14 | 2 | 19 |
| First:Ashcraft | 25 | 86 | 2 | 113 |
| Mt. Ida-Oden:Bailey | | | | |
| Murfreesboro-Japan:Brent | 7 | 42 | 1 | 50** |
| Totals | 169 | 584 | 23 | 776 |

CAMDEN DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|------|----|--------|
| Bearden-Thornton: | | | | |
| Richardson | 1 | 94 | | 95*** |
| Bradley:Jester | 3 | 18 | | 21 |
| Buckner Ct.:Walshall | 1 | 2 | | 3 |
| Camden-First:Dodson | 33 | 88 | | 121 |
| Fairview-Abney | 10 | 236 | | 246*** |
| Timothy-Buena Vista: | | | | |
| Graham | 3 | 23 | | 26 |
| St. Mark:Van Smith | | | | |
| Westside:Miller | 17 | 1 | | 18** |
| Chidester:Bailey | 4 | 23 | | 27 |
| Columbia Ct.:McLean | 7 | 20 | | 27 |
| El Dorado-Centennial:Haire | | 7 | | 7 |
| First:Curran | 33 | 113 | 2 | 148 |
| St. Paul:Connell | 11 | 32 | 1 | 44 |
| Vantrese:Hale | 25 | 80 | 1 | 106** |
| Harmony Grove-Lakeside: | | | | |
| Ekberg | 9 | 22 | | 31* |
| Dumas-Lisbon:Green | 1 | 14 | | 15 |
| Holly Spgs. Ct.:Warren | 5 | 17 | 4 | 26 |
| Huttig-Baldwin:Jackson | 1 | 8 | | 9 |
| Junction City:Wagner | 1 | 31 | 1 | 33** |
| Lewisville Ct.:Walshall | 6 | 45 | | 51** |
| Magnolia-First:Williams | 23 | 93 | 6 | 122 |
| Asbury:Swift | 12 | 50 | | 62 |
| Greer's Chapel-McNeil: | | | | |
| Taylor | 6 | 10 | 1 | 17** |
| Magnolia Ct.:Burleson | | 14 | 1 | 15 |
| Marysville Ct.:Haustein | 2 | 45 | | 47** |
| Emerson Ct.:Clegg | 4 | 7 | | 11 |
| Norphlet-Calion-Ebenezer: | | | | |
| Robken | 1 | 35 | 1 | 37* |
| Parker's Chapel-Bethel: | | | | |
| Swaim | 5 | 18 | | 23 |
| Pleasant Grove:Mathis | 2 | 25 | | 27* |
| Smackover:Alston | 12 | 31 | 1 | 44 |
| Liberty-Louann:Crain | 5 | 6 | 1 | 12 |
| Stamps:Johnson | 3 | 52 | | 55 |
| 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 | 24 | | 29 |
| Welcome:Yates | 8 | 6 | | 14 |
| Totals | 273 | 1361 | 20 | 1654 |

HOPE DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|-------------------------|----|----|---|------|
| Ashdown:Racop | 3 | 34 | | 37 |
| Bingen Ct.:Bean | 3 | 22 | | 25 |
| Blevins Ct.:Rushing | 4 | 25 | | 29** |
| Brownstown Ct.: | | | | |
| DeQueen:Wilson | 20 | 36 | | 56 |
| Dierks Parish:Mashburn | 19 | 45 | | 64** |
| Emmett Ct.:Miller | 6 | 35 | 1 | 43 |
| Foreman:Goode | 1 | 26 | | 27 |
| Doddridge Ct.:Gantz | 1 | 17 | | 18** |
| Garland:Beard | | 2 | | 2 |
| Hatfield Ct.:Lawrence & | | | | |
| Harbeson | 8 | 38 | 1 | 47 |
| Hope:Steele | 9 | 94 | | 103 |
| Horatio Ct.:Prothro | 5 | 22 | 2 | 29 |
| Lokesburg Ct.:Callicott | 10 | 35 | | 45** |
| Mena:White | 8 | 32 | | 40 |
| Mt. View Ct.:Simmon | 1 | 1 | | 2 |

| | New | Renew | Not Due | Total |
|---------------------------|-----|-------|---------|-------|
| Mineral Spgs. Ct.:George | 5 | 42 | | 47 |
| Nashville Ct.:Trieschmann | 13 | 60 | | 73 |
| Prescott:Fincher | 15 | 60 | 1 | 76** |
| Prescott Ct.:Downing | 2 | 12 | 1 | 15 |
| Rondo Ct.:Caldwell | 4 | 7 | | 11 |
| Springhill Ct.:Robbins | 4 | 45 | 3 | 52** |
| Texarkana-College Hill: | | | | |
| Beard | 9 | 33 | | 42 |
| First:Hallis | 18 | 180 | 2 | 200** |
| Fairview:Hudnall | 19 | 63 | | 82** |
| Few Mem:Barron | 3 | 16 | 1 | 20 |
| Washington Ct.:Jones | | | | |
| Totals | 189 | 983 | 12 | 1184 |

LITTLE ROCK DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|----|----------|
| Austin:Poss | 10 | 30 | 1 | 41 |
| Benton-First:Hollenbeck | 14 | 41 | 1 | 56 |
| Parkview:Grogan | 20 | 30 | | 50 |
| New Hope-Mt. Carmel: | | | | |
| Diffie | 1 | 18 | | 19 |
| Bryant:VanHook | 2 | 6 | | 8 |
| 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 | 51 |
| Geyer Spgs.:Diffie | 12 | 35 | | 47 |
| St. James:Phillips | 35 | 52 | | 87**** |
| Asbury:Harris | 13 | 45 | | 58 |
| Capitol:Hamm | 3 | 22 | | 25 |
| First:Bearden | | 1147 | | 1147**** |
| St. Paul:Scott | 4 | 61 | 3 | 68 |
| Henderson:Bone | 5 | 20 | 1 | 26 |
| Highland:Stevens | 13 | 64 | | 77 |
| Hunter Mem:Kerr | 2 | 41 | 1 | 44 |
| Galloway Mem:McCulloch | 2 | 3 | | 5 |
| Oak Forest:Stewart | 93 | 60 | | 153 |
| Pulaski Hts:Argue | 2 | | | 2 |
| St. Luke:DeBlack | 13 | 46 | | 59 |
| Trinity:Taylor | 7 | 17 | 2 | 26 |
| St. Andrew:Nolley | 4 | 10 | | 14 |
| Winfield:Dunlap | | 104 | | 104 |
| Hazen-DeValls Bluff:Holland | 13 | 47 | 1 | 61 |
| Hickory Clayton Ct.:Efird | | | | |
| Honoke:Clayton | 7 | 45 | | 52 |
| Mabelvale:Hines | 8 | 17 | | 25 |
| Little Rock-Markham: | | | | |
| Workman | 7 | 23 | | 30 |
| Mt. Pleasant:Bolin | | | | |
| Mt. View-Martindale:Sewell | 3 | 14 | | 16* |
| Primrose:Kilgore | 14 | 24 | | 38 |
| Pride Valley:Hart | 8 | 2 | 2 | 12** |
| Salem-Congo:Williams | 1 | 37 | 2 | 40 |
| Sardis-Bethel:Monroe | 7 | 18 | | 25 |
| Traskwood-Ebenezer:Light- | | | | |
| foot | 8 | 14 | 1 | 23* |
| Woodlawn Ct.:Eagle | 4 | 14 | | 18 |
| Totals | 374 | 2223 | 17 | 2614 |

MONTICELLO DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|-----|------|---|--------|
| College Hts. -Green Hill- | | | | |
| Waller's:Ogden | | 4 | | 4 |
| Crossett:Norton | 22 | 52 | | 74 |
| Dermott:Cross | 3 | 19 | 3 | 25 |
| Dumas:Simpson | 5 | 174 | | 179*** |
| Eudora:Johnson | 10 | 30 | | 40** |
| Fordyce:Matthews | 11 | 66 | 1 | 78** |
| Gould:Jones | 2 | 5 | | 7 |
| Hamburg:Bell | 13 | 25 | | 38 |
| Hampton-Harrell:Ford | 1 | 37 | | 38 |
| Hermitage Ct.:Claiborne | 6 | 23 | | 29 |
| Ashley-Drew Ct.:Ward | | | | |
| Warren-Trinity:Scott | | 2 | | 2 |
| Lake Village-Montrose: | | | | |
| Tanner | 6 | 92 | | 97*** |
| McGehee-Ark. City:Garner | 7 | 193 | | 200*** |
| Wesley:Cross | | 7 | | 7 |
| Monticello:Elliot | 12 | 50 | 1 | 63 |
| Kingsland:Turner | 8 | 40 | | 48** |
| Portland:Bonds | | | | |
| Star City Ct.:Jones | 3 | 23 | | 26 |
| Tiller Ct.:Poss | 7 | 49 | | 56** |
| Warren-Good Hope:Meyer | 9 | 60 | | 69 |
| Watson:Arnold | 6 | 21 | | 27 |
| Wilmar Ct.:Barker | 2 | 14 | | 16 |
| Parkdale:Williams | | 22 | | 22** |
| Wilmot:Bonds | | | | |
| Totals | 133 | 1009 | 5 | 1147 |

