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■ Two Life Members elected to Board

Hendrix trustees approve budget exceeding 2½ million dollars

The Board of Trustees of Hendrix College met at the College on Thursday, April 1, 1971 and approved the college's budget for 1971-1972 with expenditures totaling \$2,612,550. Income to meet these expenditures were listed as tuition and fees, endowment income and gifts. The budget projects that \$383,000 in gifts will be needed for the college to have a balanced budget.

In his report to the Board, Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president, said that the pace of change in higher education is rapidly accelerating—almost beyond the ability of some individuals and some institutions to cope with it. One of the dimensions of this accelerating change he said, is the rapidly deteriorating financial condition of many of the nation's colleges and universities, especially the private undergraduate college. In a recent report, the Carnegie Commission reported that about two-thirds of all United States colleges and universities are in financial difficulty or are headed for financial trouble.

Hendrix does not expect to have a

deficit in the foreseeable future, Dr. Shilling said. "In the midst of this deteriorating financial position by many colleges and universities, Hendrix is committed to a position of regional leadership in higher education in the 70's. While others are concerned about survival, we are as much concerned about quality," Shilling added.

In other action two new trustees were elected to membership of the Board. They are: the Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Conway and Conrad Teitell, senior member of the law firm of Prerau and Teitell of 280 Park Avenue, New York.

Alton B. Raney of Little Rock and B. T. Fooks of Camden were elected to life membership on the Board. Dr. John A. Bayliss of Fort Smith and Henry H. Henley of New York were elected to additional six year terms of membership.

Dr. Burvin C. Alread was named secretary of the Board, replacing J. Phil Bumpers who has resigned.

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Communications Workshop to be held in Conway

A Workshop on Training in Communications will be conducted for leaders of the North Arkansas Conference at First United Methodist Church, Conway, Wednesday, April 14, from 10:00 A.M. to 2:30 P.M.

The workshop is being planned and conducted by the Conference Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information, of which the Rev. Ben F. Jordan is the chairman. The coordinator for the program is Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist and Area Director of Methodist Information.

The district superintendents of the conference are being invited to participate along with one other person from each district. In addition, the members of the Conference Commis-

sion will be a part of the workshop.

The program will open with a discussion of "The Image of the Church" by a panel of Hendrix College students. The panel will include Jim and Nell Rorie of Conway, Bill Briant, Pine Bluff, editor of the Hendrix College Profile, and Eston Williams, Jr., president of the Hendrix College student body.

Other leaders for the day will include Paul Farris, Hendrix College faculty member and outstanding authority on photography, and Frank Robbins, publisher of the Conway Log Cabin Democrat. Mr. Farris will lead the workshop in a discussion of the criteria of good news pictures, and Mr. Robbins will deal with the church and its relationships with the secular press.

During the noon hour Mr. Jordan, who is a member of the General Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information of the United Meth-

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Arkansans invited to Consultation on Medicine and Religion

Resource leaders for the May 17 Consultation on Medicine and Religion at Methodist Hospital, Memphis, will be Dr. Wayne E. Oates, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., and Dr. Roger K. White, Director of Psychiatric and Psychological Services for the Tennessee Department of Correction.

Sponsored by the Hospital and the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of the Memphis Annual Conference, the theme of the Consultation will be: "When man begins to control his population he may be able to control other things." Arkansans are invited to participate.

The time of the meeting is 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Following the opening devotional led by Dr. Wayne A. Lamb, Paris District Superintendent, Dr. Oates and Dr. White will lead a discussion of the book "Who Shall Live," which received the 1970 Fam-

ily Life Special Citation for its "courageous exploration of some of the most pressing social needs of our time."

Between the morning and afternoon sessions the group will have lunch at Morrison's Cafeteria and be conducted on a tour of the Nursing School.

Subjects to be discussed during the afternoon session under the direction of the resource leaders are: "Specific Pastoral Situations Involving Birth Control," "Unwed Mothers," "Premarital Counseling," "Possible Abortions," "Caring for Families with Retarded Children," and "Adoption by Childless Parents."

There will be a \$5 registration fee for the Consultation, covering the cost of the study book and the noon meal. Registrations should be sent to Chaplain Hal R. Sessions, Jr., Methodist Hospital, 1265 Union Avenue, Memphis, Tenn. 38104.

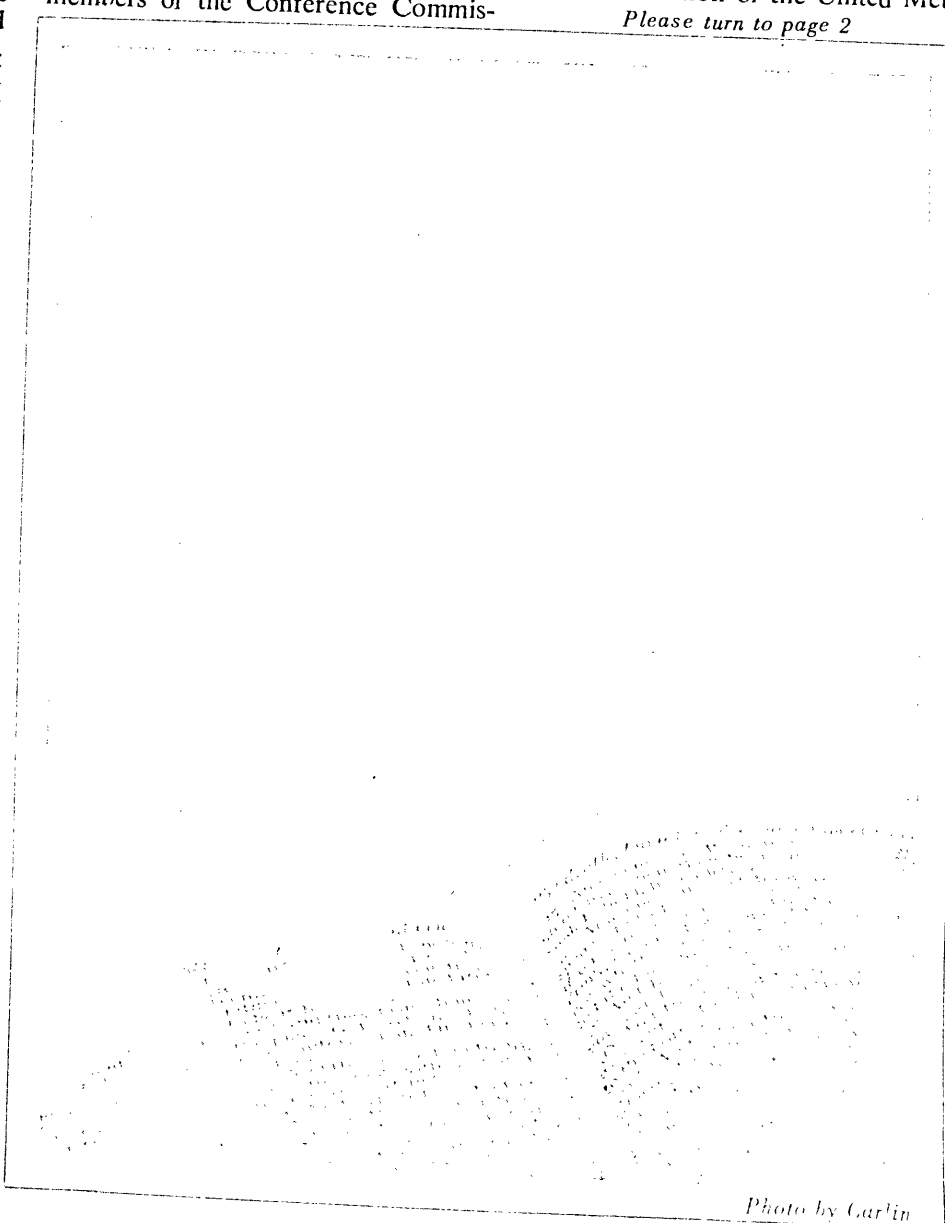
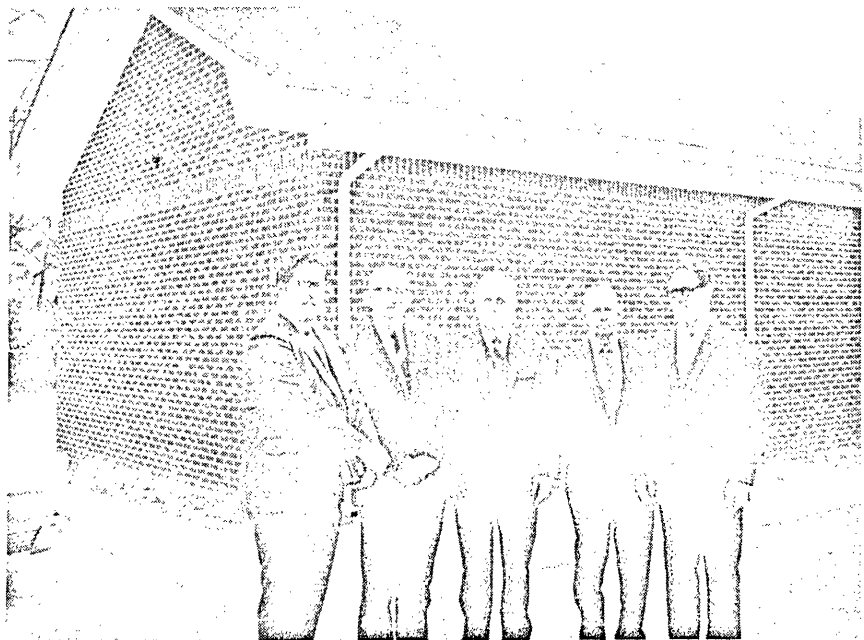


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The new building of the Wilmar United Methodist Church, Monticello District, was consecrated by Bishop Paul V. Galloway on Sunday, March 28. Shown outside the new building following the consecration are (from left): the Rev. Steve Barker, pastor; H. E. Broyles, chairman of the Building Committee; Bishop Galloway; A. C. Calhoun, who supervised the construction, and Dr. Raymond L. Franks, Monticello District Superintendent.

