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Paul Faris to speak for Hendrix Alumni Day

Paul Faris, professor of English at Hendrix College, will be the featured speaker at Hendrix Alumni Day on Saturday, April 24. He will speak on "Forty Years of Change at Hendrix College."

The program for the day will begin with registration at 9:45 a.m. in Trieschmann Fine Arts Building, followed by Mr. Faris' address at 10:15.

The Alumni Luncheon will be held at noon in Hulen Hall. At the luncheon Dr. Roy B. Schilling, Jr., Hendrix president, will give a report on the state of the college and the new officers of the Hendrix Alumni Association will be introduced.

The classes of 1921 and 1946 will be honored at luncheon on the occasion of their 50th and 25th anniversaries of their graduation.

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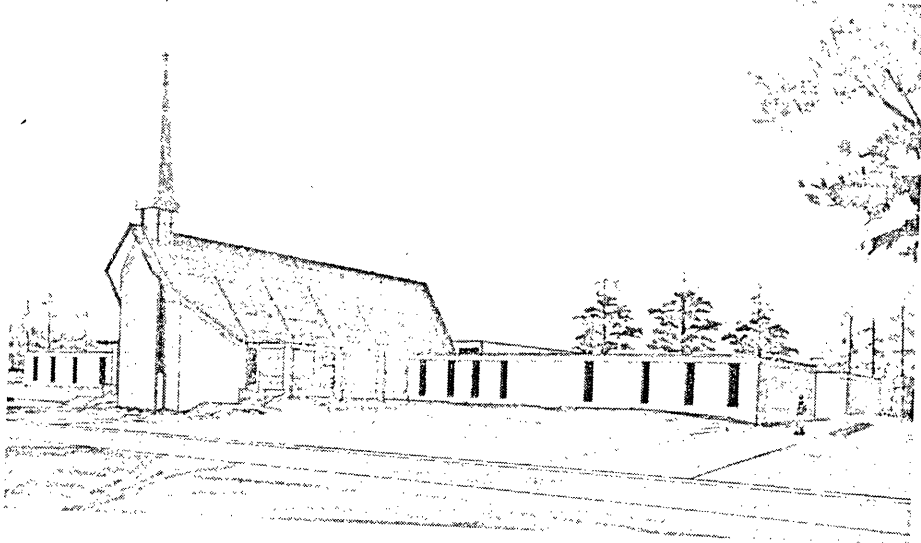
Class of 1921 and the Half Century Club in the president's home at 2:00 p.m.

Mr. Faris, the featured speaker, joined the Hendrix faculty in 1928 and has the longest record of continuous service of anyone who has ever been a member of that faculty. He received his B.A. degree from Central College, Fayette, Mo. in 1927 and the M.A. degree from the University of Missouri the next year. He has done further graduate study at Columbia University, the University of Chicago and Duke University. He plans to retire from the Hendrix faculty following commencement on June 4.

In addition to his teaching, Mr. Faris initiated the college's news service and directed its work until 1961. He has served as editor of the Hendrix catalogue, editor of the Hendrix Review and was secretary of the Board of Trustees from 1946 to 1961.

He has become widely known for his work in photography. His pictures have been published in a number of national magazines and he writes a column on photography for the **Arkansas Democrat**.

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A Building Fund Campaign is in progress at First United Methodist Church, Hope, Arkansas, to raise \$405,000 over the next 5 years for the construction of the edifice shown in architectural drawing above. A sanctuary, education facilities and a chapel are included in the plan. The Rev. Norris Steele is pastor. Two hundred campaign workers assembled for the April 2 Campaign "kick-off" to hear plans for procedure outlined by the Rev. J. Edwin Keith. (Photo of drawing by Clyde Davis)

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"The Living Christ" is Convocation theme

"The Living Christ for Today" will be the theme of the Arkansas Convocation for Christ to be held Friday and Saturday, April 23 and 24 at Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

The program will begin Friday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. with a period of singing. Friday's speakers and their topics will be 2:15 p.m., "Things I'm Glad About," the Rev. G. A. McKelvey, Ft. Smith; 3:20 p.m., "A Seek-

ing Man," Dr. Harold Rogers of the Board of Evangelism, Nashville, Tenn.; and 7:40 p.m., "Total Commitment for Christ," Dr. Harry Denman, Nashville, Tenn.

Saturday's topics and speakers are: 8:45 a.m., "Christian Manifesto," the Rev. Frank Warden, Jr., Dallas; 10 a.m., "The Emerging Revival and the Coming King," Dr. Robert L. Coleman, Wilmore, Ky.; 11:10 a.m., "This I Believe," the Rev. Arnold Prater,

Joplin, Mo.; and 7:15 p.m., "God's Man for Today," Dr. Ira Gallaway, Fort Worth, Tex.

Workshop leaders for Saturday afternoon are: Dr. Fred R. Harrison, Malvern; Dr. Alvin C. Murray, El Dorado; Leslie McCullough, Harrisburg; the Rev. Eugene Efird, Little Rock; Henry Caldwell, Benton; and Milton Harbuck, North Little Rock.

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Mt. Sequoyah training event to focus on "The Church: An Agent of Change?"

FAYETTEVILLE, Ark. (UMI) — A "sell-out" enrollment for one of the most comprehensive leadership events ever held at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly is predicted for June 28-July 2 when a four-pronged program will focus on "The Church: An Agent of Change?"

Dr. Virgil D. Morris, executive secretary and program director of the eight-state South Central Jurisdiction which owns and operates Mt. Sequoyah Assembly, said the "wholistic event provides at once the most comprehensive and inspirational events ever offered at Mt. Sequoyah and is certain to be a sell-out."

The week-long event involves training for all program boards of the

church and will be under the general direction of Dr. James Hares, Dallas, Tex., program director of the North Texas Conference of the United Methodist Church. In previous years most program boards have held their training independently.

Each day, Tuesday through Friday, Iowa Bishop James S. Thomas will be the featured speaker for the annual Mt. Sequoyah Wilson Lecture Series. After each address on the theme "The Church: An Agent of Change?," Dr. George Hunter III, Nashville, Tenn., a staff member of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, will direct workshop sessions and a response panel reacting to Bishop Thomas' lectures.

Coaching conferences and seminars will be held each afternoon. Coaching conferences for individuals who plan to return to their annual conference and teach will be offered in the three areas of the 1971-72 church-wide studies: Matthew, The New Generations in Africa, and New Machines and the New Humanity. Others who do not plan to teach one of the three studies may choose the churchwide studies as seminars or select other seminars on: Counselling Draftees and Their Parents; The Population/Environment Crises; New Life Missions; and Stewardship.

Job training will be offered each evening for conference and district of-

ficers of Christian social concerns, education, evangelism, health and welfare ministries, missions and chairmen of interpretation. A session will also be offered each evening for youth members of program boards.

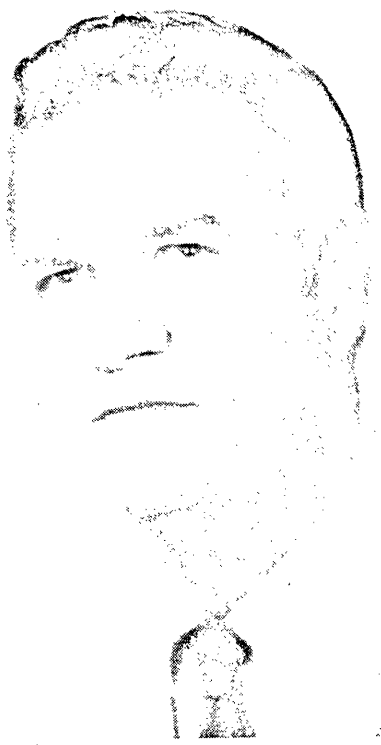
Another major training event scheduled for the summer is a Laboratory and Seminar Week, June 20-25, under the directorship of the Rev. Kenneth W. Short, Wichita, Kans., and associate director Mrs. Lucy Collins, Houston, Tex.