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|----|----|---|-------|
| Almyra-DeLuce-Prairie | | | | |
| Union:Perry | | 26 | 2 | 28** |
| Alzheimer-Wabbaseka:Shaddox | 8 | 55 | 2 | 65** |
| Bayou Meto-Lodges Corner: | | | | |
| Pearce | 10 | 74 | | 84*** |
| Carthage:Scott | 3 | 24 | | 27 |

| | New | Renew | Not Due | Total |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|---------|-------|
| DeWitt-Prairie View: | | | | |
| Masters | 32 | 60 | 2 | 94* |
| England-Keo:Sadler | 10 | 75 | | 85** |
| Gillett-Camp Shed: | | | | |
| Richardson | 9 | 47 | | 56 * |
| Pine Bluff-Good Faith: | | | | |
| Riggin | 3 | 33 | | 36 |
| Grady Trinity:Hansford | 4 | 23 | | 27 |
| Humphrey-Humnoke: | | | | |
| Workman | 8 | 10 | | 18 |
| Leola:Edwards | 4 | 30 | | 34 |
| Pine Bluff-Carr:Matthew | 6 | 31 | | 37 |
| First:Lindsay | 40 | 170 | | 210 |
| Hawley:Walker | 10 | 45 | 2 | 57** |
| Lakeside:Thomason | 6 | 42 | | 48 |
| St. Luke-Center Gr:Wilson | 6 | 24 | | 30 |
| Whitehall-Redfield:Lea | 4 | 34 | | 37 |
| Wesley:Regnier | 5 | 27 | | 32 |
| Rison-Mt. Carmel:Averitt | | | | |
| Roe Ct.:Richert | 2 | 34 | | 36** |
| Rowell:Lowry | 3 | 17 | | 20 |
| Sheridan:Wilson | 4 | 55 | 1 | 60 |
| Sherrill-Tomberlin-Tucker: | | | | |
| Patton | | 25 | | 25 |
| St. Charles-Pl. Grove:Irvin | | 28 | | 28 |
| Stuttgart First: Beck | 11 | 111 | | 122** |
| Grand:Mulkey | 39 | 84 | | 123** |
| Totals | 227 | 1184 | 9 | 1420 |

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|-----------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Batesville-Asbury:LeGrand | 10 | 36 | | 46** |
| Central:Casteel | 4 | 69 | | 73 |
| First:Brannon | 21 | 67 | 3 | 91 |
| Antioch Ct.:Jones | 5 | 12 | | 17 |
| Bald Knob-Hopewell-Russell: | | | | |
| Watson | 4 | 17 | | 21 |
| Beebe:Cook | 6 | 33 | | 39 |
| Bradford Ct.:Masters | 1 | 22 | | 23 |
| Cabot:Savage | 6 | 39 | 3 | 48 |
| Calico Rock:Ct.:Long | 1 | 18 | | 19 |
| Calico Rock Ct.:Long | | | | |
| Cave City Ct.:Martin | | | | |
| Clinton:Renfro | 1 | 46 | 2 | 49 |
| Quitman:Strayhorn | 6 | 13 | 1 | 20 |
| Concord Ct.:Woodall | 3 | 14 | | 17 |
| Dennard-Shirley:Shell | | 6 | | 6 |
| Cotter-Bull Shoals:Edwards | 7 | 15 | 2 | 24 |
| Desha Ct.:Watts | 5 | 22 | 1 | 28 |
| Griffithville:Cook | 18 | 39 | | 57** |
| Heber Springs:Hughes | | | | |
| Judsonia:Hunter | 12 | 12 | | 24 |
| Holiday Hills:Cowan | 6 | 23 | | 29*** |
| Kensett-McRae:Daniel | 1 | 36 | | 37** |
| Moorefield-Southside:Ernest | | 33 | | 33** |
| Moorefield Ct.:Mason | 2 | 19 | | 21 |
| Moorefield #B:Thomas | 33 | 4 | | 37 |
| Melbourne Parish:Womack | 5 | 22 | | 27 |
| Mt. Home Parish:Womack | 14 | 31 | 3 | 48 |
| Mt. View:Hawkins | 5 | 18 | | 23 |
| Newark:Wilson | 1 | 25 | | 26** |
| Marshall-Leslie:English | 3 | 20 | 3 | 26 |
| Pangburn Ct.:Hook | 9 | 32 | | 41** |
| Salem-Viola:Bounds | 10 | 39 | 1 | 50 |
| Searcy:Mann | 5 | 62 | | 117 |
| Grace:Barton | 3 | 36 | 1 | 40* |
| Horseshoe Bend:Ford | 7 | 10 | | 17 |
| Total | 264 | 890 | 20 | 1174 |

CONWAY DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|----------------------------|----|-----|---|-------|
| Atkins-Pottsville:Pollard | 13 | 29 | | 42 |
| Belleville-Havana:Savage | | 1 | | 1 |
| Conway First:Jordan | 15 | 65 | 9 | 89 |
| Greenbrier-Vilonia:Cordell | 4 | 27 | | 31 |
| Wesley:Wingo | 6 | 25 | 1 | 32 |
| Salem:Brumley | 11 | 17 | 1 | 29*** |
| Danville-Waltreack:Atkins | 5 | 51 | 3 | 59** |
| Dardanelle-Crozier | 21 | 47 | 5 | 73 |
| Jacksonville:Edwards | 27 | 35 | | 62 |
| McArthur Drive-Bethel: | | | | |
| Bridenthal | 6 | 6 | 2 | 14*** |
| Mayflower Chg.:Armstrong | | 4 | | 4 |
| Morrilton:Spence | 16 | 112 | 3 | 131** |
| Morrilton Ct.:Mooney | 9 | 25 | | 34** |
| North Little Rock-Amboy: | | | | |
| Kennedy | 18 | 62 | | 80** |
| First:Conyers | 36 | 109 | 5 | 151 |
| Rose City-Beacon:Mitchell | 9 | 13 | 2 | 201** |
| Lakewood:Hays | 30 | 60 | | 90 |
| Levy:Hammett | 25 | 47 | | 72 |
| Sylvan Hills:Keith | 4 | 13 | | 17 |
| Washington Ave :Poyner | 4 | 42 | | 46 |
| Indian Hills:Teague | 7 | 13 | | 20 |
| Ola-Plainview:Crossno | 2 | 33 | 1 | 36 |
| Perryville:Madison | 10 | 23 | | 33** |
| Oppelo:Jackson | 6 | 16 | | 22 |

FEBRUARY 25, 1971

Eudora pastor revealed as author of controversial book

The identity of "Pastor X," author of **How to Murder a Minister** published by Fleming H. Revell Co., has now been revealed by the publisher. He is the Rev. Merle Allison Johnson, Jr., former Baptist minister who is a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference serving Scott Memorial United Methodist Church, Eudora.

Mr. Johnson received national press coverage in 1968 when his church and three others were at the center of a controversy in the Arkansas Baptist State Convention for permitting Christians other than Baptists to take communion.

His book created quite a stir when

it first appeared last May, and more than 2,000 copies were sold in the first month of publication. The author was disturbed by what he saw happening in the modern church, and felt compelled to speak out. He gave his opinion as to why many men refuse to enter the pastorate and why many of those who are "in" drop out.

A graduate of Ouachita Baptist University and Southwestern Theological Seminary, Mr. Johnson became a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference last May after 20 years as an ordained Baptist minister related to the Southern Baptist Convention.