REV. FLOYD G. VILLINES, SR. DIES IN VAN BUREN AT AGE 89

The Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Sr., retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, died Sunday, April 4, in Van Buren at the age of 89.

The funeral service was held Tuesday, April 6, in St. John's United Methodist Church, Van Buren. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

A native of Newton County, he had been a minister for more than 70 years and had served a number of pastorates in the North Arkansas Conference.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Mabel Young Villines; three sons, the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., pastor of Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock; the Rev. George Villines of Texas and William Villines of California; a daughter, Mrs. Ruth Hiner of California; two stepsons, Bill Hayes of Oklahoma and Jack Hayes of California; and five sisters, Mrs. John E. Mantooth, Mrs. Burley Cassidy, Mrs. Sara Lou Clark and Mrs. George Raines, all of California, and Mrs. Grace Shastid of Texas.

GEORGE MASHBURN of Tucson, Arizona, died March 19. He was the brother of the Rev. Charlie Mashburn, pastor at Dierks United Methodist Church; and of Mrs. Lizzie Johnson of Mabelvale.

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odist Church, will discuss some of the long-range plans of that group.

Throughout the day the persons in attendance will be studying "Handbook on Church Public Relations," published recently by the Religious Public Relations Council.

Arts and Crafts Fair

WAR EAGLE, Ark.—Craftsmen and visitors will have an opportunity to share an unusual experience at the ninth annual "Back-in-the-Hills" Antique Show and Collectors' Fair, to be held Friday, April 30, and Saturday and Sunday, May 1-2, at War Eagle Mills Farm.

The event, sponsored by the Ozarks Arts and Crafts Fair Association, is a tribute to the pioneer settlement of War Eagle Mills, which had its beginning before Arkansas gained statehood.

The show is the first of three unique activities held annually at historic War Eagle Mills. The other two events are the Art and Craft Seminar, June 14-25, and the nationally-acclaimed Ozarks Arts and Crafts Fair, scheduled for Oct. 15-16-17.

Fair director Mrs. Blanche H. Elliott described the antique show as an "out-of-the-ordinary" activity for people of all ages.

The antique show will be open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. all three days. A concession stand and free parking space will be available on the fair grounds near the displays. An admission of 75 cents will be charged to help defray costs of putting on the show.

Anyone desiring additional information about the show can contact Mrs. Elliott by writing her at Rt. 1, Hindsville, Ark. 72738.

BULLETIN

We have received word from Mike Clark, Administrator of the LeFlore County Hospital, Poteau, Okla., saying that they have reached their goal of 1 million Betty Crocker Coupons for a blood purification machine. We thank the groups that have already sent in coupons and suggest that no more of them be sent in until another project is discovered. AAK



Dr. Fay

Gov. Bumpers to address Northside Laymen

Governor Dale Bumpers will be the guest speaker at the April 22, 1971 meeting of the Northside Methodist Laymen, Conway District. The dinner meeting will be held at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock beginning at 6:30 p.m.

Governor Bumpers, a life-long Methodist, is a prominent laymen in the Charleston First United Methodist Church, Charleston, Arkansas. He is the choir director, an adult church school teacher and a member of the Administrative Board. Prior to his election as Governor, he and his wife and three children made their home at Charleston. He was in private law practice there.

Tickets for the meeting may be acquired from any United Methodist Church in North Little Rock or Jacksonville.

The Northside Methodist Laymen were organized in January of this year as a representative group of all the

HENDRIX MATH PROFESSOR EARNs DOCTORATE: AWARDED RESEARCH GRANT

Temple H. Fay, assistant professor of mathematics at Hendrix College, has been awarded his Ph. D. degree from the University of Florida on March 20.

Dr. Fay, who joined the Hendrix faculty in September, 1970, has a B. S. degree in mathematics from Guilford College in North Carolina and a M.A. degree from Wake Forest University. He has been an instructor in mathematics at Wake Forest and a graduate assistant at the University of Florida. His doctoral dissertation is entitled, "Relation Theory in Categories."

Dr. Fay, has been awarded a research grant from the Arkansas Research Education Stimulation Project, a supervised program of the Commission on coordination of Higher Education Finance.

United Methodist Laymen in the North Little Rock area. Dick Fikes, layman from First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, is president.



Alton B. Raney of Little Rock (left) and B. T. Fooks of Camden were elected to life membership on the Hendrix College Board of Trustees at the Board meeting on April 1. Mr. Raney and Mr. Fooks became eligible as Life Trustees after having served for more than 18 years as Board members. Mr. Raney is chairman of the Board's committee on Finance and is a former Board chairman.



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Editorial

GOOD-MORNING!

In the Goodspeed translation of the Easter story in the Gospel of Matthew the greeting "All hail" which was delivered by the risen Christ to the women in the garden is translated "Good-morning!" There is a touch of genius about this use of words, because "hail" has passed out of our common usage. "Good-morning" helps us enter more fully into the meaning of Easter since it is such a familiar greeting.

Although he spoke directly to Mary Magdalene and Mary the mother of James, these words were Jesus' victorious greeting to all humanity. The women had waited patiently through the Sabbath while he lay alone in the tomb. They had been there on Friday when the tomb was sealed—the time had been too short for the proper preparation for burial. So when the Sabbath was over they hastened back to minister unto his body in death. However, they discovered that the angel of the Lord had arrived at the tomb before them to announce to them that the one whom they sought was no longer there, but had risen.

We can imagine the mixed emotions they experienced following this announcement. We are told they departed with fear and great joy—fearful that what they had heard might not be so and joyous in the expectation that it was. Then, as they hastened to spread the word, they were met by one who said, "Good-morning!"

These words were Jesus' victorious greeting to humanity. "Good-morning!" It was now to be morning forever in the lives of believers. This day was to take primacy among all the days that had ever dawned. This greeting of our Lord bears out the truth of Harnack's statement: "The grave of Jesus was the birthplace of the indestructible belief that death is vanquished and there is life eternal."

That morning was good because Jesus spoke as a voice from the invisible. The difficulty concerning the reality of immortality is the fact that it is invisible. Life beyond the grave seems unreal to us because we cannot visualize it. And yet we live in a world that is invisible in its deepest meanings. True, we see the stuff of the world, but the values that matter most are unseen.

We are invisible ourselves. We can see our bodies, but not our personalities—those parts of us that are truly ourselves. Beyond what we see are mind, purpose, love and sympathy—all these realities which make us what we are cannot be seen. All kinds of electronic telescopes and microscopes have been developed which bring outer distances close to earth and tiny forms of matter within the range of the human mind. However, none is powerful enough to show us our real beings. Sometime ago we were visiting with a friend who has research responsibilities in working with sophisticated reconnaissance equipment for the military. From him we learned of many advancements in discovering how to see that which was formerly invisible. But still there is no camera that can provide a picture of the personality of a man.

You cannot see love, or hope, or faith. Yet who would deny that they exist. These are the most real of all forces, out of which nations are established, families are built, and all valuable human relationships come into being and survive.

Jesus spoke on the first Easter, saying "Good morning!" and his words were a song declaring that the invisible world of eternal life was real. This is the triumphant song in which we join when things become too difficult. When the visible things are too much with us we can find undergirding in the world of eternal things—the things that are invisible.

Our Lord said, "Good-morning," and in those words he said, "I live eternally." The real stream of life did not stop at the cross. It kept flowing on—eternal life is that kind of life—a

river that has no beginning and no ending. When our Lord spoke these words he was not saying, "I live again." What he said was, "I still live." How many times we have been strengthened by these words as we have faced the deaths of our loved ones. Dr. James Simpson was one of England's great scientists and surgeons. When his heart was broken because of the death of his small daughter, he had this text carved on her gravestone: "Nevertheless I live."

There is a "spiritual" which speaks of the life that goes on after we are dead. It ends with a triumphant shout which proclaims: "Who will be a-living when I am dead? I will! I will!"