Dr. Morris said the week will provide the most advanced form of teacher training in the United Methodist

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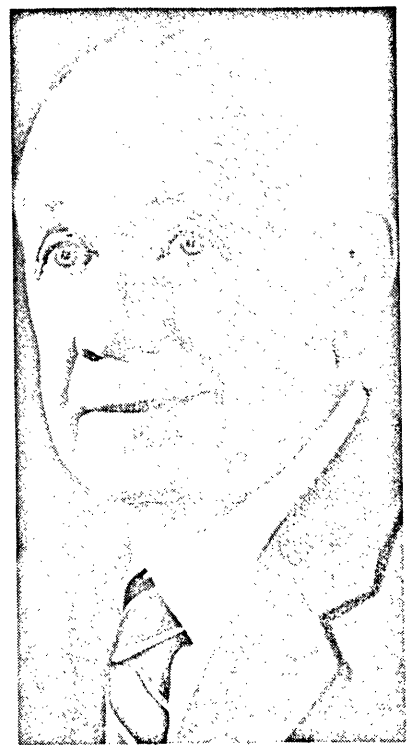


A panel of Hendrix College students discussed "The Image of the Church" as the opening event at the North Arkansas Conference Communications Workshop held at First Church, Conway, April 14. The Rev. Bill Williams, right, associate pastor of First Church, Conway, served as moderator. Members of the panel were, from left: Nell and Jim Rorie, North Little Rock; Eston Williams, Little Rock; and Bill Briant of Pine Bluff.



-Greer Lile Photo

Thomas P. Williams, Jr.



-Thomas Harding Photo

Willis H. Homes

Children's Choir Festival/Workshop

April 30, May 1, 2

Children's choirs and directors of music in the United Methodist Churches of the Little Rock Conference are again making preparation for the annual Children's Choir Festival scheduled for Sunday, May 2, 3:30 p.m. at St. Paul United Methodist Church in Little Rock.

In conjunction with the Festival, Eugene Kuyper, associate professor of Music and director of Choral Activities at Henderson State College in Arkadelphia, will be guest clinician for a workshop session to be held on Friday evening, April 30, 7:30 at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

This session is open to all interested persons working with children's choirs.



Eugene Kuyper

Anyone desiring more complete information may contact Mrs. William Elmore, Winfield United Methodist Church, by calling 375-1266.



Hendrix College to honor two at Alumni Day celebration

Hendrix College will honor two of its Alumni with the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the Alumni Day Luncheon on April 24.

Willis H. Holmes, a Little Rock attorney and Thomas P. Williams, Jr., a Little Rock insurance executive, will be the honorees.

Holmes, a cum laude graduate in the Class of 1921, is the senior member of the law firm of House, Holmes and Jewell. He is a member of the Hendrix College Board of Trustees and the Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Board.

Williams, the co-owner of the Central Arkansas Agency, Inc., is a 1942 graduate and a past president of the

Hendrix College Alumni Association. He is president of the United Fund of Pulaski County and past president of the Little Rock Central YMCA and has served in various leadership capacities in the Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church.

Both honorees have been General Chairmen of the Alumni Loyalty Fund at Hendrix College.

The Distinguished Alumnus award is made to Hendrix graduates who have achieved distinction in their profession, have made outstanding contributions to their fellowmen or have rendered unusual service to Hendrix College.

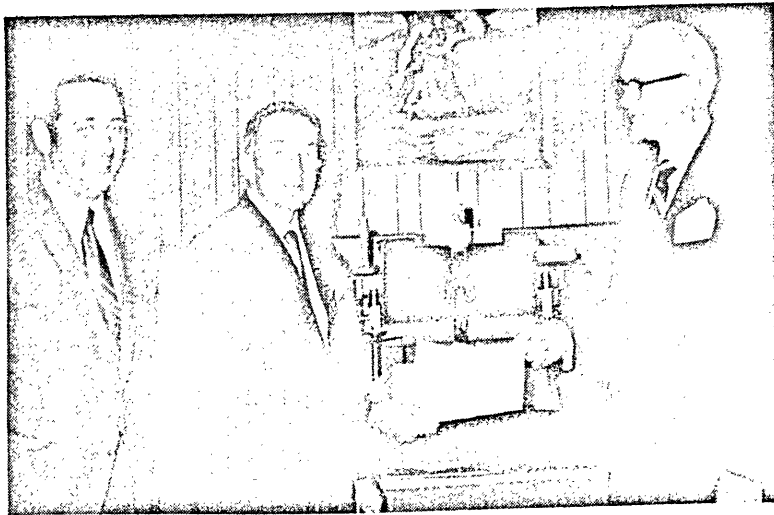


BLACK METHODISTS FOR CHURCH RENEWAL MEET IN LITTLE ROCK

Bishop Noah Moore, Jr. of Lincoln, Neb., was the keynote speaker for the South Central Convocation of Black Methodists for Church Renewal, held Friday and Saturday, April 16 and 17 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Little Rock.

Leaders for the meeting, attended by some 300 persons from the seven-state area of the South Central Jurisdiction, included: Dr. Gilbert Caldwell, national president of BMCR; the Rev. Cain H. Felder, Atlanta, executive director of BMCR; the Rev. Phil Lawson, Kansas City, jurisdictional coordinator; the Rev. George Brewer, Dallas, jurisdictional field coordinator; Miss Pat Burg, director, Mid-Western Black Draft Counseling Service, Chicago; and Dr. Negail R. Riley, New York, secretary of the Department of Urban Ministries of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church.

Mr. Felder said that approximately 300 persons were present for the opening session.



Fort Smith District Evangelism Workshop at Hendricks Hills

Dr. Ross E. Whetstone, Assistant General Secretary of the General Board of Evangelism, the United Methodist Church, will be the leader for a special District Wide Workshop on Evangelism to be held at the Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, Sunday, April 25.

Dr. Whetstone, will be the guest preacher in the 10:30 a.m. Worship Service at the Hendricks Hills Church

and will conduct the Workshop beginning at 3:00 p.m. The Rev. C. Waymon Hollis is pastor of the host church.

Pastors and lay people from throughout the Fort Smith District will be participating in the Workshop. Participants will be introduced to a new program "Design for Witness" recently developed by the Board of Evangelism.

LEFT: Standing before the altar at Almyra United Methodist Church, Sunday, April 18, were (l. to r.): the Rev. Loyd Perry, pastor; the Rev. Harrison Eugene (Gene) Ratekin who had just received License to Preach; and Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District Superintendent who conducted the Service for License to Preach during the morning worship service, after which Mr. Ratekin preached.



THE REV. C. R. ANDREWS

The funeral service was held Tuesday, April 20, at Carlisle United Methodist Church for the Rev. C. R. Andrews, 82, retired member of the Little Rock Annual Conference who died Sunday, April 18.

He had been a minister for 54 years and served as pastor of churches at Little Rock, Carlisle, Glenwood, Center Point, Fouke, Traskwood, Sheridan, Princeton, Keo, New Edinburg, Bayou Meto, Huttig and Leola.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Anna Jessup Andrews, and a son, Jessup V. Andrews of Little Rock and two grandchildren.

MEANINGFUL PREPARATION FOR ANNUAL CONFERENCE

We were brought up sharply a few days ago by the realization that Annual Conferences are just around the corner. We might say that we are under the compulsion of the calendar to start our final preparations for that important time in the United Methodist Church. Some may think we are a bit premature in this editorial, but others will realize that "it's later than you think."