NORTH ARKANSAS CONFERENCE TEAM ATTENDS YOUTH MINISTRY WORKSHOP

Dr. Charles Casteel, pastor of Central Avenue United Methodist Church in Batesville, Chris Meyer, Youth Coordinator in Conway District Russellville First Church and Pam Brady, Youth Council, Danville, attended the Regional Workshop on Youth Ministry at Oklahoma City February 8-12.

The North Arkansas representatives met with the editors of Youth Materials and leaders of Youth Ministry from throughout the United Methodist Church to discover ways and means of strengthening Youth Ministry in the local churches of the Conference. Workshops will be arranged within the conferences to be followed with workshops at the local level in an effort to bring a more vital Christ-centered ministry to youth.

LITTLE ROCK MINISTER IS INJURED

The Rev. J. Ralph Sewell, minister to students at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock and pastor of the Mountain View and Martindale churches, is in the intensive care unit at St. Vincent's Infirmary, Little Rock. He was injured in an automobile accident on Highway 10, Sunday morning, Feb. 21, while traveling between his two preaching appointments.

The drama of evangelism is intensified as more and more concerned Christians get into the act.

| | New | Renew | Not Due | Total |
|-------------------------|-----|-------|---------|-------|
| Plummerville:Lee | 2 | 21 | | 23 |
| Russellville:Ramsey | 20 | 50 | | 70 |
| Wesley:McKay | 4 | 9 | 1 | 14 |
| Dover:Harmon | 9 | 20 | | 29* |
| Tri-County Parish:Utley | | 2 | | 2 |
| Totals | 373 | 1122 | 33 | 1528 |

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|----|------|
| Bentonville:Lanier | 13 | 48 | 1 | 62 |
| Berryville:Stokes | 5 | 15 | | 20 |
| Brightwater:Welsh | | | | 5 |
| Elkins:Qualls | 1 | 4 | | 5 |
| Decatur-Centerton:Burrow | 1 | 27 | 1 | 29 |
| Elm Springs-Harmon:King | | | | 20 |
| Eureka Spgs:Whitfield | 4 | 16 | | 20 |
| Farmington-Sequoyah:Canada | 1 | 8 | | 9 |
| Fayetteville-Central:Cooper | 21 | 79 | 2 | 102 |
| Trinity:Dark | 1 | 12 | 1 | 14 |
| Wiggins:Hilliard | 9 | 21 | | 30 |
| Gentry:McClurkin | 7 | 17 | | 24 |
| Goshen:Hathcock | 3 | 1 | | 4 |
| Gravette-Sulphur Spgs:Brumer | 9 | 18 | 1 | 28 |
| Green Forest-Alpena:Moyer | 14 | 49 | | 63** |
| Harrison:Connell | 8 | 77 | | 85 |
| St. Paul:McCammon | 5 | 25 | | 30 |
| Lincoln-Morrow:Woods | 6 | 33 | 3 | 42 |
| Huntsville:Hooker | 6 | 25 | | 31 |
| Jasper:Rolland | 8 | 16 | | 24 |
| Omaha-Bergman:Brown | 1 | 1 | | 2 |
| Pea Ridge:Rentfro | | 10 | | 10 |
| Prairie Grove-Viney Grove:Paysinger | | | | 86 |
| Rogers-Central:McDonald | 21 | 62 | 3 | 86 |
| Siloam Springs:McCormick | 8 | 44 | 3 | 55 |
| Springdale:Atchley | 5 | 106 | 5 | 116 |
| Wesley-Mt. Hebron:Fiser | 21 | 32 | | 53 |
| Harrison-St. Joe-Everton:Beck | | | | 4 |
| Winslow:Biazo | | 4 | | 23 |
| Yellville Parish:Hays | 2 | 20 | 1 | |
| Totals | 180 | 770 | 21 | 971 |

FORREST CITY DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----|---|---------|
| Aubrey-Lexa:Reed | 2 | 19 | | 21 |
| Augusta:Wilson | 9 | 34 | 2 | 45 |
| Brinkley:Stallcup | 6 | 43 | | 49 |
| Clarendon:Brumer | 3 | 45 | | 48 |
| Cherry Valley:Price | 7 | 46 | 1 | 54* |
| Colt Ct.:Davis | 6 | 14 | | 20 |
| Cotton Plant-Hunter:Logan | 6 | 39 | 1 | 46 |
| Crawfordsville:Smith | 4 | 19 | | 23** |
| Earle:Wilson | 4 | 28 | | 32 |
| Elaine:Breazeale | 1 | 10 | | 11 |
| Forrest City:McSpadden | 11 | 323 | | 334**** |
| Forrest Hills:Robison | 7 | 5 | | 12* |
| Helena:Beal | 12 | 47 | | 59 |
| Holly Grove:Lancaster | | 21 | | 21 |
| Hughes:Sanford | 1 | 16 | | 17 |
| DeView | | | | 61 |
| Marianna:Parsons | 4 | 57 | | 114**** |
| Marion:Douglas | 4 | 110 | | 14 |
| Marvell:Eaton | 2 | 12 | | 66 |
| McCrory:Brewer | 5 | 61 | | 41* |
| Parkin:Anderson | | | | 34 |
| Vandale:Nance | 4 | 37 | | 164** |
| West Helena:Halton | 5 | 28 | 1 | 1 |
| West Memphis:Burleson | 44 | 120 | | 40** |
| Rosewood:Linam | | 1 | | |
| Wheatley:Nichols | 4 | 36 | | |

| | New | Renew | Not Due | Total |
|--------------------------|-----|-------|---------|-------|
| Widener-Round Pond:Hutto | | 20 | | 20 |
| Wynne:Golden | 21 | 77 | 1 | 99 |
| Totals | 172 | 1268 | 6 | 1446 |

FORT SMITH DISTRICT

| | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|------|----|----------|
| Altus Parish:Wright | 1 | 18 | 1 | 20 |
| Alma-Bethel:Rogers | 3 | 21 | | 24 |
| Booneville:Carter | 8 | 61 | 2 | 71 |
| Charleston-Branch:Hazelwood | 5 | 35 | | 40 |
| Clarksville:Wilcox | 1 | 72 | 3 | 76 |
| Ft. Smith-First:Bayliss | | 1270 | | 1270**** |
| Goddard:Richards | 62 | 185 | | 247** |
| Wyatt:Weir | 16 | 41 | 2 | 59** |
| Hendrix Hills:Holliis | 1 | 8 | | 9 |
| Massard:Skelton | 1 | 16 | | 17 |
| Midland Hts:Cruce | 3 | 42 | | 45 |
| Wesley:Green | 10 | 19 | | 29 |
| St. Paul:McKelvey | 13 | 55 | | 68 |
| Cavanaugh:Powell | 6 | 6 | 2 | 14 |
| Greenwood-Milltown:Evans | 9 | 16 | 1 | 26 |
| Hartford:Glover | 4 | 12 | 2 | 18 |
| Hartman:Matthews | | 25 | | 25 |
| New Hope-Kibler:Good | | 8 | | 8 |
| Lamar-Mt. Olive:Wilson | | | | |
| Lavaca:Chaffin | 10 | 16 | | 26 |
| Magazine:Nicholson | | | | |
| Mansfield:Holland | 4 | 18 | | 22 |
| Mt. View:Byrd | 3 | 14 | 1 | 18 |
| Mulberry-Dyer:Millard | 3 | 22 | | 25 |
| Ozark-Cecil:Anderson | 5 | 21 | | 26 |
| Paris-Coles Chapel:Hightower | 4 | 40 | | 44 |
| Prairie View Ct.:Sutherland | 1 | 13 | 1 | 15 |
| Van Buren:Chapman | 12 | 34 | | 46 |
| City Hts-Newberry:Lloyd | 2 | 18 | | 20* |
| St. John's:Cleary | 12 | 21 | | 33 |
| Waldron:Clemmons | 5 | 45 | | 50** |
| Scott County Parish:Kleeb | 2 | 25 | | 27 |
| Totals | 206 | 2197 | 13 | 2416 |