The remarkable thing about Jesus' appearance in the garden is that it was impossible. It couldn't have happened—but it did! The world has known no sense of defeat and frustration comparable to that of the little band of Jesus' followers. They were at the end of their road—never again could they walk through the fields, or sail the lakes, or sleep out under the stars with him. But then Jesus appeared and said, "Good-morning!" With these words a whole new realm of reality opened to them. They had been at the end of their hope—now there was a new beginning; they had been defeated, but now they could sing a new song of victory; they had been in the depths, but now they were lifted to the heights.

Truly Easter was, and is, the good morning!

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the Editor's Corner



Action for Children's Television

An unusual and exciting development has taken place relating to children and television. Through an organization called ACT—Action for Children's Television—our attention has been called to an inquiry which has been set up to look at many aspects of television programming and commercials aimed at children.

This Boston-based group is seriously trying to improve television for children, and all of us can have a part in the study that is being made.

Following the initiative of this group the Federal Communications Commission has issued a Notice of Inquiry to gather more data on the subject. According to **Continuity**, newsletter of the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFICO), this is the first time that such an action has been taken by the FCC.

The effort is aimed at the establishment of the fact that children are a special audience. Mrs. Evelyn Sarson, ACT president, says: "Programs for children should be planned to recognize the difference in ages, hosts on children's programs should not sell, the children's television should be designated as a public service and be underwritten rather than interrupted by commercials."

The letter from ACT asks that those who agree with their program to write to the FCC today, mentioning Notice of Inquiry 19142, and urging minimum guidelines for children's television, diversity of programs for children of different ages, and an end to commercials directed to children. Send your letter to: Chairman Dean Burch, Federal Communications Commission, 1919 M. Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20554. (Also send a copy to ACT, 33 Hancock Avenue, Newton Centre, Mass. 02159).

They would also like for you to ask individuals in organizations to which you belong to write a letter. Also could you get five friends to write, and ask them to find five more. The deadline is May 3, 1971.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Brooks Hays, former Presidential advisor and one-time president of the Southern Baptist Convention, expressed deep concern for two young men who robbed him at gunpoint as he neared his Dallas hotel during the Southern Baptist Nationwide Bible Conference. "The loss to the Hays family was a minor one," he said. "The tragedy for those lads is infinitely greater because they can't win in the long run." Incorporating the incidents of the robbery into his remarks to seminar participants Hays said, "I meditated about those young men after I got back to my hotel room," adding that the two black youths' problems are "not unrelated to ours. Politics must have a moral and spiritual base. We fail to apply our Christian faith to society." "In thinking about those young men, I wondered first where their families had failed, then where society had failed and, most importantly, where the Christian community had failed them."

The House Armed Services Committee has voted to grant the President the power to eliminate draft deferments for seminarians and clergymen, and to add a year to the two-year alternative service obligation for conscientious objectors. Its stand reportedly drew criticism from the Synagogue Council of America. Rabbi Solomon J. Scharfman, president of the Council and Rabbi Henry Siegman, executive vice-president, cited the "serious problem in recruiting a sufficient number of divinity students to fill the needs of synagogues across the nation," and said that the removal of draft deferment for such students "may very well deal a crippling blow to the rabbinical seminaries."

President Nixon has asked 100 of the nation's top religious leaders for their help in curbing the spiraling problems of drug abuse, especially in the fields of education and rehabilitation. The Chief Executive, speaking during a one-day White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders (Mar. 26), urged his listeners "to get at the cause of frustration and anxiety" that compels young people to give up and "move, step by step, into another world, the world of drugs." The President said this is an area where people in religion have a special responsibility, adding, "It tears your heart out to see what drugs can do to young people." "Young people are our most priceless possession and unless we deal with the problem realistically our society could crumble virtually overnight," another speaker said.

More than a million applications for a new Bible correspondence course have been received in eight months by The Voice of Prophecy, international radio broadcast arm of the Seventh-day Adventist Church, headquartered in Glendale, Calif. Applications for the new "Focus on Living" course "far surpass requests for any of the more than 15 other Bible courses offered," reported Pastor Harold M. S. Richards, Jr., co-director of the organization. "We believe," he said, "that large interest in study of the Bible reflects a return of Americans to traditional values, among which is confidence in the counsels of the Bible to point the way to answers to the problems which afflict so many." The Voice of Prophecy, marking its 41st year of continuous radio ministry, was founded by Richards' father—Dr. H. M. S. Richards, who is a co-director and author of the Bible course series.

Baptist World Alliance leaders, representing Baptists in 129 countries, have taken the first step in a five-year program which looks toward "reconciliation of man with God and man with man through evangelism and the application of Biblical principles." The World Mission of Reconciliation was authorized by the Baptist World Congress at Toyko in July, 1970. It will be the first cooperative world-wide evangelistic effort ever attempted by the Baptists. Plans drafted by an international steering committee call for an emphasis on "planning and sharing" in 1971-72, on "spiritual renewal and training" in 1972-73. The years 1973-75 are marked as "Action for Reconciliation" and 1976 is a year for "activating the reconciled."

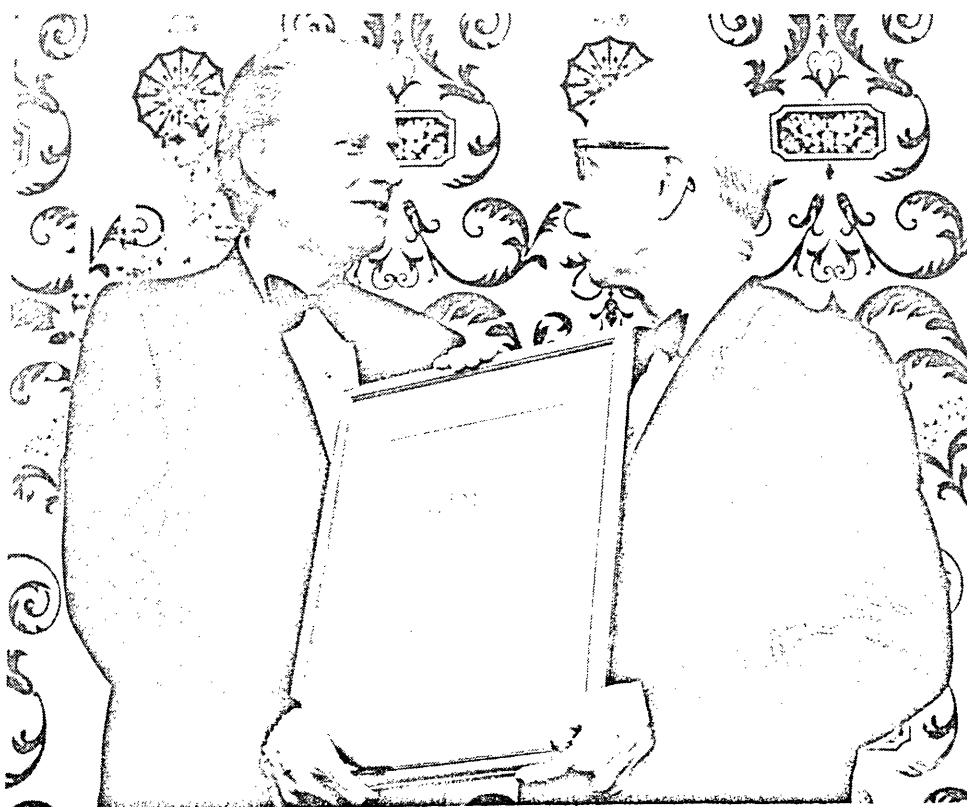
Evangelist Billy Graham is reported to have said in Cleveland, Ohio, that he favors "some creative solution" to aid what he described as "religious oriented" schools. He suggested that the answer to the problems of church-related schools might be "dual enrollment, tax rebates, or tuition grants to be used where (the parents) please, assuming that (the school) is racially integrated." "No child," the evangelist said, "ought to be involuntarily subjected to educational processes that will corrupt his religious heritage. There must be true freedom of choice and that choice must include Christian and Jewish schools that take students regardless of skin color."

An independent investigation into the future of seven Baptist theological colleges in Britain is being urged by the Baptist Renewal Group formed in London a year ago in a professed effort to bring a radical, more progressive outlook to much Baptist thinking. The Baptist renewalists issued an "occasional paper" suggesting alternatives to the colleges' continued way of existence. Some, it said, might merge with one another, while others might join with colleges of other denominations, as is already done by Anglican and Methodist colleges. Another suggestion is that the use of some Baptist colleges might be turned to different purposes, some becoming university hostels or training centers for the whole church in the region.

A seminar on church and community sponsored by the N. Car. Council of Churches and N. Car. State University was told that a decline in central authority of denominations and an increased "localization of the church" has slowed the ecumenical movement. Dr. George Anderson, president of the Lutheran Theological Southern Seminary in Columbia, said the decline in central planning is due in part to decreased financial support of the national church. Referring to the extent and thoroughness of the swing of the church from attention on itself to the world, Dr. Anderson said, "it means that men have not forgotten that the creation was originally 'good,' and that God has great plans for it."