A look at your date book or calendar will convince you that the time is almost here. How differently we prepare for Conference now than we did just a few years ago! However, this does not minimize the fact that we do need to get ready for what we want to happen in these sessions. No longer do we make our statistical reports just before conference—this was finished with the end of the last calendar year. This fact should not relieve us of the necessity of taking a good look at what has been accomplished in our churches since we last met in Annual Conference.

Many challenging decisions will come before the 1971 sessions of the Conferences within our constituency. We were able to catch something of the spirit from the mid-year meetings of the boards and agencies. Optimism and imagination are implemented in the reports which will be coming before us for action. The pre-Conference reports are being received already by some of the delegates, and others will be getting their copies very soon.

The Conferences made wise decisions when they decided to publish these reports in advance of Conference. These had made it possible for lay and ministerial delegates to familiarize themselves with the issues that will be coming up for consideration. A tremendous amount of work goes into the preparation of these Pre-Conference Digests, but it is worth every bit of it since it makes possible a more mature approach to the business of this most important unit in our church.

If you have been chosen as the lay delegate from your charge, take that responsibility

seriously. If you are not the delegate and have a concern about your church, discover who it is that is representing you and discuss Annual Conference with him.

Our church makes a provision for the representation of ministers and laymen to be almost equal in the Annual Conference. It is too bad when the attendance does not make possible equal voting on the important issues that come before us. Sometimes the accusation is heard that "preachers run the conference." If laymen are concerned about this charge, they should resolve to see that the attendance of lay delegates is stimulated. We feel that progress is being made in this matter through the programs of training for lay delegates that is being implemented in many sections.

These training sessions offer our laymen an opportunity to become truly involved in the Annual Conference. They are especially valuable for the delegate who will be attending his first session this year. If you have been chosen as the lay delegate from your charge, make every effort to attend the training period that is available to you. We do not have any statistics on this, but we are reasonably sure that attendance is better and decisions are made more maturely where there has been such training.

The Annual Conference sessions in which the delegates are chosen for the General and Jurisdictional Conferences take on special significance. This is the year for the selection of our delegates to these important meetings of 1972. Not only will they

have the responsibility for determining the program of our denomination for another quadrennium, but they will also be receiving study reports which give unusual meaning to those conferences. Not only will the balloting occupy a large part of the time at this year's Annual Conferences, but the concern about the individuals to be selected will be a major one. We should all be carefully and prayerfully aware of this responsibility which delegates carry this year.

Annual Conferences have changed drastically during the years since we first started attending. They still are exciting events to this writer, as we feel they are to many of our readers. In the local churches of the college campus where the Conferences will be held a great deal of careful preparation is already taking place. We will not be true to these plans that are being made for us unless we also begin to make preparations within our minds and hearts. A great deal of praying needs to be done in order that we might bring dedicated spirits and receptive minds to Annual Conference. It is not too early to start this essential spiritual preparation.

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PING PONG DIPLOMACY

When history finally writes the accomplishments of the Nixon administration in foreign affairs it is entirely possible that last week, April 11-18, may be judged the most significant period, and the ping pong ball and paddle may be credited as the strongest weapon used in breaking through the "bamboo curtain."

Up until just a short time ago no one would have predicted that United States' relationship with China would have changed so drastically during Mr. Nixon's term in office. Nor could anyone have anticipated the method of opening the door.

All of us have been interested in the looks inside China that have come to us on television during the past few days, and many have been excited about the diplomatic contributions made possible by the American ping pong team.

We will reserve comment on the total matter of the thawing of the freeze regarding relations between the United States and China until a later column. This week we simply want to join other columnists in underscoring the unexpected nature of the door that was opened to the youthful athletes and their chaperones.

One of the cartoonists heralded the historic event with a picture of the Great Wall of China showing a small hole through which some persons were looking. "Just about the size of a ping pong ball," they observed concerning the size of the hole.

Another cartoon represented the exploitation of the event by the CIA suggesting that it might be possible to install surveillance equipment inside the ping pong balls. In this same vein, one reporter wrote that the CIA was disappointed because it did not have a single skilled ping pong player among its agents.

It may be one of the most healthy signs we have seen in a long time that we can laugh together concerning this important event in foreign affairs. This has been the week of ping pong diplomacy.

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NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Former Supreme Court Justice Arthur J. Goldberg is the first Jew to be named national chairman for the annual interfaith National Bible Week—scheduled to be observed Nov. 21-28, 1971. Justice Goldberg, partner in the New York law firm of Paul, Weiss, Goldberg, Wharton & Garrison, succeeds J. Peter Grace, prominent Roman Catholic layman. In accepting the chairmanship, he said, "The effort through mass media and many organizations to motivate the study of Holy Scripture is of great importance in applying the wisdom of the ages to the building of a more just and humane society today."

Mormon parents and youth leaders were told that "religion is caught, not taught" and it is their duty to help children develop the "God-qualities" within themselves—during the annual Primary Assn. conference held in Salt Lake City. Gordon B. Hinkley, a member of the governing body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, noted that "for lack of patience or lack of understanding, parents and teachers sometimes fail to assess the spiritual and moral potential of children and in one way or another deny them the opportunity to grow and expand into the type of individuals they are capable of becoming."

Material aid worth \$42.6 million was transmitted by the World Council of Churches in 1970, according to a Religious News Service release. The food, medical supplies, clothing, blankets, agricultural aid and seeds involved came from the Protestant and Orthodox member Churches and related agencies, and was in addition to \$17.3 million in cash donated for relief and rehabilitation. Most of the supplies went to aid victims of disaster or for on-going development work. Almost half went to Asia.

A new unit of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) will attempt to find out how a union of nine denominations can produce maximum mission with a minimum of bureaucracy. This is the task of the Commission on Structures for Mission which held its organizing session in Indianapolis recently. The Rev. Isaiah Scipio, Jr., of Detroit is chairman. He is general secretary of the Nat'l. Div. of Missions of the Christian Methodist Episcopal Church, a black denomination. Dr. Paul A. Crow, Jr., COCU general secretary, said the commission will analyze present structures and identify steps and actions which would make the proposed merged Church "possible and credible."

Missionary programs must be radically reoriented and many old-style patterns of missionary activity scrapped, according to a comprehensive report, "One World, One Task," published in London by leading British evangelicals. The 173-page report declares bluntly that "in a time of rapid and radical social change in the world, all Christian institutions have to accept painful adjustments—some even have to die that the gospel may live." It advocates abolishing the "sending" concept of missionary work in favor of a "mutual partnership" concept. Studies leading to the report were commissioned at the 1968 triennial meeting of the Nat'l. Assembly of Evangelicals. The document will be presented to the next assembly in May. Members of the commission, headed by the Rev. A. Morgan Derham, included theologians, missionaries, and natives of countries where missionary work is carried on.