JONESBORO DISTRICT

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| Bay-Lunsford:Waters | 5 | 29 | 1 | 35 |
| Caraway-BlackOak:West | 2 | 27 | | 29 |
| Blytheville:Keeley | 45 | 427 | 29 | 501**** |
| Lake Street:Johnson | 17 | 24 | | 41 |
| Dell-Christ:Wilkinson | 3 | 5 | | 8 |
| Bono Parish:Spurlock | 11 | 25 | | 36 |
| Harrisburg-Pi. Valley:Orr | 17 | 72 | 1 | 90** |
| Hickory Ridge:Dorman | 6 | 24 | | 30 |
| Joiner-Turrell-Gilmore:Feagan | 4 | 40 | 1 | 45 |
| Jonesboro:Gibson | 24 | 497 | | 501**** |
| Huntington:Byers | 14 | 51 | | 65 |
| Fisher:Holifield | 25 | 41 | 1 | 67** |
| Nettleton-Brookland:Lawrence | 6 | 23 | | 29 |
| St. Paul-Mt. Carmel:Byrum | 5 | 7 | 3 | 15 |
| Lake City-Lake View:Kirkland | | 16 | | 16 |
| Leachville:Weatherford | 2 | 17 | | 19 |
| Lepanto-GardenPt.-Dyess:Van Cleve | 4 | 25 | | 29 |
| Luxora-Keiser:Lawson | 7 | 22 | 1 | 30 |
| Manila:Dorman | 9 | 33 | | 42 |
| Marked Tree:Wilder | 16 | 67 | 1 | 84** |
| Monette-Macy:Pettit | 8 | 17 | 2 | 27 |
| Osceola:Sorrells | 12 | 51 | 1 | 64 |
| Trumann:Thompson | 1 | 24 | | 25 |
| Tyroneza-Centerview:Yarbrough | | | | |
| Wilson:Linam | 4 | 32 | | 36 |
| Weiner-Fisher:Lee | 5 | 17 | | 22 |
| Promised Land:Kirkland | 3 | 6 | | 41** |
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| Pi. Valley:Anderson | 3 | 2 | | 5 |
| Yarbro:Hall | 4 | 10 | | 14 |
| Totals | 266 | 1648 | 41 | 1955 |

PARAGOULD DISTRICT

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|---------------------------------|-----|-----|----|-------|
| Beech Grove-Gainsville:Holland | 10 | 27 | | 37 |
| Black Rock:Sellers | 2 | 22 | | 24 |
| Boydsville Ct.:Penney | 3 | 25 | 1 | 29 |
| Corning:Clark | 24 | 29 | | 53 |
| Hurricane:Thompson | 1 | 4 | | 5 |
| Hardy:Hall | 20 | 6 | 1 | 27* |
| Hoxie:Gilliam | 2 | 20 | | 22 |
| Imboden-Smithville:Stahl | 7 | 24 | | 31* |
| Eli Lindsey:Watson | | 3 | | 3 |
| Mammoth Spring:Jackson | | 4 | | 4 |
| Marmaduke:Reed | 4 | 36 | | 40 |
| Maynard:Kemp | | 9 | | 9 |
| Newport:Conyers | 13 | 49 | 2 | 64 |
| Umsted:Strayhorn | 3 | 20 | | 23 |
| Paragould:Bridwell | 34 | 68 | 5 | 107 |
| Griffin:Gatlin | 11 | 33 | | 44 |
| Paragould Parish No 1:Bain | 5 | 27 | | 32 |
| Paragould Parish No 2:Southard | | | | |
| Paragould Parish No 3:Parmenter | 9 | 8 | | 17 |
| Pocahontas-Biggers:Chandler | 15 | 39 | 2 | 56 |
| Piggott:Harris | 6 | 32 | | 38 |
| Ravenden Spgs:Weatherford | 1 | 5 | 1 | 7 |
| Rector:Couchman | 4 | 35 | 1 | 40 |
| Pi. Grove:McLester | 12 | 7 | 1 | 20*** |
| Sedgwick:Brumer | 4 | 20 | | 24 |
| St. Francis:Piercy | 12 | 24 | | 36*** |
| Swifton-Alicia:Luter | 7 | 36 | | 43** |
| Tuckerman:Randle | 2 | 14 | | 16 |
| Walnut Ridge:Meadors | 4 | 39 | | 43 |
| Cherokee Village:Dodgen | | 13 | | 13 |
| Dean-Old Walnut Ridge:Hance | 5 | 1 | | 6** |
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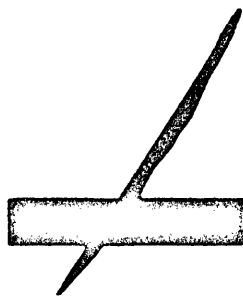
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1971 ARKANSAS METHODIST CAMPAIGN

| DISTRICT | New | Renew | Not Due | Total | Quota | Per Cent |
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| Jonesboro | 266 | 1648 | 41 | 1955 | 1824 | 107 |
| Monticello | 133 | 1009 | 5 | 1147 | 1124 | 102 |
| Fort Smith | 206 | 2197 | 13 | 2416 | 2468 | 98 |
| Pine Bluff | 227 | 1184 | 9 | 1420 | 1700 | 84 |
| Forrest City | 172 | 1268 | 6 | 1423 | 1775 | 80 |
| Hope | 189 | 983 | 12 | 1184 | 1517 | 78 |
| Camden | 273 | 1361 | 20 | 1654 | 2193 | 76 |
| Little Rock | 374 | 2223 | 17 | 2614 | 3604 | 73 |
| Conway | 373 | 1122 | 33 | 1528 | 2296 | 67 |
| Batesville | 264 | 890 | 19 | 1173 | 1849 | 63 |
| Paragould | 215 | 683 | 15 | 913 | 1487 | 61 |
| Arkadelphia | 169 | 584 | 23 | 776 | 1440 | 54 |
| Fayetteville | 180 | 770 | 21 | 971 | 1960 | 49 |
| Total | 3041 | 15922 | 234 | 19174 | | |

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MARCH 7: Living by the Law of Love

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 12:28-34;
Luke 10:25-37

MEMORY SELECTION: Owe no one anything, except to love one another; for he who loves his neighbor has fulfilled the law. (Romans 13:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To gain an understanding of what Jesus meant by the word "neighbor"; to help those in the class appreciate the many challenges of our day for Christians to become involved.

There is a certain similarity concerning the introduction to last week's lesson and this one. Scripture text for both tell of persons in Jesus' audience raising questions about inheritance. Last week a man asked him to intervene in a family dispute about an inheritance of money. This week we read that "a lawyer stood up to put him to the test, saying, 'Teacher, what shall I do to inherit eternal life?'" Although the questions were poles apart, this served the purpose of setting the stage for the teaching of another great Christian truth by means of a parable.

Today we are thinking about the story of the good Samaritan and all that it has to say to us about love, neighborliness, and involvement. Someone has said that the Old Testament and the New Testament meet at their highest point in this lesson. What is meant is that the Law and the Prophets are seen as coming together in the Great Commandment.

People today find it difficult to even include the word "neighbor" in their vocabularies. We read a newspaper account of the recent Los Angeles earthquake in which the reporter described his personal experience of being thrown out of bed by the quake and then quickly joining his neighbors on the street as they fled their homes. He said that one man who had lived near him for six months without meeting him offered to turn off the valves to the gas system running into his house. During ordinary days there had been no sense of being neighbors, but in the emergency of the earthquake there was a fellow-feeling which warmed the hearts of all concerned.

Although we do not all experience a similar emergency, who can deny that we do live under the continuing uneasiness which today's world fosters? In such conditions we dare not concern ourselves with "business as usual," but must listen to the voices which call us to be involved in mission where there is need. The story of the good Samaritan speaks to that very point, and so today's lesson should prove to be an exciting and meaningful one for all of us.

The churches and individual Christians have been criticized lately for failing to fulfill the social implications of the Gospel. Others fail to see any connection between a personal experience or religion and the social implications of the needs of people in all parts of the world. Too many of us can pass right by extreme examples of need and act as though we do not see them. We have all been shocked by the story of 39 people in a respectable section of New York City who were witnesses to a gruesome murder of a woman who was crying out for someone to help her—and no one so much as even lifted a phone to call the police. Jesus speaks to people who can do a thing like that in this lesson. If we can hear him there is still some hope for us.

"WHAT MUST I DO TO INHERIT ETERNAL LIFE?"

Commentators do not seem to agree as to whether the man who asked the question about inheriting eternal life was seriously looking for an answer. He may have been one of those who were often in Jesus' audience with no other purpose than

that of trapping him into saying things that would destroy him. Luke does tell us that the lawyer stood up "to put him to the test."