The Assemblies of God Church has announced that Calcutta, India, with its 9 million population, has been selected as one of the major cities for the denomination's 1971 Impact Crusades. The Men's Fellowship Dept. hopes to raise \$10,000 on May 2 through a "Light-for-the-Lost" program for literature to be used in the Calcutta campaign. The Assemblies' Evangelistic Center in Calcutta will be headquarters for the campaign. The Center maintains 14 weekly services in six languages and operates schools serving 900 students. The school feeds 1,500 children daily and operates a clinic.

An interreligious study committee looking into the feasibility of "civilianizing" the military chaplaincy has serious doubts such a plan would work. In a preliminary report—a recommendation on the issue is expected this Summer—the five-member committee told the General Commission on Chaplains and Armed Forces that personnel problems involved would be "very sobering, almost overwhelming to those of us who live close to the chaplaincy as it operates today." Dr. A. Ray Applequist, an American Baptist committee member said, "As thoughtful people, we've got to be open to change, but we are concerned that the spiritual service to military personnel not suffer either in its effectiveness or comprehensiveness."



CLEVELAND — Dr. Sterling W. Brown (left), national president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, offers his congratulations to evangelist Billy Graham on Mr. Graham's receiving the International Brotherhood Award presented by the NCCJ's Northern Ohio region. Mr. Graham, still recuperating from a salivary gland operation, was cited for "unstinting efforts on behalf of the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God; for his selfless devotion to individual dignity; for his untiring work to overcome bigotry, and for his steadfast belief in man's obligation to his fellow man." (RNS Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

NORPHLET UNITED Methodists heard Dr. Roy Bagley preach the week of March 21. Dr. Bagley is superintendent of the Camden District. The Rev. James Robben is the Norphlet pastor.

SHEILA COMBS, choir director in Midland Heights United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, presented an organ recital in that church on Sunday afternoon, March 28. She is a music major at John Brown University, Siloam Springs.

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PAUL BOTTERON and Anneta Smith were married March 25. Both are of Hot Springs. Paul is the son of the Rev. Harold Botteron, pastor of the Mountain Pine and Gum Springs United Methodist Charge, and Mrs. Botteron.

AMANDA ELIZABETH BARRON was born on March 26 to Mr. and Mrs. Wiley L. Barron of Pine Bluff. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Paul Adams of North Little Rock. Paternal grandparents are the Rev. and Mrs. W. W. Barron of Texarkana.

THE JOINT SERVICE Commendation Medal was recently awarded to Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Ronald A. Stewart, son of the Rev. and Mrs. William A. Stewart, Jr. of Oak Forest United Methodist Church, Little Rock. The award was for "meritorious service in the performance of his duties" while on duty at the Command Center and on Battle Staff Teams of the Airborne Command Post of headquarters of Admiral John S. McCain, Jr. Commander in Chief Pacific, in Honolulu.



Debbie Campbell and Bob Roberts, members of St. James U.M. Church, Little Rock, will be playing the Trumpet Duo from Purcell's "Voluntary in C" at the 10:45 service at St. James, Easter. Three anthems will be sung by the Children's Choir and Sanctuary Choir. Mr. and Mrs. Felix Thompson, Jr. direct the music ministry program.

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THE REV. C. HOUSTON FARMER, retired minister living in Dardanelle, will be the speaker for the Dardanelle Community Easter Sunrise Service at 5:30 a.m. on the river near the dam. This is being sponsored by the Dardanelle Minister's Fellowship.

THE DOVER UNITED Methodist Church is sponsoring a school on Methodist and Christian beliefs. The school will be held each Friday night for a six week period, which began March 26. The teachers are Dr. James Upton, professor of religion at Hendrix College, and the Rev. Muriel Peters from the Wesley Foundation at Russellville.

MOUNTAIN VIEW United Methodist Church held a Lenten revival the week of March 28 with the Rev. Max Whitfield, pastor of the Eureka Springs U.M. Church as guest evangelist. Mr. Whitfield was preaching in his home pulpit. Mrs. Kathy McIntire and Mary Williams were in charge of the music. The Rev. Raymond Hawkins is pastor.

DR. ETHAN DODGEN, Forrest City district superintendent, is preaching in Holy Week services in First Church, West Helena, where the Rev. William Haltom is pastor. The Rev. Wayne Jarvis, director of the ASU Wesley Foundation, Jonesboro, spoke in the West Helena Church, March 28.

THE NATIONAL ASSOCIATION of Retired People of Siloam Springs had 60 members present at a supper meeting, March 15, in First United Methodist Church. Host pastor, the Rev. John McCormack, shared a colored movie he made on a recent trip to the Holy Land, Athens, Corinth and Rome.

THE REV. LEON WILSON, pastor of the United Methodist Church at Earle, preached at the Sunday evening pre-Easter service at the Hughes United Methodist Church, where the Rev. Mitchell Sanford is pastor.

FISHER (ARK.) UNITED Methodist Church held revival services, March 28-April 4, with the Rev. Charles Thompson, pastor of the Trumann United Methodist Church, as guest preacher. Harry Fondran of Wynne led the singing. The Rev. John Lee is the Fisher pastor.

Gary and Peggy Wilson were honored at a "going away" dinner in Salem Church (near Benton), and were presented a "money tree" by the Rev. Don R. Williams, Salem pastor. Gary has assumed new duties as minister of the Hickory Plains Circuit.



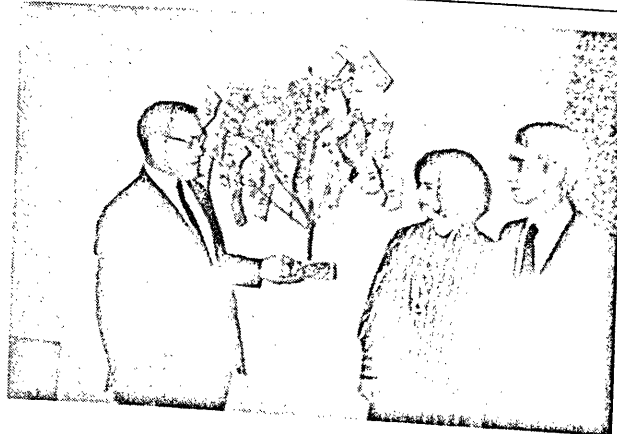
Dr. Raymond L. Franks will be the leader for the retreat to be held by Wesleyan Service Guilds of the Little Rock Conference at Aldersgate Camp, April 17 and 18. He is currently superintendent of the Pine Bluff District, following a pastorate at Lakeside Church, Pine Bluff. His other appointments have been in the North Arkansas Conference, including terms as superintendent of Forrest City and Conway Districts. He holds an honorary Doctor of Divinity degree from Philander Smith College.

MONETTE-MACEY UMYF members and Pastor DuBois Pettit attended anniversary services of the Benedictine Order at Holy Angels Convent in Jonesboro, Saturday, March 20. This was part of an ecumenical study program designed to allow young people to understand and experience the worship of other Christian churches.

MURFREESBORO METHODISTS heard the Rev. Pharis J. Holifield preach during a Lenten revival beginning March 28. Mr. Holifield is pastor of Fisher Street U. M. Church in Jonesboro. Host pastor was the Rev. Harold Brent.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION will be held in the Beebe United Methodist Church the weekend of April 16. Dr. Glen C. Swindle of Marked Tree will serve as coordinator. Wallace Baker is local general chairman. The Rev. Brady Cook is pastor.

CAPITOL VIEW United Methodist Church, Little Rock, recently started a new Sunday school class for the college age group. The Rev. J. Frank Hamm and Mrs. Mike Moore are alternating as teachers of the class.



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.

April 11—Sun.	Romans 8:1-6
April 12	I Thessa. 5:17-23
April 13	II Thessa. 3:6-16
April 14	Rev. 1:4-6
April 15	Luke 19:28-38
April 16	Psalms 29:1-11
April 17	Psalms 125:1-5
April 18—Sun.	Psalms 147:3-14

HOPE YOUTH PUSH CHURCH BUILDING DRIVE

Children and young people of First United Methodist Church at Hope have taken seriously the Biblical reference "And a little child shall lead them." To promote the building of a new sanctuary, they began earning money for new pews even before plans were finalized. Activities have included: house and yard work, pancake breakfast and chili supper.

Adults promoting the building program during recent Sunday worship services have included: George Frazier, "Our Plan"; Dr. F. C. Crow, "Our Need"; Judge Wilson, "Our Responsibility"; Larry Patterson, "Our Pledge". The Rev. Norris Steele is pastor.

THE OAK FOREST CHURCH of Little Rock is featuring lay speakers in Holy Week services. James Wellons of Pulaski Heights Church spoke on Palm Sunday. Police Department Inspector David Bentley, Markham Church layman, spoke Monday. Carlos J. R. Smith, hospital administrator of Helena who served a short term as missionary in Pakistan, was the Tuesday speaker. Little Rock Mayor George Wimberley, a member of First Baptist Church, spoke Wednesday. The Rev. William Stewart is pastor.