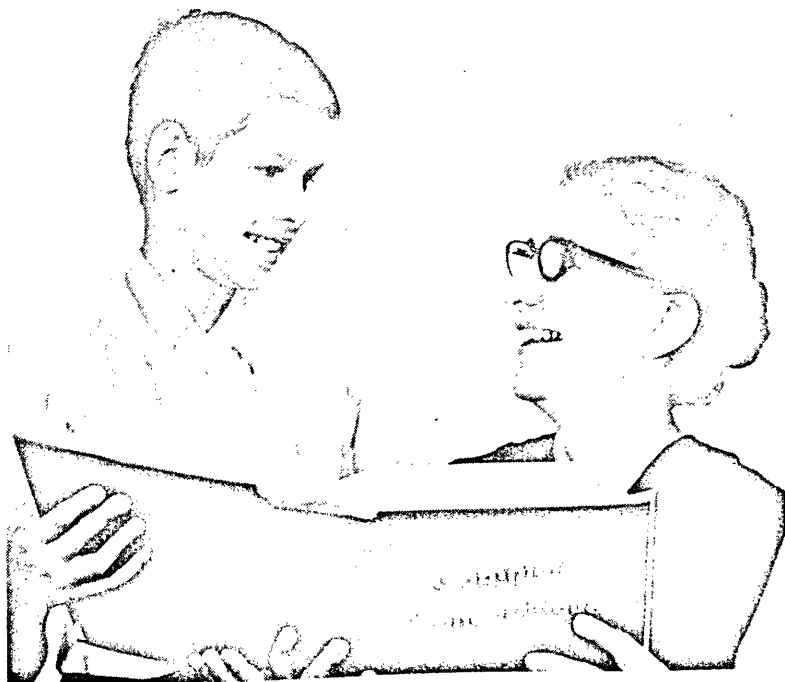
In a continuation of the trend towards youth representation on church boards, 15-year-old Michael Faw serves as a Deacon of First Presbyterian church in San Anselmo, Calif. Serving as an elder in the same congregation is 16-year-old Douglas Harnsberger. They are believed to be among the youngest congregational officials of any Presbyterian Church in the U.S. Both said the congregation sought them out for the posts.

Britain's Free Churches were urged to become more involved in public issues such as racism and drug addiction and draw away from "a narrow and unhealthy pietism." The plea was made by Dr. Leonard G. Champion, a former president of the British Baptist Union, following his induction in Punshon Memorial Methodist Church as moderator of the Free Church Federal Council. His induction was held at the 75th Nat'l. Congress of the FCFC, which represents Britain's main Free Churches on a national basis. Dr. Champion said "Once again we are in a time of involvement. The issues confronting us present themselves in new forms."

Members of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) will celebrate the 170th anniversary of the beginning of their Church in a pilgrimage to the state where the movement was initiated. The Disciples' 1971 General Assembly will be held Oct. 15-20 in Louisville—less than two hours' drive from the Cane Ridge Meeting House, a log church that has special meaning for the ecumenical movement and Disciples in particular. The consultation on Church Union (COCU) held its annual communion service in 1965 at Cane Ridge. The Disciples have played a major role in COCU and in the National and World Councils of Churches.

Some students at a suburban Philadelphia high school are discovering that the Bible contains the major themes of world literature and the arts. They are enrolled in an elective course, "The Bible and Literature." The Bible course has been offered as an elective by the Lower Merion English department for more than 10 years. This term, about 30 students (half Christian, half Jewish) are enrolled from a total student body of 1,700.

About 80 persons will be commissioned for foreign missionary service when the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board holds its semi-annual meeting in Louisville, Ky., April 20. Some 20,000 people are expected to attend the service, first of its kind for Southern Baptists in the Ohio-Indiana and Kentucky area, according to Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary. In his report at the board's March meeting, Mr. Cauthen said that "no slowdown in missionary appointments is planned for 1971."



LA VERNE, Calif. — A Church of the Brethren congregation in La Verne, Calif., is engaged in a unique teaching program for sixth grade church school students which places teacher and students in one-to-one relationships. The teacher meets for an hour each week with one pupil in Bible study sessions. The meetings are arranged at the convenience of the teacher and pupil and church school for sixth graders is not conducted on Sunday morning. Here, Roger Castellano and his teacher, Barbara Enberg, use a Bible concordance in the study program. (RNS Photo)

Two Cuban Baptist leaders, attending a church conference in Switzerland, reported that the Baptist churches in Cuba are "alive and growing." Manuel Salom and Humberto Dominguez, both of Havana, told European Baptist leaders that the Baptist Convention of Western Cuba has 7,000 members in 98 churches, and baptized 319 converts last year, according to a Baptist Press report. Cuban Baptist pastors who were once imprisoned have now been released, the report said.

The national Christian Council of Kenya is maintaining soup kitchens in towns and villages north and east of Nairobi (Africa) as part of a massive effort by government and voluntary groups to feed 150,000 caught in a devastating drought. For nearly a year there has been no rain in the region. Emergency feeding centers have been set up in 11 districts. Famine and financial ruin is reported to prevail throughout the area. Cattle, sheep and camels are dying by the hundreds. The Nat'l. Christian Council has appealed to the World Council of Churches for relief funds and goods.

U.S. Churches have a special responsibility for world mission in view of the U.S. position as a world power, says a report published in London by leading British evangelicals. "The role of the U.S. Churches in the international church has rapidly become that of senior partner." "The success of this new position will in measure be controlled by the willingness to accept a less explicit leadership for a greater supporting partnership," the report contends.

More than 10,000 Assemblies of God young people aged 16-24, will take part in the denomination's sixth annual Ambassadors in Mission (AIM) program this year. Nearly 10,000 youths will participate in the witnessing program in the U.S., while more than 400 will assist missionaries and national leaders in foreign countries to spread the "good news of the gospel of Christ." The crusade is part of the 1971 emphasis of the Church, and is conducted under the theme, "Take the Word."

A research study of U.S. Catholic education, published in a special education issue of AMERICA, the Jesuit weekly review, revealed that in the last year some 400 Catholic schools have closed, causing a 3.4 per cent decline at the elementary level and a 4.3 per cent drop in the number of high schools. The study showed that declines were greater in parish grade and high schools. More centralized inter-parish and diocesan schools showed more stability generally, with enrollment increases reported in some areas as a result of consolidations. Full-time teaching nuns continued to decline at a rate of 7 per cent a year.

Aldersgate honors two at annual meeting

On Academy Award night, Aldersgate Methodist Camp made its own awards to two benefactors. Mrs. E. D. Galloway was presented a plaque recognizing her activities in behalf of the camp from its beginning in 1947. Mrs. Marguerite Rice Riddick was memorialized in the naming of a building for her. Her family was presented the plaque which will hang in the newest and largest camp shelter.

The Rev. J. Robert Scott, out-going president of the Board of Directors, made the presentations at the annual dinner meeting held in Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, attended by 160 board members and friends of Aldersgate on Thursday, April 15.

Principal speaker was William M. Shepherd, retired utilities executive who also accepted a seat on the Aldersgate Board of Directors for a three-year term. He was introduced by Thomas P. Williams, Jr., insurance executive, who becomes the new president of the board.

As vice-president, Mr. Williams was in charge of the program committee for the meeting. Mrs. Irma Whitehorn was chairman of the arrangements committee.

A review of past camps and a preview of the '71 camping schedule were given by speakers representing agencies making use of the camp facilities. Ray Tribble, camp director, was moderator for the following panelists:

Mrs. Lucille Warren, director of psychiatric nursing service for Arkansas State Hospitals, testified to the therapeutic value to the emotionally disturbed of sharing responsibilities in preparing meals over open campfires.

Bill Fortson, director of social activities at Fort Roots, noted the wholesome relationship between college-age camp counselors and veterans.

Doug Rather, social worker with Children's Services of Arkansas, quoted from foster children, wards of the state, one of whom described a camp experience as the "bestest week I ever had."

Leo Williams, assistant director of Upward Bound, who had been associated with the camp program during his college days at Philander Smith College, expressed a desire for more opportunities to use the camp with his students.

Mrs. Mazel Koonce, director of Fullerton School (for special students), felt that the out-or-doors gave her group opportunity to work out hostilities and prepared them for better communication with family and associates.

Rush Holt, recently assigned by the Board of Missions to Aldersgate as assistant program director, told of plans for additional ventures this summer. One program will be frontier camping for teenage boys with problem backgrounds. Another will be for extended day camping, involving the same campers for six weeks and noting increased skills.