You will remember that similar stories are found in Luke 18 and Mark 10. In those passages a young man asks the same question, "What must I do to inherit eternal life?" The question on this occasion was asked by one who was learned in the Jewish law. Dr. George Buttrick feels that we should give the man credit for being serious about his question. Like honest seekers in every age, he is concerned about his own destiny and feels that Jesus is one who can help him. So often we are not as patient as Jesus was in dealing with those who come to us with serious questions about spiritual realities. This is particularly true about those who have adopted differing life styles from our own, and whose words for expressing religious truths are not the ones we have come to think of as traditional.

At the 1968 General Conference Dr. Harold Bosley told of a young man of the "hippie" generation who dropped into his fashionable Fifth Avenue United Methodist Church just to look around and see if he could discover anything that the church was doing which might communicate with his need. Dr. Bosley confessed that he found it difficult to talk to the young man and doubted that he gave him much to carry with him from the interview. Jesus was never at a loss for words in such a situation, and we are indebted to him for the story he told the young lawyer.

THE PARABLE

The parable of the good Samaritan has been called the most familiar section of the Gospel of Luke. There is no doubt that it was the most effective manner in which Jesus could have illustrated his answer to the question "And who is my neighbor?"

When the young lawyer questioned him about inheriting eternal life, he was in turn questioned about his own understanding of the meaning of the Law. The reply he gave was a combination of two Old Testament passages—Deuteronomy 6:4, known as "the Shema" and Leviticus 19:18—which concluded with the admonition to love your neighbor as yourself. When Jesus told him his answer was right, the man then asked, "And who is my neighbor?"

Jesus then related the story of the man who was attacked by robbers while traveling to Jericho. Left half-dead along the road, he was ignored by a priest and a Levite. Finally a Samaritan came along and gave him first aid and carried him to an inn where he saw that he was cared for and left money to provide for him until he was able to travel. At the conclusion of the story Jesus made the lawyer answer his own question saying, "Which of the three, do you think proved neighbor to the man who fell among the robbers?" He said, "The one who showed mercy on him." And Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

There are a number of things to be seen in this story. The first is that in that day the Jew did not regard a Gentile as a neighbor. The law forbade him to lift up his hand against his neighbor, but a "stranger" was not a neighbor. In the light of this definition, Jesus made the hero of this story a Samaritan — one who a half-breed, of a race which the Jews counted religiously in disrepute and with whom they had no dealings. As a matter of fact the Jewish traveler in Jesus' day would not even go through Samaria, but was willing to take a long detour to avoid it.

JESUS AND THE SAMARITANS

Although the background of the hostility between the Jews and the Samaritans is not altogether clear, we do know that Jesus used every possible occasion to attempt reconciliation between the groups.

It is generally believed that the Samaritans be-

came a mixed race, after the overthrow of the "northern kingdom" by the intermarriage of the unexiled Israelites with the conquering Assyrians. This was a case of collaborating with an occupying army. The alienation reached its peak in the 4th Century B.C. with the establishment of a Samaritan temple and the consequent downgrading of the temple in Jerusalem.

Starting with the fact that the Samaritan was of a mixed race and worshipped God in the wrong place, the two groups took every possible opportunity to fan the fires of hostility. The result was perhaps the worst example of racial prejudice the world has ever known. Racism has long been one of the great dividers of people with other minorities being substituted for the Samaritan when they have in some way threatened the majority in all parts of the world.

In contrast to the man who extended a helping hand the priest and the Levite seem monstrous in their conduct, but we need to take a long look at them before we are too critical. Can we be sure that we would never play their part?

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Like the young lawyer, men have always thought they had quick answers concerning those to whom they are willing to show compassion. "Who is my neighbor?" Nearness does not make neighborliness. The priest and Levite were near both by race and by office, and the Samaritan was so remote. People may live next to each other for years and yet not be neighbors.

Surely Jesus was speaking to his own disciples as much as to the young lawyer. He knew that they needed to see their own sins of prejudice and legalism as much as he did. He wanted to show that neighborliness must move beyond the restrictions of race and ritual law. He used the figure of the priest to show that official religionists can sometimes be so absorbed in their church responsibilities that they overlook completely the human need and suffering very close at hand. He used the Levite to represent a layman with great loyalty to the church who fails to respond to suffering and prejudice all around him.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "The question, however was—and is—a good one. Who is my neighbor? Whom shall I include in the circle of Christian love? To the Jews in Jesus' day the Samaritans and the Romans were not considered as neighbors who were to be loved . . . Racism is one of the leading evils in our day, too. Jews, Negroes, Japanese, Puerto Ricans, American Indians, and others are the objects of persecution in various areas of the country where they constitute minority groups that threaten the majority. It has always been so, but this does not justify such action in the light of the gospel."

"Who is my neighbor?" asked the lawyer. This is a question we need to raise continually in our modern world.

LOVING YOUR NEIGHBOR AS YOURSELF

In the first part of the lesson the lawyer responded to Jesus' question, "What is written in the law?" by saying one should love his neighbor as himself. He was being very practical as he quoted from the Old Testament. Dr. John Knox says: "When we are asked to love our neighbors, we are required to love them not vaguely or emotionally, but in a very definite, practical and realistic way."

It is really how we regard ourselves that determines the kind of love and understanding we show for our neighbors. The priest and the Levite were very narrow in their concept of their own importance, and the wounded man along the road just did not measure up as a human being of great consequence. The Samaritan on the other hand could forget that he was a member of a despised group. Seeing himself as just a human being, he had no trouble in understanding that here was another man who needed help.

It is the absence of an understanding of basic humanity that is the root of so many of our problems in human relations. Until we learn by the grace of God to live like neighbors, compassionately concerned for each other, we cannot hope for conditions to improve. We thank God, however, for many modern examples of the good Samaritan through whose efforts barriers are continually falling.

'SERVE'

SPOKANE, Wash. (UMI) — If the Rev. S. Raynor Smith wondered why so many youth slept through his sermon at Central United Methodist Church here January 31, there really was a reason—they had just completed a marathon 21½-hour volleyball game to raise more than \$700 for Huston-Tillotson College in Austin, Texas, and the Race Relations Sunday offering.

Rick Beeman, 17-year-old vice-president of Spokane District youth, said the project was decided upon as an unusual way to raise funds they didn't have themselves. The 100 youth took pledges from members of their churches for points scored in the game and hoped to raise \$300 in a 24-hour game beginning at 10 a.m. January 30.

By early Sunday morning, the weary team members had scored 2,356 points and raised \$706.80. They called it quits, ate breakfast and attended the service at Central Church where the game had been held.

UMs/Presbyterians in joint radio and TV series

NEW YORK (RNS) — A new series of television spots based on the life and teachings of Jesus has been announced here by broadcast units of the United Methodist and United Presbyterian Churches.

The one-minute spots will be followed by joint radio and television specials, syndicated articles, popular music and a book, "The Jesus Story."

"It is not our purpose to start a 'Jesus cult' or to emphasize the personality of Jesus, but to reveal a man through whom God's word came to us," said Charles Brackbill, association chairman of mass media programming for the United Presbyterian Church.

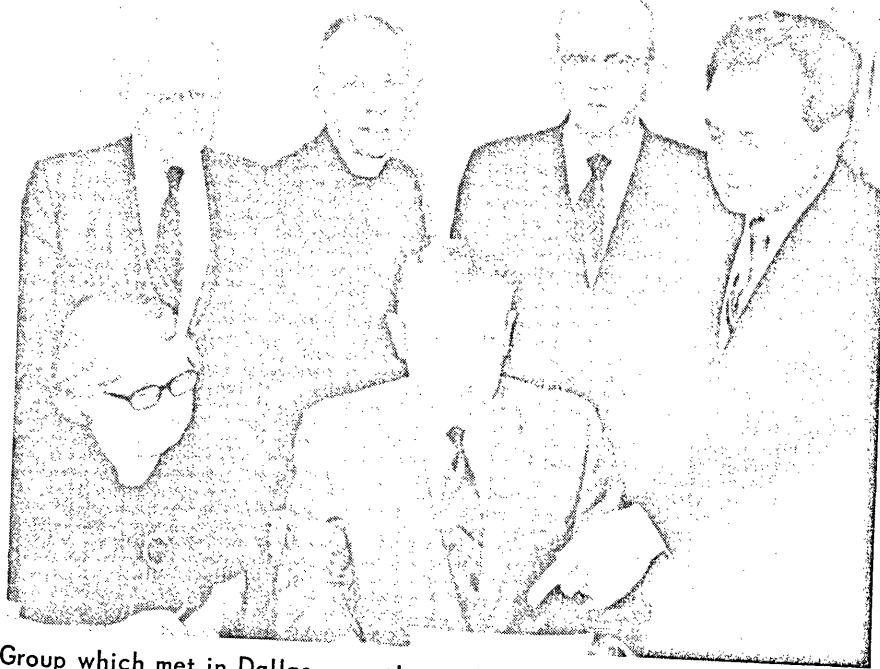
Mr. Brackbill's agency took major responsibility for producing the Jesus announcements. Last year, the United Methodist Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAF-CO) produced "Survival in the 70's" for the two denominations and other church-related broadcast units.