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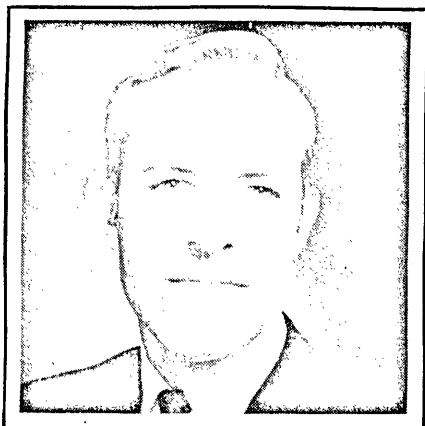
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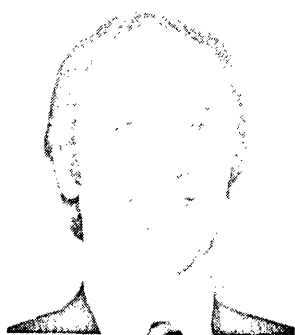
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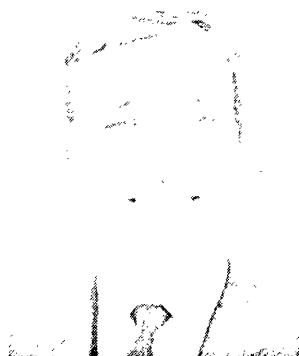
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		Senior High Assembly, Hendrix College Director—Rev. Allen Bonsall
	12 - 16	Hope/Camden Middle High Director—Rev. Carr D. Racop
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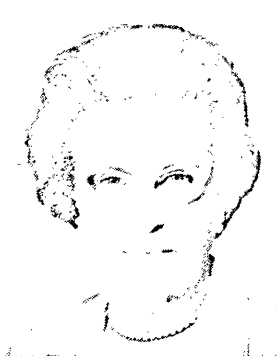
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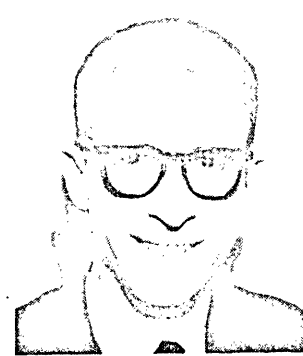
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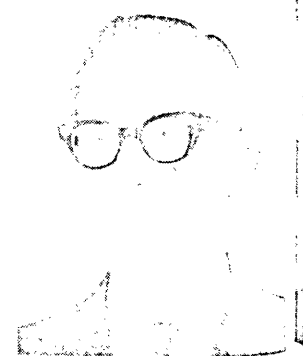
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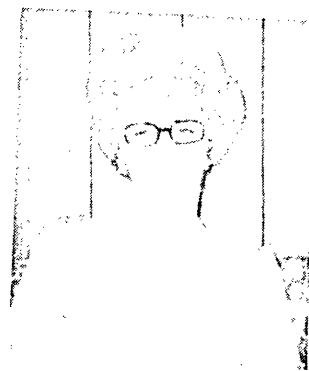
Under the direction of the Tanako Board of Trustees and the supervision of the Little Rock Conference Program Council, Camp Tanako is endeavoring to put into effect some new ideas for the up and coming season of 1971.

1. We are hiring ten college age youth to serve the entire summer as staff members. These youth will serve as teachers, cabin counselors, workshop and recreation leaders. Applications are presently being received for these positions in the Conference Office.
2. Rev. Joe E. Arnold, Tanako Agent and Secretary, will be the resident Summer Director this year. If you have a family group, UMY group, or Young Adult group who wishes to secure the camp for a specific week-end, please direct your inquiries and requests for scheduling to him. These are accepted on a "First Come, First Served" basis, and since many have already been received, it will be necessary that you get your request in immediately.

Registration blanks for the regular sessions, as they are listed to the left, will be mailed to all pastors within several weeks, and they will contain all information concerning costs, registration fee, who to mail registration to, and the deadline date, what to bring, and directions for getting to Tanako. Contact the pastor of your church, obtain a registration blank from him, and attend Tanako this summer.

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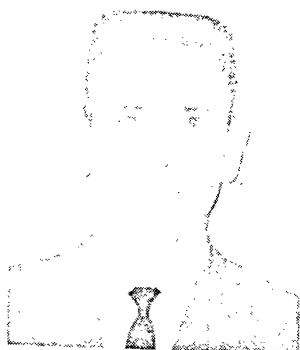
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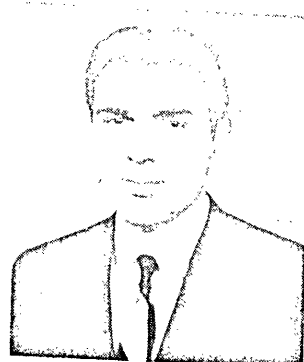
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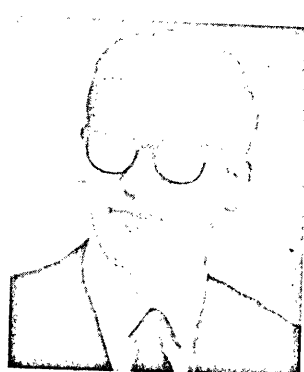
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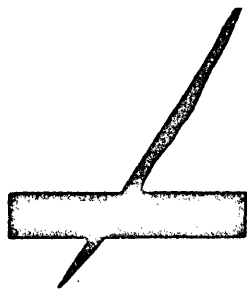
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The Sunday School Lesson

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LESSON FOR APRIL 18: Who Is a Prophet?

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 6:1-8; Jeremiah 18:18; Hosea 1:1; 8:1-3; Amos 1:1; 3:1-8; 7:1-15; Micah 3:5-8; Hebrews 1:1-2; 2 Peter 1:20-21.

MEMORY SELECTION: In many and various ways God spoke of old to our fathers by the prophets; but in these last days he has spoken to us by a Son. (Hebrews 1:1-2)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To lay the groundwork for a series of lessons that will help us understand the contributions of the prophets; to formulate a definition of "prophet," and to see how he served as God's man in his own day and continues to fulfill a mission in our own time.

Just ahead of us in a series of eleven lessons based on the writing of four eighth-century prophets—Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah. The first two are associated with the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and the others with the Southern Kingdom of Judah. They are the earliest of the writing prophets, and they left us some of the great messages of the Old Testament.

Today when we call someone a "prophet" we are indicating that we believe he has qualities and talents which give him a unique opportunity for communicating the work of God. This series of lessons should help us have a greater appreciation for ancient prophets as well as modern ones.

The influence of the Hebrew prophets on human history was so great that it is almost impossible for us to comprehend. However, we cannot understand the development of the Judaeo-Christian tradition without taking them into account, especially the four we are studying this quarter.

Although the prophets greatly influenced the Jewish religion, they gain their greatest stature when seen in relation to the course taken by Christianity. One commentator says: "The prophets would have failed to attain their potential in world influence had it not been for the birth of Christianity. This movement made much of the prophets, and saw in the events of the life of Jesus the fulfillment of a great number of their sayings."

A major section of the Old Testament is devoted to the prophets. It is that part which begins with the Book of Isaiah and continues through the Book of Malachi. However, we should take note of the fact that there were many others who spoke for God before the time of the "writing prophets."

When many people use the word "prophet," they think of "foretelling." The early Christians thought of the Old Testament prophets in this fashion. However, the prophets of the Old Testament were not primarily foretellers. The Hebrew word does not mean that. The word "nabi" meant "a deputized speaker—one who speaks for another." Moses told the Lord that he could not speak, so Aaron was designated as his spokesman. That made him a "nabi." The prophets spoke for God, and we still find persons in our time who seem to have such a message from God that they merit the name of "prophet."

WHAT IS A PROPHET?

At the beginning of this series we should establish the fact that these men were not the formal religious leaders of their day. Judaism had its professional leaders, but Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah were not among them. They were laymen whom God called at a particular time for a unique mission.

The prophet's task was not always a pleasant one, because he so often brought bad news. God's people had departed from his standards for them, and a word was needed to call them back. Moses had been the one through whom God's law was

brought to the Jewish people. In the times of the prophets many were still doing what they were commanded to do in the Mosaic law, but their daily living did not reflect a commitment to it. The prophets were men who heard God tell them to cry out against the people because of inadequacies in their everyday conduct. Often it meant that they placed themselves in real danger especially when they delivered the word to the leaders of the nation. However, let us not lose sight of the fact that God called them to this work from among ordinary people like you and me. As one has said: "The prophets were not supermen, but men with the same feelings as we have. They responded to God in obedience and faithfully proclaimed his message."

Dr. Emil G. Kraeling says: "Whatever 'nabi' meant at first is not as important as what function the title suggested to the great prophets themselves. And here we can hardly be in doubt. When addressing an individual or an audience spontaneously he regarded himself as being either a spokesman of his God, or as his messenger . . . No introductory words for oracles are used more often in the prophetic books than 'Thus says the Lord'—this is the spokesman situation, in which the seizure of the prophet by the spirit of the Lord could be most closely observed."