Richard Lines directed the Pulaski Heights Sanctuary Choir in several selections. Hal Robbins gave the welcome and made introductions. The Invocation was by the Rev. E. M. Johnson; the Benediction by the Rev. Lester Bickford.



Thomas P. Williams, right, incoming board president, introduced the speaker at the Aldersgate dinner, William M. Shepherd, prominent Methodist layman and community leader.



The Easter Sunrise Service held in Rimmel Park at Newport featured a dramatic production by the senior high youth of First Methodist United Church of "The Easter Story," by Vahan Tashjian. The play was under the direction of Mrs. Frank A. Rogers, and the chorus was directed by Mrs. Carl Cross. The Rev. David P. Conyers is minister.

THE BLYTHEVILLE Ministerial Alliance sponsored the Easter sunrise service held at the Air Force Base. Chaplain Donald L. Wilson delivered the message. The NCO Club served breakfast immediately following.

MALVERN SUB-DISTRICT UMY sponsored the sunrise communion service at Camp Tanako on Good Friday for all Malvern area youth. The Rev. Coleman Akin, pastor of Keith Memorial United Methodist Church, was in charge.

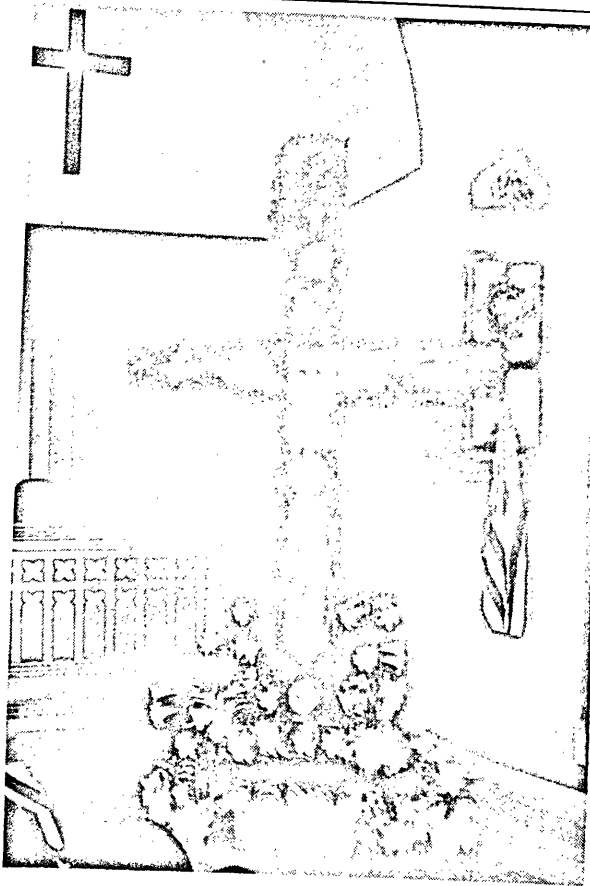


Panelists at the Aldersgate Camp Board meeting, April 15, were, from left: Mrs. Lucille Warren, Bill Fortson, Doug Rather, Leo Williams, Mrs. Mazel Koonce and Rush Holt.

The late Marguerite Rice Riddick was memorialized by the naming of a building for her at Aldersgate. Family members present for the occasion were her son, Walt, her husband, Walter G. Riddick, her mother, Mrs. James H. Rice, Sr., and her mother-in-law, Mrs. Walter G. Riddick, Sr. Friends and relatives contributed to the memorial. As chairman of the camping program, "Grete" worked closely with the camp staff until the week of her untimely death.



Mrs. E. D. Galloway, upon her retirement from the Aldersgate Board of Directors, was presented a plaque by the Rev. J. Robert Scott, out-going board president, for her many activities in behalf of the camp. She was also being honored by a substantial sum of money being given to the "campership" program by friends in her name.



The Christmon Cross in the sanctuary of First United Methodist Church in Helena stands 12 feet high and is 12 inches thick. The ladies of the church made the Christian symbols which adorn the cross. It will remain as a focal point in the sanctuary for the remainder of the month. The Rev. Jim Beal is pastor.

NEWS and NOTES

THE JOHN PARKS ALMAND Family presented to Oak Forest United Methodist Church in Little Rock the 10x16 foot picture of that church which hung behind the desk in the private office of the late Mr. Almand. A noted church architect, Mr. Almand was most proud of the Oak Forest Church which he designed and of which he was a member.

MEMBERS OF THE BOONEVILLE Choir, and their families, were treated to an "appreciation dinner" on Wednesday, April 14. The sponsoring group was the Women's Society, of which Mrs. Pat Curry is president. The Rev. Norman Carter is the Booneville pastor.

NEW LIFE MISSION in the First United Methodist Church of Piggott was led by the Rev. Merwin R. Kurtz from the General Board of Evangelism at Nashville, Tennessee. The Rev. J. B. Harris is the Piggott minister.

CABOT YOUTH sponsored the revival held in First Church, Cabot, April 8 through 11. The evangelist was the Rev. Roger Hook, pastor of 16th Section, Austin and Ward Churches and student at State College of Arkansas at Conway. The Cabot pastor is the Rev. Braska Savage.

THE MISSION STUDY on "Communicating the Gospel" is being held in First United Methodist at West Memphis on Sunday, April 18, Thursday, April 22, and Sunday, April 25. Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor, is in charge and is being assisted by Mrs. Taylor Claiborne, Mrs. Jack Hogan, Mrs. John W. Burrow, Mrs. Charles Gregg and Miss Emily Mason.

THE PAGEANT "I Saw Him" by Sarah Miller, was presented by the young people of Mabelvale U. M. Church on Passion Sunday Evening, March 28. On Palm Sunday, Loisjean Raymond directed the Chancel Choir in the presentation of Wilson's "An Easter Alleluia." Soloists were Carolyn Moseley, John Gibson and Kathy Kennedy. Hazel Tunnell was organist. The Rev. Ben Hines is the Mabelvale pastor.



J. Albert Gatlin

GEYER SPRINGS United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will have as visiting evangelist, the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, the week of April 25-30. Mr. Gatlin is pastor of Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church in Paragould and has served as district superintendent in the North Arkansas Conference. Bill Kennedy of England, song evangelist, will have charge of the music at Geyer Springs where the Rev. Rayford L. Diffie serves as pastor.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Mrs. James B. Argue, wife of the pastor of Pulaski Heights U.M. Church, Little Rock, in the death of her mother, Mrs. Agnes Bourland.

THE ALASKA LAY WITNESS Mission which they attended in Juneau and Sitka will be reported by Bill and Norma Woodsmall in Washington Avenue United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, on Sunday, April 25, at 6 p.m.

P. K. KORNER

AMY LYNN PROTHRO was born April 1 to the Rev. and Mrs. David Prothro of Camden. Maternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Peek and paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prothro all of El Dorado. Mr. Prothro is associate pastor of First United Methodist Church in Camden.

MR. AND MRS. VIC JOHNSON of Benicia, California, are the parents of another daughter, Kristine Alice, born February 2. Mrs. Johnson is the former Sarah Dodgen, daughter of Dr. Ethan Dodgen, Forrest City district superintendent, and Mrs. Dodgen.

ROBIN LYNN PILGRAM, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Pilgram of Hot Springs, was dedicated in baptism at the Center Grove United Methodist Church by her grandfather, the Rev. David Hankins, Jr., on March 21 when she was six weeks old.

ROSEWOOD UNITED Methodist Church of West Memphis plans a Lay Witness Mission for the weekend of April 23-25. Don Newton of Piggott will be coordinator of the activities. The Rev. James Linam is the Rosewood pastor.