"The TV spots on Jesus are dramatic and compelling," said Nelson Price, a TRAF-CO executive. "Jesus is angry, forceful, human, understanding, gentle. He speaks with the authority of truth and a sure knowledge of God's love. The messages are not explained, not embellished. The 'Word' is presented in its directness and its strength."

The producers expect the messages to be interpreted in different ways, just as Jesus was not heard in the same way by people of his time, Mr. Price noted.

TV spots were filmed in Israel, with Tim Hardy, a British actor, portraying Jesus. Conceived and written by Mr. Brackbill and Robert Thomson of the United Presbyterian media staff, the announcements were shot by EUE/Screen Gems.

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Group which met in Dallas recently to plan for Ecumenical Seminar/Workshop for Ministry with Persons in Leisure. FROM LEFT (standing): Dr. Marvin Judy, Perkins Seminary, S.M.U.; the Rev. Tom Arney, Lake Texoma United Ministry; the Rev. Virgil Morris, executive secretary of the South Central Jurisdiction of the UM Church, and Dr. Roy D. Holt, Disciples of Christ executive in Texas. (Seated): Miss Betty Whittaker, National Council of Churches, and the Rev. Melvin West, Office of Creative Ministries, Columbia, Mo.

Seminar/Workshop planned for Ministry with Persons in Leisure

Leaders of several denominations met in Dallas, Texas, to plan what appears to be an "ideal" church meeting—one held in a natural scenic spot during an ideal time of the year, and with "built in" time for leisure activities. The meeting is to be called "The Mid-West Ecumenical Seminar/Workshop for Ministry with Persons in Leisure." The seminar/workshop will begin the evening of September 27, and close at noon on September 30, 1971. The Holiday Inn at Lake Ozark, Mo., will serve as headquarters.

The goal of the meeting is "To broaden the church's involvement in its ministry with persons in leisure, by understanding the needs, exploring the potential, and developing the skills." Sessions will deal with persons in many kinds of leisure, such as retired, the tourist, the under-employed, the "week-end", the confined, and youth during semester breaks.

Morning sessions will present top-notch speakers and panels dealing with

the sociology, psychology, theology and philosophy of leisure. Afternoon sessions will allow participants to be involved in a number of workshops dealing with such as lake ministries, beach ministries, ministries with the retired, coffee houses, race track and drag strip ministries, air terminal ministries, and the use of volunteers.

Evening sessions will allow the participants to take part in such activities as a vesper cruise, a coffee house session, a drama presentation, movie-dialogue, etc. . .

The seminar will attract local pastors, program directors, executives, and laymen from a wide range of denominations. Special workshops will deal with staffing, financing, and strategy for developing special ministries. The meeting is being co-sponsored by denominations and church councils from several mid-western states.

Chairman for the meeting is the Rev. Melvin West, Box 733, Columbia, Missouri.

Summer urban exchange program planned

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — Plans for a four-week urban exchange program this summer in three cities have been announced by the Black Youth-Young Adult Action Task Force (BYYATF) of the United Methodist Church.

The program, which will involve 25 youth from each site in a work-shared experience, will be centered in Philadelphia, Charleston, South Carolina, and Tuscaloosa, Alabama.

It involves a rotation system in which personnel will move from place to place, sharing their experiences and working together.

The BYYATF has been funded to the extent of \$75,000 by the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries.

Group aims at "Key '73" evangelism effort

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A group of 25 United Methodists representing young persons and adults, clergy and laity, men and women, and several ethnic groups met here February 11 to brainstorm possibilities for involvement in a North American evangelism movement known as "Key 73."

Key 73 began in 1967 with a consultation of "evangelical Christians" in Arlington, Va. Participation in the meetings, which became known as "Key Bridge Consultations," soon broadened and in 1970 Key 73 was officially launched. The cooperative umbrella of the movement was raised to include a wide variety of Protestant denominations and evangelism-oriented groups.

As many as 100 groups, with possible Roman Catholic and Orthodox representation, are expected to participate in the movement leading up to and during the year 1973.

UPPER ROOM to publish new devotional magazine

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — *Alive!*, a new quarterly devotional magazine in contemporary design and beamed at no specific age group but more toward a person's theological perception, will be tested this spring by The Upper Room, an interdenominational ministry related to the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

Two hundred thousand copies of a test issue of *Alive!* will be released, according to Dr. Wilson O. Weldon, editor, to see if it meets the needs of an audience not reached by traditional devotional guides such as *The Upper Room*.

"We see *Alive!* as an expansion, not competition, for *The Upper Room*," Dr. Weldon explained.

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Annual MEF goal set at \$8¼ million

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Receipts from United Methodist churches for the first year of a nationwide Ministerial Education Fund (MEF) exceeded \$4,750,000 in 1970, according to Dr. Gerald O. McCulloh, head of the United Methodist Department of the Ministry.

The Ministerial Education Fund provides funding for the United Methodist theological schools and the Boards of the Ministry in annual (regional) conferences. In 1970 the annual conferences retained 25 per cent of the money raised (approximately \$1,191,000) for recruitment, scholarships, loans, and continuing education. The major amount (75 per cent) is distributed by the Department of the Ministry for current educational expenses of the 14 United Methodist theological schools and for other educational needs of the ministry. The annual goal for UEF has been set at \$8,250,000.

The MEF program was adopted by the 1968 General Conference following an intensive study by a 14-member committee headed by Bishop Fred G. Holloway, now retired.

The cost of theological education has been increasing 10 per cent each year, he said, having risen to more than \$12,500,000 annually for the 14 United Methodist schools.

Of the nearly 5,000 United Methodists now attending theological

schools, 3,500 are attending United Methodist institutions. Four of the 14 seminaries are located in the North Central Jurisdiction; three each in the Southeastern and Northeastern Jurisdictions; and two each in the Western and South Central Jurisdictions.

For 1970, the first year for MEF, the annual conferences were apportioned an amount equal to two per cent of the total paid for all purposes by the churches in the third year of the previous quadrennium (1966-67) excluding payments to World Service, conference benevolences, advance specials, new building, and the servicing of debts.

Action deferred on use of Washington site

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — After intensive discussion in a meeting on February 8, The Methodist Corporation deferred a decision on what to recommend to the 1972 General Conference as to use of a tract in northwestern Washington.

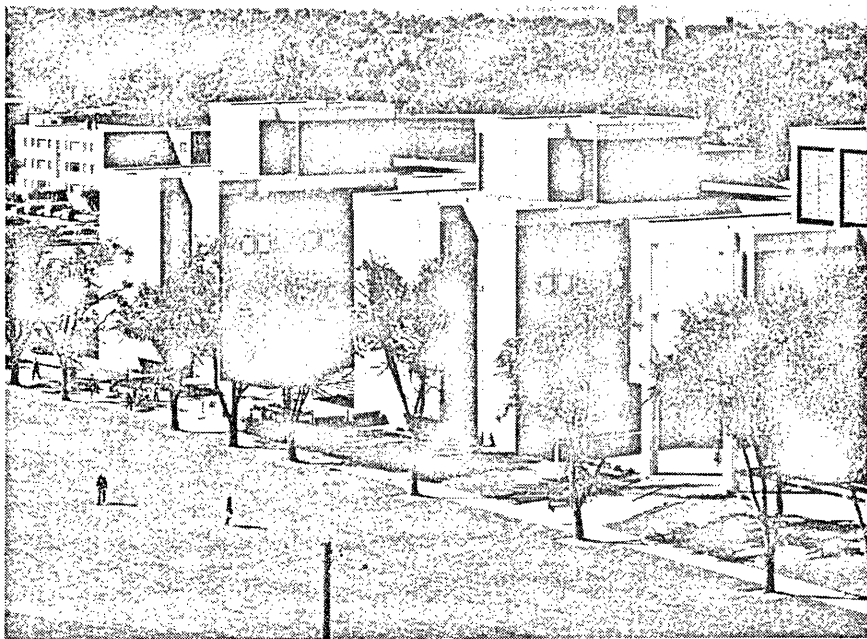
The 28-member body tentatively accepted a site plan presented by an architectural firm, but decided that other alternatives for site use should be considered.