When God speaks through a prophet, lives may be changed, consciences may be quickened, time-honored ways of doing things may be uprooted. Still, we cannot overlook the fact that the prophet often brings a sense of peace between warring factions, and through him the downhearted may discover new hope and find comfort.

THE PROPHET'S CALL

The prophets may have differed in many ways, but each of them felt God's call. It did not come to any two of them in the same way, but all received a sense of God's need for them. No one can decide for himself when he will speak for God—this must be done for him as God takes possession of him.

The passage from Isaiah 6:1-8 is one of the most dramatic descriptions of a call to a prophet. Isaiah, the young aristocrat, was in despair because of the death of his king and he went to the Temple for solace. What came was far more than he expected. Moving through an awareness of the majesty of God and the personal experiences of confession and cleansing, he heard a voice saying: "Who shall I send, and who will go for us?" Isaiah responded with all his being and for more than 40 years he served as God's spokesman. His words have been among the most powerful in the Bible for changing lives and revealing the will of God.

What we need to understand at the beginning of this study is that the words spoken by the prophets originated with God. However, Dr. James Reapsome is quick to point out that, "This doesn't mean they operated like a tape recorder, just babbling out mechanically what God had imprinted upon their minds. It means that the Holy Spirit inspired them and directed what they said. God used their own personalities, their skills, the human interests and backgrounds of the men in shaping their messages. What they said came spontaneously from them, but the consequence was an authoritative, trustworthy message from the living God."

THE TIMES IN WHICH THE PROPHETS SPOKE

The times in which the prophets spoke tells us something concerning our interpretation of their message. Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah spoke in a time of relative peace and prosperity. In both the Northern and Southern kingdoms conditions existed which allowed the moral fiber of the population to deteriorate. Dr. W. A. Smart points out that there were two main reasons for this. The king of As-

syria was too busy elsewhere to bother them, and Damascus, another perennial antagonist, was too weak to cause trouble. Two generations had grown up in Israel without a war—and few nations have ever been able to say that. The resources of the country were used for increasing wealth instead of making war.

This economic prosperity for some led to exploitation of others. We will find Amos particularly dealing with this type of evil. He scorned the over-emphasis on luxury and the wide division between the "haves" and the "have-nots." In one place he spoke about "ivory couches," which could really serve only one purpose—to show that one had money in such amounts that he was tempted to show off.

During this time of peace and prosperity the democratic processes which had been characteristic of an agricultural society changed into an urban aristocracy in which the distance between the classes widened. This society was also called "super-patriotic" and "super-religious" when judged externally. The prophets lifted their voices to say that false pride and a shallow religion had carried the people far from the will of God.

THE MESSAGE OF THE PROPHETS

Although we will see that each of these prophets was unique, still we can see a common theme running through their messages.

First, they told the people about punishment that was ahead for them because of their straying away from the purpose of God. Always the prophet communicated the fact that it was God who was speaking and not the spokesman.

Then, the message was delivered to God's own people. Occasionally the prophets directed their words against other nations, but here we see that the message is to God's own people. Dr. Reapsome says: "What God wanted to say to them was based on his right of redemption. . . . Because God had brought them out of Egypt . . . because he had done something for them, his people were supposed to live in a certain way. If a person claims to be a Christian, then he can expect that God will have something to say about the way he lives. God owns him by right of redemption, therefore he cannot go on living as he pleases."

Finally, the punishment of which the prophets speak is based on this unique relationship between Israel and God. Because he chose them, certain things were expected of them. The prophets kept telling them that they were not supposed to live like other nations. They were to show the world what God was like by the way they lived.

THE POSITIVE SIDE OF THE PROPHETS

We would not want to close this introductory lesson by implying that everything said by the prophets was in a minor key—that their messages were altogether negative. Some of the richest and most joyous passages in the Bible are found in the writings of the prophets. Although they spoke often of disaster, they always looked beyond to a time of restoration. Dr. H. E. W. Fosbrooke puts it this way: "Instead of dire prediction of the destruction of the nation, with its teaching about the divine transcendence and the righteousness of God and the inviolable holiness of his love, or the development of these truths by way of exhortation to repentance, there is always a link between what may be called the negative note of the oracles and the positive tone of the restoration that will follow the time of disaster."

Isaiah and Micah delivered messages of hope in almost identical words (Isa. 2:2-4) and (Micah 4:1-3). It is that passage which says: "And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills, and all nations shall flow unto it."

Let us keep our minds tuned for the words of judgment which we will be reading during these weeks, but let us also be alert to the promises which are held out to those who turn from their ungodly ways and move toward that order of society which God has planned for those who love him and work with him to bring his will to pass. This is the essential theme of prophecy.

A PLAN FOR CHURCH UNION

19. Additional Steps in Transition

In this concluding installment of our discussion of **A Plan of Union** we will deal with a few additional steps that will be taken during the transitional period. We will also be making some final suggestions about your continuing study of the proposal and the methods for you to follow in sending in your suggestions for changes which you feel should be made in the Plan.

Last week we discussed some of the steps that would be taken following approval of the Plan. (As we have indicated previously, it is anticipated that final voting on the matter would come sometime between 1976 and 1980).

Transitional Regions: In the formative period, the transitional regions would have a great deal of responsibility. The Transitional National Assembly shall organize and establish this unit. It shall "be constituted of equal representation from the regional governing bodies of the uniting churches in that area."

The regions will begin planning for organization and program on the regional level and will determine transitional districts and help to organize them.

Transitional Districts: During the formative period of the new church beyond the local congregations will be the district. Two important tasks at this level will be the determination of the parishes and the beginning of plans for mission on the district level.

Parish Boundaries: The districts will determine the boundaries of parishes using all the technical counsel available, including sociological and ecological analyses. The expressions from local congregations will be a part of this technical process.

Constitution: An interesting part of this Plan is that the constitution under which the new church will operate will not be formulated until the merger has taken place. The Transitional National Assembly will establish a commission to draft a constitution for the new church. When approved by the National Assembly, the constitution will then be submitted to the districts. If approved by two-thirds of the districts, it shall become operative when the votes of the districts are reported to the National Assembly.

Study and Suggestion: The important next step for you in relation to **A Plan of Union** involves study and recommendations for changes in the Plan. Many local congregations and district groups are already planning for these studies. It is recommended that interdenominational studies be planned during 1971.

Just as important as studying the Plan is the opportunity for reacting to it. Your suggestions and revisions in the document should be sent in by June, 1972 to:

General Commission on Ecumenical Affairs
777 United Nations Plaza
New York, N.Y. 10017

The next draft of the Plan will be written in the period of 1972-73.

Crusade Scholarship program to aid qualified Rhodesian students

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two men who have studied under the Crusade Scholarship program of the United Methodist Church are delegates to a national convention that is to draft a new constitution for the Philippines this year, according to reports received by the United Methodist Board of Missions.

They are among 1,882 present and former Crusade Scholars who have studied under the international program since it was started 25 years ago. United Methodists have given about \$4,500,000 to the program, whose alumni in the U.S. and other countries include bishops, pastors, seminary and university presidents, business executives, doctors, musicians, journalists and political leaders.

The two former Scholars who are delegates to the Philippines' 1971 Constitutional Convention are Dr. Cicerio D. Calderon, president of Silliman University in Dumaguete City, and Augusto Caesar Espiritu, economist, professor, businessman and consultant from Quezon City. Dr. Calderon was a Crusade Scholar at Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn., and

Mr. Espiritu at Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass.

In another item of Crusade news, the United Methodist Crusade Scholarship Committee has announced the second innovation in the program's 25th anniversary year (1970-71), the setting aside of \$100,000 for a special program of higher education for African students from Rhodesia.

Dr. Robert F. Oxnam, president of Drew University, Madison, N.J., and chairman of the denomination's Crusade Scholarship Committee, said the new program is designed to provide full college education and some post-graduate training for a maximum of six students over a three-year period beginning in September, 1971.

The Rhodesia program has been developed in light of the difficulty qualified African students have in continuing their education because of prevailing political conditions, Dr. Oxnam said. He added that the Crusade Scholarship Committee hopes the \$100,000 will be augmented, and the number of students increased, through interested colleges providing scholarships and other aid, and through

A Heavy Work Load

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — New duties this year for an Oklahoma congressman mean added work for his administrative assistant, a United Methodist church school teacher and usher.

Charles L. Ward is divided almost evenly in work load between the office of Rep. Carl Albert of Oklahoma's third district and Rep. Carl Albert, speaker of the House. The latter task was added in 1971, when Albert moved up from House majority leader.

Ward was "only going to stay a year" when he came to Washington in 1959 from a job as managing editor and general manager of the Durant, Okla., **Democrat**.

A graduate of University of Oklahoma and a World War II veteran, Ward once won a Quill and Scroll award as the nation's most prolific high school writer. His career has included positions with the Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma Press Association and the Poteau News.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Ward are active members of Mt. Vernon Place Church here and both serve on the official board and the commission on worship and have worked in Christian social concerns and ecumenical affairs.