LEWISVILLE UNITED Methodist Church will have a series of revival services beginning Sunday, April 25, through Thursday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. daily. The Rev. Howard L. Williams, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Magnolia, will be the speaker. Mrs. John Searcy, organist, and Miss Margaret Perritt, choir director, will be in charge of the music. Cottage prayer meetings are being held this week, in preparation for the revival services. The Rev. Charles O. Walthall is the pastor.

TRAINING SCHOOL AT LINCOLN

A parish-wide Training School has been scheduled for Central United Methodist Church at Lincoln, April 25-27, from 7:30 until 9:30 p.m. The three courses to be offered, and instructors, are: "Life and Teachings of Jesus," the Rev. Charles McDonald, pastor of Central U.M. Church, Rogers; "The Work of the Council on Ministries," the Rev. Earl Carter of the Program Council, North Arkansas Conference; "Living and Learning in the Church School," the Rev. William Wilder, pastor of First Church, Marked Tree. The Rev. Woodrow Woods, host pastor, is dean.

"THE NEW MOVEMENT," youth singing group of Levy United Methodist Church, has scheduled singing dates at Rose City United Methodist Church, April 18, at Lonoke United Methodist on May 2, and at the girls Training School at Alexander on May 9. Mrs. Roberta Sims is director of the group. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is the Levy pastor.

FIRST CHURCH, STUTTGART, had the Easter cantata "No Greater Love" presented on Maunday Thursday, preceding Holy Communion. Jim Ellis is the choir director, Mrs. E. L. Moore is organist, and Mrs. Herbert Jones, pianist. The Rev. Robert O. Beck is pastor.

MEMBERS OF FIRST UNITED Methodist Church, Forrest City are provided numerous opportunities for Bible study and spiritual growth. Four Adult Bible Study groups meet in various homes each Sunday evening. In addition fifth and sixth graders meet in homes for extra sessions of Bible Study, and a group of youth meets in the church. The youth meet at the church each Wednesday evening for a sharing and altar time. Two other prayer groups meet at the church weekly and share groups meet in homes. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is minister.

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 25—Sunday Psalms 72:1-7
April 26 Psalms 85:1-13
April 27 Isaiah 26:1-4
April 28 Mark 9:42-50
April 29 Luke 1:67-79
April 30 Eph. 6:13-18
May 1 Deut. 6:1-6
May 2—Sunday Josh. 22:2-6

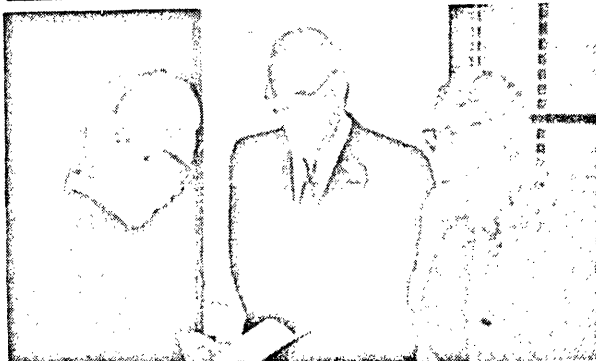
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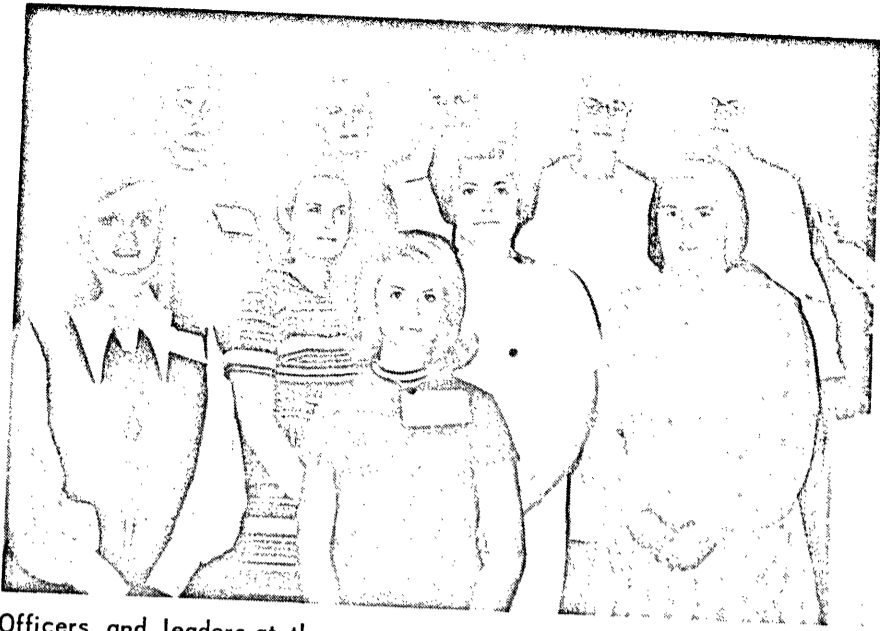
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by J. H. Reynolds Family
by Mrs. G. D. Moore
by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Clark
by Everett Tucker, Jr.
by M. R. or Joe S. Ridgway
by Mr. & Mrs. R. S. Sanford

THE MABELVALE SENIOR UMY sponsored the fourth annual Easter Sunrise Service on the lakefront of the Bill Shepherd home on Sibley Road. Eddie Tarvin brought the message. Other youth participants were David Hines, Ted Carter, Paul Bowen, David Carter, Debbie Hill and Bob McClure. The Rev. Ben Hines is pastor.

APRIL 22, 1971



At the Golden Wedding anniversary observance of Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Caraway, at right, in the Junction City United Methodist Church, the Rev. E. S. Wagner read the 50th wedding anniversary service in the presence of many relatives and friends who attended.



Officers and leaders at the recent organization meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild at Murfreesboro shown above are, from left, front row: Dolly Wylie, Helen Kizzia, Arlene Fugitt, Sue Anthony and Patsy Epperson, president; back row: Rhana Harris, Linda Brent, Eloise Levins, Ruby Whetherman and Gladys Icenhower.

NEW GUILD ORGANIZED AT MURFREESBORO

Nineteen young women of the Murfreesboro United Methodist Church have organized a Wesleyan Service Guild and elected Mrs. Patsy Epperson to serve as president.

Mrs. Gladys Icenhower of Texarkana, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Wesleyan Service Guild, installed Mrs. Epperson in a candle-light ceremony at the April 16 meeting, along with the following officers:

Mrs. Linda Brent, vice president and program chairman; Mrs. Helen Kizzia, secretary; Mrs. Arlene Fugitt, treasurer; Mrs. Rana Harris, chairman of nominations; Dollie Wylie, membership chairman; Mrs. Sue Anthony,

social concerns chairman; and Mrs. Ruby Weatherman, coordinator.

The program was presented by Mrs. Granville Floyd of Murfreesboro, who reviewed Bishop's "The Day Christ Died."

Special guests present included Mrs. Eloise Levins of Gurdon, who is chairman of Arkadelphia District Guilds, ten members of the Gurdon Wesleyan Service Guild, and Mrs. W. D. Metts of Texarkana, chairman of Hope District Guilds.

The Rev. Harold Brent, Murfreesboro pastor, stated that the new organization will give the younger people of the church a fuller opportunity of service in the area of their particular needs and concerns.



Mrs. Landrum

MRS. GWENDOLYN LANDRUM TO TEACH PSALMS

Mrs. W. B. Landrum will lead the Bible Study for Wesleyan Service Guild members of the Little Rock District. She has done this annually since 1954, with the exception of two years when she was serving in the Atlanta area as regional secretary for the Woman's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

Sessions are scheduled for two consecutive Sunday afternoons, April 25 and May 2, at 2:00 p.m., in the Bethell Room of First United Methodist Church, Center at Eighth, Little Rock. The three Guilds of First Church always sponsor the studies and invite other Guilds to participate. Host Guilds are the Gwendolyn Landrum Guild, Mildred Martin Guild and Norine Bettis Guild.