Agreeing that use of the debt-free 11.8-acre tract would undoubtedly involve future development plans of neighboring American University, the Corporation appointed four of its members to further explore common concerns and relationships with the university.

With Bishop John Wesley Lord in the chair as Corporation president, the agency looked at preliminary sketches of one possible site use. The presentation stimulated considerable discussion of the proposal and related issues.

Among questions and concerns voiced during the meeting were the following: the church has other priorities and is not interested in putting up more buildings for the sake of buildings; the money that would be spent on site development is needed in other fields; the Corporation needs to examine more alternatives for site use; any building plans predicated on occupation by existing church agencies are unrealistic in the light of the Structure Study Commission and the possibilities for restructuring. One comment was, "We can't expect any agency to make a commitment on location when it doesn't know if it will exist after General Conference."

Originally bought for \$1,500,000 by the former Methodist Board of Temperance, the property has been paid for principally from World Service and annual conference contributions. Cleared of debt in 1967, the tract has been reduced in size from the original 19 acres by the sale of parcels to the National Presbyterian Center, Metropolitan Memorial United Methodist Church and the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns. American University uses several acres for parking.



New general classroom building in the College of Business Administration Complex at the University of Denver, where the Twelfth World Methodist Conference will be held August 18-26, shown with foothill backdrop.

United Methodist news in brief

The Rev. Donald E. Barnes, minister of education at Spring Valley United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, has been elected chairman of the Christian Educators Fellowship, an international association of persons who have responsibility for local church educational ministries.

An annual Fellowship in Preaching grant will be given by the United Methodist Board of Education's Department of the Ministry in honor of the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer who had been chairman of the department from 1964 until his death earlier this year. The fellowship will go to a theological student committed to a parish ministry career.

The Rev. M. Eugene Mullikin, pastor of Highland Park United Methodist Church in Florence, S.C., since 1966, has been elected the new editor of the **South Carolina Methodist Advocate** succeeding the Rev. A. McKay Brabham, Jr., whose resignation will take effect in June.

About 300 persons attended the dedication of a rural health center on Johns Island, S.C., January 19 with Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of the Columbia (S.C.) Area giving the principal address. The United Methodist Church is closely related to the project through the Board of Missions' National Division.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

13. The Settlement of Ministers

For United Methodists the plan for the settlement or placement of ministers will be quite different from the current method of having appointments made for all churches at annual conference time.

The plan calls for a parish committee on ministerial relations that will approach the bishop of the district when there is a vacancy or when a replacement is desired. The procedure outlined says: "When the bishop, the district committee on ministerial relations, and the parish committee concur upon a minister and the nominee himself agrees that his name may be submitted, the parish committee shall propose the name of the nominee to a special meeting of the parish called to receive the nomination."

If the parish does not call the minister nominated, the committee is to seek another name and the procedure will be repeated. If the vacancy is not filled within six months, the bishop may, with the concurrence of the district committee on ministerial relations, appoint a minister to fill the position for not more than twelve months or until a successor is elected.

Even though no vacancy occurs by death, illness, retirement, resignation, or other cause, the question of a change may be raised by the minister himself, the parish committee, the district committee, or the bishop of the district. The ministerial relation may be dissolved only after careful consultation with all parties with the concurrence of the bishop, the district committee, and either the minister himself or the parish committee.

When a minister has been elected by the parish, an invitation shall be extended in writing by the bishop indicating his concurrence and that of the district committee. If he lives in another district the invitation shall go through the bishop of that district. The nominee may accept by endorsing the invitation and return it with a statement from his bishop certifying that he is an ordained minister of the united church in good standing.

There is an interesting statement in the final paragraph of the section on "The Settlement of Ministers," stating that all ministers in good standing at the time of union who participate in the Service of Inauguration shall be recognized as ministers in the united church. It also states that the union shall not deny or abridge any contractual right or privilege to which a minister was entitled by reason of his ministerial standing in the former church. It will be interesting to speculate on how this plan of appointment would affect the current rights of a United Methodist minister to have an appointment at all times.

The section states that a minimum salary is to be assured to every ordained minister who elects to become a full-time minister of the united church. However, it is not perfectly clear to this writer how such a minister could have any assurance of full-time employment. Nothing is said here about pension rights in the united church.

World Day of Prayer to be observed March 5

World Day of Prayer is to be observed in 1971 on March 5 in 155 countries by 25,000 women and children's groups throughout the world. This is the 84th observance of this World Day of Prayer celebration and the theme for this year is . . . "New Life Awaits." This is an Interdenominational effort seeking to make visible their unity in Christ.

This ever-widening celebration helps meet the needs of people at home and overseas. It will benefit the following home missions . . . aid American Indians and Spanish-Speaking peoples . . . help send representative farm workers to policy-making meetings . . . support health services in Freedom City . . . aid National Parks in a year-round ministry . . . aid internships . . . leadership training, home-making and other related subjects . . . missions for overseas countries will be helped in building self-help projects . . . in the Dominican and Windward Islands . . . a seminary in Djakarta . . . reading and educational material for Africa and Asia . . . subsidize children and women's books and magazines in Korea, India, Argentina, and Mexico . . . rendering emergency aid to devastated areas at home and abroad.

CENTRAL ARKANSAS CWU OBSERVANCES SCHEDULED

Mrs. Claiborne Patty, chairman of the World Day of Prayer Committee for the Central Arkansas area, announces services to be held in the following churches:

Christ Episcopal, 509 Scott St., Little Rock, 10 a.m.;

Lakewood United Methodist, Fairway Avenue at Topf Rd., North Little Rock, 10 a.m.

Mt. Sinai Christian, 522 Hickory, North Little Rock, 7:30 p.m.

Parkview Christian, 9300 Geyer Springs Rd., Little Rock, 10 a.m.

Park Hill Christian, John F. Kennedy Blvd., Idlewild St., North Little Rock, 6 p.m.

Pulaski Heights Presbyterian, 4401 Woodlawn, Little Rock, 10 a.m.

Business Women's CWU schedules dinner

Mrs. Francis Bing, president of the Business Women's group of Church Women United, has announced that a dinner meeting will be held on the World Day of Prayer, March 5, at the Park Hill Christian Church, John F. Kennedy and Idlewild Streets, North Little Rock, at 6:30 p.m. Miss Florene Franklin, chairman of Ecumenical Celebrations, will have charge of the program. A mixed ensemble from Northeast High School in North Little Rock will present special music.

CAMP TANAKO NEEDS COOKS

Camp Tanako is now accepting applications for women cooks for the 1971 Camping Season, which runs from June through August. The camp is desiring cooks in two separate categories: 1) the regular weekly sessions, and 2) the week-end camps. The regular weekly sessions run from Monday noon through Friday noon and pay \$60 per week. The week-end camps run from Friday evening through Saturday noon; some will go through Sunday noon; week-end camps pay \$12 per day. There may also be opportunities for work in May and September for week-end cooks.

Personnel must provide their own transportation; the camp, however, will provide room and board, with a nice air-conditioned cottage and opportunities for fishing and swimming in free time. Those interested in an application blank should write to: Rev. Joe E. Arnold, Suite 920, 300 Spring Street Building, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201.

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WILLIAM A. BENGE

William A. Bengé, usher for more than 40 years at First United Methodist Church, Texarkana, and an honorary member of the Administrative Board of that church, died on February 1. The funeral service was conducted on February 3 by Dr. J. Ralph Hillis and the Rev. Edward Harris.

A resident of Texarkana for 85 years, Mr. Bengé was in the mercantile business in that city for more than 30 years and was later employed as paymaster for Day and Zimmerman. He served as chaplain of the local

United Commercial Travelers Association and of its Grand Council of the State of Arkansas. He was also active in the Four States Fair Association.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Pearl Bengé; a daughter, Miss Alice Bengé of Texarkana; a brother, Luther J. Bengé of New Boston, Tex.; and a number of nieces and nephews.

METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME of Arkansas

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

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by Glenn Tracy
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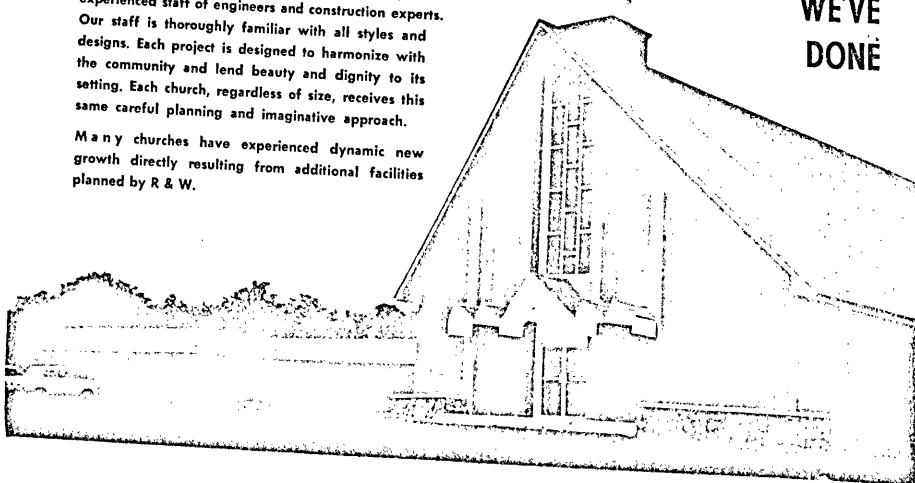
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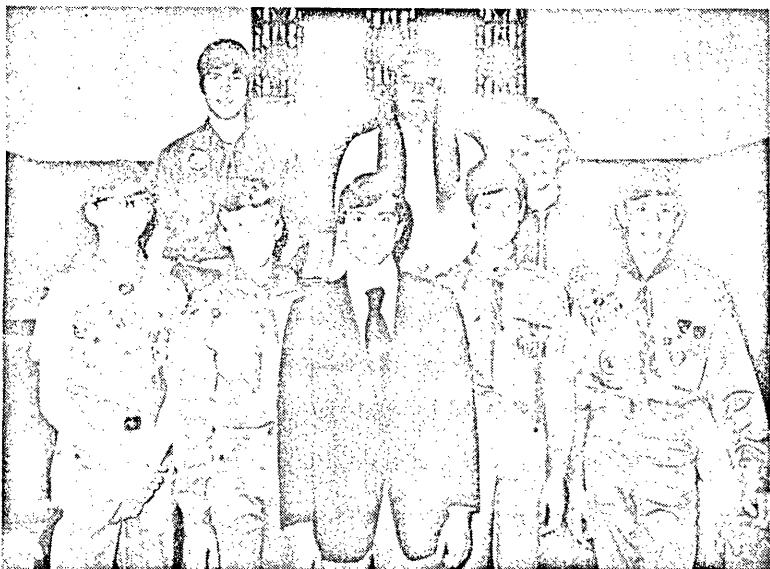
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Mike Morey (back row, left), an Eagle Scout and son of Mr. and Mrs. Don Morey at Oak Forest UM Church in Little Rock, brought the message at morning worship on Sunday, Feb. 7. The Rev. William A. Stewart, the minister is shown beside him. Receiving God and Country awards at the special service in observance of Boy Scout Week were: David L. McMahon (back row, right); FRONT ROW (l. to r.): Harold M. Grimsley, Jr., Glen Evan Dinsmore, Randall Gordon Watt, Ronnie Robert Stacks, Harry Lynn Dinsmore. (Parents of the young men include: Mr. and Mrs. Harold M. Grimsley, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Harry L. Dinsmore, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Watt, Mr. and Mrs. Basil Stacks, and Mr. and Mrs. O. L. McMahon.

STUDY GUIDE AUTHORED BY DR. CHRISTIE SCHEDULED FOR REPRINT

A study guide, "The Old Testament: The Way It Is," written by Dr. Francis Christie, Dean of the College at Hendrix College, is to be reprinted, according to Clifford E. Kolb, Jr. of the Division of Curriculum Resources of the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church. The guide, a booklet of 128 pages, was first published in 1969.

In communication with Dean Christie, Mr. Kolb stated that a part of this had been used in a lab school last summer and that "We had a very exciting time with it." The guide "sparked some real creativity among the students who produced some interesting television dramas and did some person to person contact in the city of Wilkes Barre, Pa. By the end of the week, the students began to see an exciting relevance in the message of the Old Testament and their life and times."

In the book Dean Christie develops the thesis that the most essential consideration is that the Old Testament be approached in terms of its development of religious ideas.

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HENDRIX BIOLOGY PROFESSOR EARNS PH.D. DEGREE

George Thomas Clark, Associate Professor of Biology at Hendrix College received his Doctor of Philosophy degree from the University of Arkansas at its mid-year commencement.

Dr. Clark holds the B.S. degree from Eastern Illinois University and the M.S. degree from the University of Michigan. He has been on the Hendrix faculty since 1962.

Prior to joining the Hendrix staff, Dr. Clark was engaged in livestock, grain, and tree farming in Charleston, Illinois. He received a Distinguished Service Award from the Coles County, Illinois Soil and Water Conservation District.

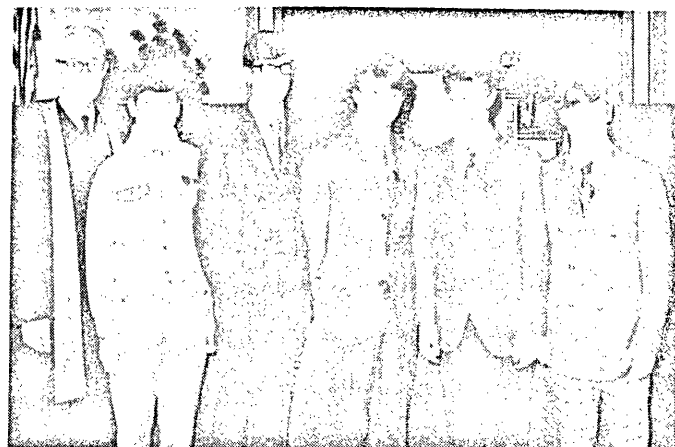
Dr. Clark is a member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences and the Arkansas Academy of Science. He is married to the former Natalie Williams. The Clark family with three teen-aged children, Nancy, Pat, and Holly, are members of First United Methodist Church in Conway.

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The Union County UMYF Sub-District annual Sweetheart Banquet held at First Church, El Dorado on Feb. 8, was climaxed with the election of Linda Artt as "Sweetheart" and Ricky Weaver as her attendant. Both are members of St. Paul UM Church in El Dorado. The program, presided over by Ricky Weaver as master of ceremonies, featured a handbell solo by Joyce Jackson, an original skit "Rom-e-ette and Julio," written by Robert Nolan, and a musical group known as Dolly Madison and the Cup Cakes.



The five young men pictured here with their pastor and counselor, the Rev. Arvill Brannon, were presented God and Country Awards at First United Methodist Church in Batesville, on Sunday, Feb. 14. The Scouts (l. to r.) are: Greg Golden, Blair Arnold, David Stevenson and Sammy Stokes. This achievement climaxed a year of study and service through the church where all are members.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

Many theologians and philosophers have recognized the thought-factor in achievement. It's based on Scripture . . . "As a man thinketh in his heart, so is he:" James Allen wrote, "The Vision that you glorify in your mind, the Ideal that you enthrone in your heart - this you will build your life by, this you will become."

ADORATION

My compassionate Master,
In His splendor divine,
I know He is with me,
I know He is mine.
With joy and loving confidence
I have courage to believe
His actions a masterpiece of love
That I daily receive.

He loves the whole of me
When myself I condemn,
In Him I find freedom of spirit,
Reassured and comforted in Him.
His is all-sufficient love,
Oh what joy divine,
As I look into His wonderful face
I know He is truly mine.

-by Lois P. Thomas

OUR SAVIOR

These are words about Jesus Christ, our Savior,
To remind us just what he can do;
Your life is empty and void without him;
Believe and trust in him; he's your friend, too.

He gives us strength when we falter;
He keeps the pathway so bright;
He is the Rock of Gibraltar;
He gives the blind man back his sight.

He is always near when we need him;
He hears our prayers when we pray;
He's the Prince of Peace, and he loves us;
He is the one we need each day.

He guides our steps and gives us courage;
He is by our side both day and night;
He will lead us out of the darkness
Into a life that is so bright.

He is our Savior and Redeemer;
He is the same to you and me;
He is our truth, our life and salvation,
And through his grace gives life eternally.

-by Margaret Yerton