Cuban Methodists re-elect Bishop Rodriguez

NEW YORK (UMI)—Bishop Armando Rodriguez has been re-elected episcopal leader of the autonomous Methodist Church of Cuba at its first General Conference March 2-7 in Havana, according to reports received by the United Methodist Board of Missions.

First elected at the church's constituting conference in 1968, Bishop Rodriguez has led Cuba's 2,700 Methodists for the last three years. His election to a new term was unanimous. Before his election in 1968, Bishop Rodriguez was a district superintendent, pastor of several churches, vice-president of Union Theological Seminary in Matanzas and administrative assistant to Bishop James W. Henley of the Florida Area of the United Methodist Church (when the Cuban church was structurally linked to the mainland church).

Reports to the Board of Missions on the General Conference said that Bishop Raymond Valenzuela of the autonomous Methodist Church of Chile was a visitor at the Conference, and that while in Cuba he visited Methodist and ecumenical centers.

churches and church groups giving to Advance Specials (special mission gifts).

Announcement of the \$100,000 fund for Rhodesia students follows an August announcement by the Crusade Scholarship Committee of \$250,000 allocated for support of economically deprived students at United Methodistism's 12 black colleges. In 1970-71 the Crusade Scholarship program supports 153 students in universities, colleges, seminaries and other schools in the U.S. and 22 other countries.

"Quote and Unquote"

The Rev. and Mrs. Milo Thornberry, United Methodist missionaries expelled recently from Taiwan by the Nationalist Chinese government, said on their return to New York: "We were not unique. Other missionaries and other Americans were friendly with some of the people we were. There may be other expulsions. We've gotten word that other missionaries have had increased surveillance."

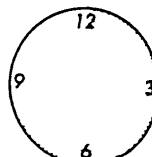
Franz Cardinal Koenig, president of the Secretariat for Non-Believers, said in a recent Vatican Radio interview: "It is the duty of the Church 'to throw a bridge' toward those who do not believe in the existence of God."

Dr. Walter L. Walker, vice-president for planning at the University of Chicago, speaking at the recent annual meeting of the National Council of Presbyterian Men, said: "Despite unprecedented technological and scientific gains, the average American is more frustrated, more confused, more angry and more helpless than he has ever been."

President Richard E. Nixon recently asked 100 of the nation's top religious leaders for their help in curbing the spiraling problems of drug abuse. Speaking to the one-day White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders, he said: "The worst thing that can happen for young people is to have no faith, to believe in nothing. You have an answer in helping to provide motivation and in giving young people something to believe in, something to turn to when life doesn't turn out as planned."

Dr. Henlee H. Barnette, professor of Christian ethics at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, speaking on "Biblical Perspectives on the Drug Problem" at the recent Southern Baptist Bible Conference in Dallas, said: "The church is handing out a cocaine kind of existence. The church must kick its own addiction before it starts to get the monkey off others' backs. Included are the addiction for war, racism, and particularly self-glory and self-enhancement."

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Nationally televised Easter services will originate from Central United Methodist church in Atlanta, Ga. on Sunday morning April 11. Dr. Joseph E. Lowery (shown beside bulletin board) was appointed pastor in 1968, and has begun one of the South's most intensive inner city ministries at the church located near Clark College in the Atlanta University Center—a complex of several schools with pre-dominantly black student bodies. Central Church's choir and Dr. Lowery will appear in red robes for the telecast. The NBC presentation will be shown in association with United Methodism's TRAFCO and the Broadcasting and Film Commission of the National Council of Churches. (UMI photo)

Sixth UM hospital enters training program for disadvantaged

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — Southwest Texas Methodist Hospital in San Antonio became the sixth hospital to enter the cooperative training program for "disadvantaged unemployed" persons sponsored by the United Methodist General Board of Health and Welfare Ministries under a \$1,439,808 contract with the U.S. Department of Labor JOBS '70 program.

The Texas Hospital entered the program March 15 and will enroll 54 trainees, according to the Rev. Charles E. Frazier, director of the project. The new addition brings the total number of persons to be trained to 769 by late January, 1972.

Mr. Frazier said that addition of the San Antonio hospital marks the first significant participation of Mexican-Americans in the program, and also marks the first time that instruction will be offered in English as a second language.

An expansion in the categories of jobs has also been achieved—from seven to 23, including some at a higher skill level than previously possible.

To date, the director said, 368 persons have been hired and begun the training process in the six institutions—Methodist Hospital of Brooklyn, (N.Y.), Nebraska Methodist in Oma-

ha, Rochester (Minn.) Methodist, Methodist Hospital of Dallas (Texas), New England Deaconess in Boston, Mass., and Southwest Texas.

The retention rate is running at about 62 per cent of those entering the program, either in training or on the job. Although a breakdown by minority participation is not presently available, Mr. Frazier said that it was substantial.

Under the program, persons classified as "disadvantaged" by state employment services are hired by the hospitals and receive specialized training and support services for a period of 15 to 30 weeks to equip them with skills needed to hold the job.

The program is believed to be the first in which a major Protestant denomination has signed such a contract with the federal government.

Koinonia Ministries offer Lay Renewal Conference, April 16-18

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A Lay Renewal Conference stressing personal Christian growth and awareness and a Convocation on Life with the theme "Living in Fruitful Encounter" will be held this spring and summer under the sponsorship of the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

The Lay Renewal Conference will be held April 16-18 at the American Baptist Assembly at Green Lake, Wis., according to the Rev. Walter Albritton, head of the Koinonia Ministries Department.

The Convocation on Life, sponsored by the Department in cooperation with the California-Nevada Board of Evangelism, will be held at Woodlake Inn in Sacramento, Calif., July 8-11.

Open to men, women and youth of any age, the Lay Renewal Conference at Green Lake will feature Dr. Thomas A. Carruth, director of the Department of Prayer and Spiritual Life at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.; William P. Swartz, Jr., a Virginia business executive; the Rev. John Francis, pastor of the United Methodist Church, Oconomowoc, Wis.; Wilbur Sayles, a professional musician from Minnesota; and Dr. Albritton.

Leaders for the Convocation on Life in Sacramento will include: Dr. Clyde H. Reid, associate professor of ministry, Iliff School of Theology, Denver, Colo.; San Francisco Area Bishop Charles F. Golden; United Methodist missionary from the Philippines Curran L. Spottswood; Norris Miller, a public school music teacher from Bakersfield, Calif.; and the Rev. Paul Leaming, minister of evangelism at First United Methodist Church, Colorado Springs, Colo. Board of Evangelism staff members participating in the Convocation will be Virginia Law, Harold Rogers, Walter Albritton, Joe Hale, and W. Maurice King.

UM Church to offer job information service to help COs

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A national job information service to help conscientious objectors to military service find acceptable alternative service is being launched this spring in the United Methodist Church.

Announcing the program was Dr. Richard H. Bauer, Nashville, Tenn., chairman of a Task Force on Draft Counseling for the United Methodist

Continuing Coordinating Committee. The Coordinating Committee represents the top staff leadership of most United Methodist boards and agencies.

Planned by the Task Force on Draft Counseling, the new "I-W Job Information Service" will be directed by the Rev. Randle B. Dew, New York, director of the Department of Voluntary Services for the National Division

of the United Methodist Board of Missions. The Job Service office will be located in New York and staffed by a volunteer.

Function of the office according to Mr. Dew will be to make job offerings in United Methodist agencies and institutions known to conscientious objectors (COs) seeking alternative service. He said employers and placement officers are being invited to list job offerings with the clearing house where current, up-to-date information will be kept.

Job offerings will be shared with COs seeking alternative service. The CO will then initiate contact with the employers. The office in New York will not screen the CO but will simply match his skill with the skills of the job offered.

The final approval on the suitability of an alternative service job is made by the local draft board involved.

Dr. Bauer explained that "I-W" is a selective service designation for alternative service defined as being for national health, safety or interest with a governmental or non-profit organization for the benefit of the general public. The work must require 40 hours of service per week and must be more than commuting distance from the CO's home.

"The United Methodist Church should assist young men by providing as much assistance as possible in helping COs fulfill their obligations to their country and to their conscience," Dr. Bauer asserted. "The I-W Job Information Service is an attempt to open up church channels to create job opportunities for them."

ABINGDON ANNOUNCES 1972 BOOK AWARD PLANS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Abingdon, book-publishing department of the Methodist Publishing House, has announced plans for its 1972 General Book Award for a novel that, in the opinion of the judges, "best depicts moral courage in a contemporary situation."

Judges for the competition will be Robert Cromie, *Chicago Tribune* columnist, and William Sloane Coffin, Jr., chaplain at Yale University.

The annual \$5,000 award is given to encourage the writing of books of outstanding quality. Each year the rotating award is given in one of three areas: religious, general, and children's books.

Manuscripts will be accepted between January 1 and March 1, 1972 and the winner will be announced in December of 1972.