Subject of the study this year is the **Book of Psalms**.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT WSCS EXECUTIVE REPORT

The executive committee of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Paragould District, met at 10 a.m. on April 7 in Griffin Memorial Church in Paragould.

Mrs. Tyler Williams of Beech Grove, district president, presided and opened the meeting with prayer. Mrs. Earl Gramling, district spiritual growth chairman, gave a meditation on "Let the Bible Help You" stressing that "truth, righteousness, peace, faith, salvation, humility and spiritual power are the armor of God."

Business included reports on the World Day of Prayer, information about the School of Christian Mission to be held in July at Conway, and planning for the annual spring district meeting which will be held Wednesday, May 5, at the new Cherokee Village United Methodist Church. Miss Mildred Osment of Jonesboro, a former conference WSCS president, will be the guest speaker.

Dr. S. B. Wilford, district superintendent, dismissed the group with prayer. All went out for a dutch-treat lunch.

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Full-time custodian and/or part-time security person - at Trinity U. M. Church, Little Rock. For further information call 666-2813.



William Garvin

BOOK REVIEW AT FIRST CHURCH, NORTH LITTLE ROCK TO HELP MISSIONS

William Garvin, English instructor at North Little Rock High School, will review the book, "Tell No Man," by Adele Rogers St. Johns, at First United Methodist Church in North Little Rock, on Thursday evening, April 29, at 7:30. The Morton Wayland Guild of First Church, sponsors for the event, which will be presented in Workman Hall, plan to use proceeds from the review for missions and various benevolent activities. Tickets are on sale at the church and may be obtained from any Guild member at \$1 each.

Garvin, a native of Arkansas, holds a degree from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock, and has done extensive graduate study at Washington University. He holds membership in various scholastic societies and professional organizations, and is active in community affairs.

"Tell No Man" is the story of a \$500,000-a-year executive who experiences a religious conversion and finds himself compelled to follow in the steps of Christ. This fascinating story tells also of other individuals who become involved in his dramatic decision, driving him, without warning, into the eye of a hurricane.

Following the review refreshments will be served in the church parlor. The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers is minister at First Church.

TWO WSCS WORKSHOPS HELD IN CAMDEN DISTRICT

The Camden District Women's Society of Christian Service held Local Officers' Training Workshops at El Dorado, March 18, and at Waldo, March 25. Twenty-one societies were represented at the two, one-half day sessions.

The filmstrip, "Listen Christian" was shown and the Purpose was reviewed by Mrs. Allen Bonsall, district president. Individual groups were led by the district officers.

A half day Spring Meeting will be held at Fairview United Methodist Church, Camden, April 28. Mrs. Grace Dwyer, church and community worker for the Hot Springs area, will present the program. Registration will begin at 9:30 with adjournment before noon.

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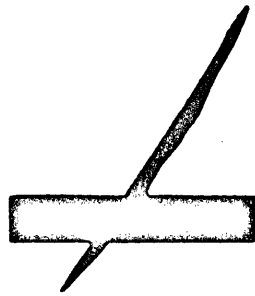
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Pledge to Missions	\$8,106.38	\$2,142.25	
Special Memberships	730.00	215.00	
In Remembrance	15.00	-0-	
World Bank	81.17	79.43	
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Supplemental	57.00	-0-	
School of Missions	9.00	21.00	
Christian Civic Foundation	2.00	4.30	
Call to Prayer	1,632.28	388.36	
Magazine & Picture Fund	-0-	3.00	
Miscellaneous	115.00	5.00	
TOTAL OTHER RECEIPTS	1,815.28	421.66	2,236.94
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Conference Cultivation	232.07	233.39	
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Mrs. James E. Nix
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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MAY 2: God's Call to Ethical Living

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Amos 5:4-15, 21-24; 9:7-9, 13-15

MEMORY SELECTION: Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you. (Amos 5:14)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To discover the ethical implications of religious beliefs based on an understanding of the nature of God.

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If Amos had brought the Hebrew nation a message concerning what was needed for their own survival his contribution to our ethical living would have not been so significant. However, the material in our lesson today tells us that he believed God was concerned about all people, not just the Israelites. Dr. Walter G. Williams points out that Amos was a practical monotheist, which means he was the God of all peoples and that the ethical standards he had set for Israel were binding for all nations.

In last week's lesson we talked about the unique way in which Amos defined sin—we might say that was a lesson that accented the negative. Today we want to focus our attention on the high ethical standards which the prophet communicated. As we proceed we will see how this lesson shifts emphasis from the negative—an accent on sin—to the positive—the outlining of a high standard of ethical conduct.

We will be seeing that the prophet issued a loud call for righteousness and justice, and condemned all religion that did not motivate ethical conduct, especially in human relations. Amos has a great deal to say about that great debate which still is going on in some quarters concerning the relationship between the gospel and social responsibility. We hope you will all see this lesson as a means of helping persons to recognize the social obligations of true religion and to respond to God's demand for ethical living.

Many are accusing the church of being the last of our institutions to face up to the challenge of change in our time. In fact, some of her critics are saying that the church is not even an important force to be reckoned with in the establishment of value systems. One recent survey indicated that there are many who feel that the church is not even communicating values to her own members, and therefore is in no position to speak to those beyond the membership concerning their ethical standards and practices. Do you believe that these charges are justified? Do you think Amos has something to say to us?

God does care about everything we do. He did not divide his creation into the sacred and the secular as we have often done. He wants us to see a close correlation between what we profess to believe and how we treat our fellow human beings. Amos told Israel, and he tells America, that God cares about everything we do—the kind of houses we build for ourselves as well as the kind of churches we build to worship in.

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GOD SPEAKS FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE

In last week's lesson we noted how Amos charged the people of Israel for cheating the poor people in many ways and causing the processes of justice to be blocked. We have material before us today to deal further with the charge of injustice.

"Therefore because you trample upon the poor and take from him exactions of wheat, you have built houses of hewn stone, but you shall not dwell in them;" (5:11) Amos is speaking here of a widespread contempt for goodness. In this section he

speaks of people who "hate him who reproves in the gate." He is referring to a common practice whereby persons with grievances could appear before certain judges who sat in a space near the city gate to hear their complaints. Often the elders would speak out against their own people for their obvious mistreatment of the poor. Amos speaks of the negative response such criticism often brought.

Some authorities tell us that the benches on which these judges sat provided the terminology still used as we speak of "the bench" in referring to the judicial system and its great responsibility.

Our biblical material today speaks of both the sin and the punishment of an affluent society. Amos said these people were able to have fine houses and beautiful vineyards because they took advantage of the poor. When we read of things happening like this, we can see through the eyes of Amos that God cared about everyday life: business and trading, buying and selling, mortgages, beautiful houses in the suburbs and slums in the country and the ghettos. Christians who speak for righteousness in these areas of living today should feel a strong fellow-feeling with Amos.

Voices are speaking out for social justice in our time, and they do not always receive a sympathetic hearing. Amos would sympathize with some of those who have received harsh treatment in later centuries, but he would also encourage them to keep right on speaking.

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INJUSTICE BRINGS JUDGMENT

Amos talks of those who take food from those who do not have enough. Apparently by some process of manipulation quantities of wheat were taken from the poor and given to the rich. The prophet despairs of justice in Israel. However, he indicates his confidence in divine justice and tells Israel that those who have so abused the defenseless will be made to pay for their sins.