Miss Ethelyn M. Parkinson, Green Bay, Wisc., was the winner of the 1970 award for a children's book of humorous fiction for ages 8-12. Title of her book is *Never Go Anywhere With Digby*.

Baker Graduate Award winners for 1971-72 named

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI)—Recipients of the 1971-72 annual Bishop James C. Baker Graduate Awards for training campus ministry leadership have been announced here by the United Methodist Board of Education.

The awards, based upon individual need, will go to the Rev. John H. Crooch, Jr., Norman, Okla., and the Rev. W. Fred Lamar, Rolla, Mo., for studying during the 1971-72 school year.

Financed out of the United Methodist Student Day receipts, the Baker Awards are part of the United Methodist Scholarship Program administered by the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Board of Education. The awards honor the late Bishop Baker who organized the first Wesley Foundation in 1913 at the University of Illinois. Purpose of the awards is to provide trained professional leadership for Wesley Foundations and similar campus ministries at state and independent colleges and universities.

Arkansas women to attend Ecumenical Assembly in Wichita

Protestant, Orthodox and Roman Catholic women will meet in Wichita, Kansas in an ecumenical assembly this month, called by Church Women United to make plans for the 70's. Over a hundred women from overseas countries will be among the 2,000 attending, including representatives from regional and national ecumenical groups of women from every continent.

Mrs. James M. Dolbey, president of Church Women United, will preside over the Assembly meeting at Century II, the convention center of Wichita, April 22 through 25. With the assistance of a team of theologians and a team of futurists the church women will explore together their claim that God through Christ made a radical breakthrough in history and its implications in modern breakthroughs in technology and rapidly changing social patterns.

Arkansans who will be attending the Ecumenical Assembly at Wichita include these state officers: Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney of Pine Bluff, state president; Mrs. Alta Day of Hot Springs, vice-president; Mrs. A. M. Robert, secretary, and Mrs. L. D. Crenshaw, treasurer, both of Little Rock. Mrs. Gladys Icenhower of Texarkana will represent the United Methodist Little Rock Conference Women's Society-Guild.

Representing the Pine Bluff Council will be Mrs. John H. Dozier, Jr., Mrs. Lanier Stevens and Mrs. R. B. Alexander. Also attending will be Mrs.

William Tull of Hot Springs, Mrs. Lyndon Jackson of Fort Smith, and Mrs. Carl Malone of Fayetteville.

From Little Rock, some of those attending will be Mrs. Fred Walker, Mrs. Frank Gordon, and Mrs. Herbert Rule III. The latter is the daughter of the national president of Church Women United, Mrs. James Dolbey.

Among those taking part in the Wichita Assembly are: Jean Houston, director of the Foundation for Mind Research, New York City, and associate professor of philosophy at Marymount College; Rustum Roy, professor of applied chemistry and director of Interdisciplinary Research Laboratory at Pennsylvania State University; Alice Mary Hilton, president of the Institute for Cybercultural Research, Inc., New York City; William N. Hubbard, Jr., M.D., vice president and general manager of the pharmaceutical division of the Upjohn Company; the Reverend T. Paul Verghese, principal of the Syrian Orthodox Theological Seminary, Kottayam, Kerala, India; the Reverend Catherine L. Gunsalus, associate professor of historical theology, Louisville Presbyterian Theological Seminary; the Reverend Randolph Nugent, associate general secretary of the National Council of Churches; Sister Katherine Hargrove, associate professor of religion at Manhattanville College; members of the American Baroque Dance Theatre of Kansas City. The assembly planners are making use of multi-media devices

and the arts in order to make this an experience-oriented occasion.

The assembly will have before it recommendations from special committees on participation of women in the shaping of future society. On the closing afternoon they will work in planning sessions designed by Harriet Naylor, director of Volunteer Services, New York State and other leaders in adult education. The assembly participants are expected to make plans for carrying their goals into the life of their constituency. New officers and a board of managers of 125 women will also be elected for the coming triennium.

Church Women United is a national movement through which Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Orthodox women may express the ecumenical dimensions of their faith and work. Units of the national movement are organized in every state of the union and in 2,300 local communities. Participation is open to all Christian women who wish to manifest their unity through fellowship, study and cooperative action.

NEW CIRCLE ORGANIZED AT LEWISVILLE

The Young Women's Circle of the Lewisville United Methodist Church was organized in March with eleven members present. Officers were elected as follows: Committee chairman, Bobby Goza; vice-committee chairman, Charlotte Vines; secretary,

MRS. EFFIE B. SIMPSON

Mrs. Effie Beulah Simpson, 70, wife of the Rev. James A. Simpson, retired member of the Little Rock Conference, died on March 23 in Mena where they had made their home since retirement in 1962.

The funeral service was held March 26 in First United Methodist Church, Mena, with the Rev. Daris Egger, the Rev. Arnold Simpson, the Rev. Autrey Sirmon, the Rev. Dorsey Caldwell, and the Rev. Cagle Fair officiating. Interment was in Pinecrest Memorial Park, Mena.

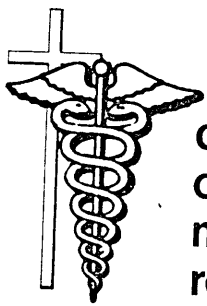
Mrs. Simpson was a native of Cherry Hill, Ark., the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Egger. She and her husband were married in Cherry Hill on Oct. 5, 1916.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by a brother, Ted Egger, and a sister, Mrs. Euel Hoover, both of Mena; and a number of nieces and nephews.

treasurer, Peggy Brock; visitation chairman, Rebecca Barton.

The Circle will meet the second Wednesday night of each month in the homes of members. Their first study course will be "The Discipline of the United Methodist Church."

The Rev. Charles O. Walthall, pastor, states that one of the purposes of organizing the new WSCS circle is to give the younger women of the church a fuller opportunity of service in the area of their particular needs and concerns.



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AN INVITATION

The Methodist Hospital and the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of the Memphis Conference invite you to register for and participate in this important Consultation. The theme is: "When man begins to control his population he may be able to control other things." Mail in the registration blank and the fee of \$5 which will cover the study book and the noon meal.



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The Southern Baptist
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Paris District



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THE CONSULTATION

Following the opening devotional led by Dr. Wayne A. Lamb, Superintendent of the Paris District, Dr. Oakes and Dr. White will lead the group in a consideration of "Who Shall Live," the book which received the 1970 Family Life Special Citation.

Areas which will be confronted during the day will include: "Specific Pastoral Situations Involving Birth Control," "Unwed Mothers," "Premarital Counseling," "Possible Abortions," "Caring for Families With Retarded Children," and "Adoption of Childless Parents."

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Parking available at no cost to registrants in Methodist Hospital Parking Building.

Fayetteville District Youth Rally

BELOW: More than 100 youth from the Fayetteville District attended the all-day event. The following persons were elected to serve as officers for the District Youth Council: President—Julia Hilliard, Wiggins Memorial, Fayetteville; Vice President—Jim Roomsburg, First Church, Harrison; Vice President—Danna Fisher, First Church, Springdale; Secretary-Treasurer—Norma Paulsen, Siloam Springs.

The Rev. Jerry Canada (left), Fayetteville District co-ordinator of Youth Work and the Rev. John McCormack, host pastor, in foreground during March 13 District Youth Rally held at First Church, Siloam Springs. (Planners for the rally included Allen Kimbrough, Siloam Springs; Danna Fisher, Springdale; Judy Davis, Rogers; Ken Wilkerson, Bentonville; Canada, McCormack, and Dr. Myers B. Curtis, district superintendent).

LEFT: "Peace Pilgrim," who has been walking throughout the nation since 1953 for the cause of world peace, and who has vowed to continue walking until such peace is realized, spoke to the young people during the afternoon session. Shown with her are the Rev. John McCormack and the Rev. Hershel McClurkin (right). Other features of the rally included a film, "It's About This Carpenter"; a rock group, "The Reflections of Time" led by David Willock of Fayetteville; Clay Cooper led the group in singing songs from "Tell It Like It Is," and the day's program closed with a service of Holy Communion.

The boys and girls shown here comprise a Confirmation Training Class from Providence and Bethlehem United Methodist Churches of the Woodlawn Circuit. They will take their membership vows during Passion Week Services. The Rev. Ed Eagle is pastor of Woodlawn Circuit.

Staff members at the North Arkansas Conference Vacation Church School Seminar held at Searey's Grace United Methodist Church March 16-17. FROM LEFT: Mrs. Maureen Muller of North Little Rock; the Rev. Bob Edwards, director, of Jacksonville; Miss Madge Franklin of Little Rock; the Rev. William Halton of West Helena; Mrs. Marie Jordan of Conway; Miss Olive Smith of Little Rock, and Mrs. Virginia Lindley of Jonesboro. Around 60 persons from over the Conference attended the seminar made up of District teams representing the seven districts. These teams will conduct vacation church school workshops within their respective districts. The Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of the Conference Program Council serves as coordinator of the work. The Rev. James Barton was host pastor for the two-day event.