Speaking for God, the prophet appealed to the nation to change its ways. We read in verse 14: "Seek good, and not evil, that you may live; and so the Lord, the God of hosts, will be with you . . . hate evil, and love good, and establish justice in the gate; it may be that the Lord, the God of hosts will be gracious to the remnant of Joseph."

The kind of good for which God asked was the putting away of injustice. For the people to do this would provide convincing evidence of their change of heart. How convinced of our sincerity God must be when we profess love for him but are lacking in love for our fellowman!

Through Amos, God held out the hope of his blessing for Israel. He would be faithful to his people, but under the condition that he saw evidence of their love of good and their hatred of evil. He would seek such proof in the area of human relations the prophet said. If you felt God's word calling to you to "establish justice" where would you begin?

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WORSHIP THAT IS NOT GOOD ENOUGH

Among the most incisive of all the verses in Amos are those in the 5th chapter which speak of God's reaction to the worship of the Israelites. We read: "I hate, I despise your feasts, and I take no delight in your solemn assemblies. Even though you offer me your burnt offerings and cereal offerings, I will not accept them." Now, it was God who had given them the directions concerning worship. Doesn't it seem strange that he sent them word that he was offended by what they were doing?

Was Amos saying that there should be an end to formal worship and religious ceremonials? Of course, not. What he was saying was that so long as justice and righteousness were absent from peo-

ple's lives it was inappropriate to have joyous religious services. When Amos saw that the people who were most active in the worship services at Bethel were the same ones who were permitting injustice to flourish in their city, he insisted that daily ethical conduct was more important than proper procedure in the ritual.

At the Methodist General Conference in Pittsburgh in 1964 a high point was a dramatic presentation visualizing the great social challenges that were confronting the church at that moment. All through the presentation an individual played the part of the average church member who could not find time to become involved in these issues because he was too busy "doing church work." In the years since we saw that presentation we have thought about it many times. It seems as if it must have been speaking to Methodists with the force of prophecy.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says: "Whenever worship becomes so elaborate that we think more of the service itself than of God, we are following the example of the people of Amos' day. Ritual becomes a subtle form of dishonesty, intended to lull the conscience to sleep."

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THE GIFT WAS NOT WITHOUT CONDITION

Throughout Amos we find the basic theme which assures the people that they will not automatically continue to receive God's favor just because of who they are. Sinning Israel found a sense of security in national conceit. Their blind complacency was expressed in the words: "Evil shall not overtake or meet us." (9:10)

Amos' method involved a rehearsing of their history—something they were not reluctant to do since they took such pride in recalling those events. What the prophet was trying to help them realize was that the gift was not without condition. Too many of them recalled the covenant with Israel and concluded that the contract was binding only on God.

God had made a covenant, but it was conditional on their obedience. He had been most patient with them as time after time they disobeyed him in open rebellion. Amos was telling them that they were now no better than Ethiopia—probably mentioned because it was so far away from Israel. Israel still clung to the past even in the midst of Amos' words. They were so sure of themselves because God had demonstrated his regard for them throughout their history. One commentator has said: "God's prophets often recalled the Exodus to stimulate the people to gratitude and loyalty. But now the people were misusing this great event as a prop for their pride, thus deserving the severe rebuff which was coming."

Amos proclaimed that God was truly in the history of Israel, but he also affirmed that God was in the history of other peoples because he was the God of all.

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"LET JUSTICE ROLL DOWN LIKE WATERS"

There are many powerful texts in Amos, but surely none surpasses those words we find in 5:24, "Let justice roll down like waters, and righteousness like an everflowing stream." They come at the end of that section in which he has been measuring their habits of worship and finding them wanting. Through him God is saying that "justice" is the word that should be receiving the greatest emphasis.

When people are aware that injustice prevails they will do almost anything before they will face its demands squarely. Can you not think of people in our own time who seem to be willing to consider doing almost anything for God except working for justice.

God's call to ethical living comes to us as forcefully today as it did to Israel in Amos' time. Maybe the prophet's voice is not heard in such ringing tones as in the eighth century, but the word is still "justice." Shelley held that the most fatal error that ever happened in the world is the separation of political and ethical science. No nation or people can expect to prosper permanently in defiance of God. God is depending upon a remnant of sincere Christians to keep America alert to the abiding principles upon which our destiny hangs.

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The analysis of religious giving contained in the 16th edition of **Giving USA**, a compilation of facts and trends on philanthropy, recently warned that religion faces a "financial crisis beyond anything believed possible a few years ago." The report said: "The churches are caught between the extremes in our society. They are damned if they do and damned if they don't. No one seems happy with what they are trying to do or not do."

Pope Paul VI, in his recent Palm Sunday message, urged young people not to content themselves with "surrogate dreams of false heroics, but to recognize Jesus Christ as your real spiritual guide and work for an active and courageous Christianity."

Dr. Sterling W. Brown, president of the National Conference of Christians and Jews, in a recent Easter-Passover statement, said: "This week, when Christian and Jewish holy days coincide, let us not forget Christianity's emphasis on the renewal of life and Judaism's thirty centuries of experience that teaches that wherever freedom is undervalued or undermined the doors are open for tyrants and oppressors."

Gordon B. Hinkley, a member of the governing body of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, recently appealed to Mormon parents and youth leaders to "help children develop the 'God-qualities' within themselves." He said: "Stretch your minds and hearts and extend your spiritual capacities to reach out and lift every child in the direction of his God-given potential."

UM Musicians to hold biennial meet in Houston

HOUSTON, Tex. (UMI) — The Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians, an organization of nearly 1600 members, will hold its international, biennial convocation at the University of Houston August 4-11.

Although specific details have not been announced, a general program has been released which includes special worship services, classes for workers with various age groups, seminars, "action-research" teams, organ recitals, and special concerts on "The Arts and the Church" featuring cinema presentations, drama, creative movement, graphics and painting, and a festival of hymns.

Several well-known musicians will be serving as resource leaders for the convocation including Dr. Daniel Moe, director of choral activities at the University of Iowa, Iowa City., and Dr. David Johnson, professor of organ at Arizona State College, Tempe, Ariz. Dr. Moe, a widely known composer, lecturer, author, and conductor has been commissioned to do a special work for the Convocation. Dr. Johnson will be lecturing and giving organ demonstrations.

Other resource leaders will be announced soon, according to the Rev. Philip R. Dieterich, Westfield, N.J., president of the Fellowship.

Dr. Harry N. Hollis, Jr., of the Southern Baptist Christian Life Commission, speaking recently at the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary in California, urged churches to "develop and implement a firm theology of ecology to prevent further ravishing of the environment." He said, "The real horror of the future may not be the extinction of homo sapiens, but a mutation into some kind of sluggish human equivalent of the carp which now lurks in the poisoned depths of Lake Erie."

A report on Methodism in Cuba

NEW YORK (UMI) — Either the church in Cuba has increased freedom, or is just now beginning to discover the freedoms it has had, reports a United Methodist mission executive returned from a 17-day visit to Cuba.

Also, there appears to be "a greater openness on the part of the government toward the church," although there are still problems such as tormenting of parish priests in a few small towns, writes Miss Joyce Hill, New York, in a report on her trip. She discusses not only the situation of the autonomous Methodist Church and other churches, but also the general situation in Cuba since Fidel Castro took control in 1959. She tells of progress and problems she observed after 11 years of what Cubans call "the Revolution."

Miss Hill, an executive secretary for Latin America of the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, was in Cuba in March. She attended the General Conference of the 2,700-member Methodist Church, at which Bishop Armando Rodriguez was re-elected head of the church. She saw many parts of Cuba, talking with diverse people and observing church life. She also visited the Isle of Youth (called in pre-Revolutionary days the Isle of Pines) south of the main island.

Miss Hill observed that the Methodist Church in Cuba "continues to

play a reconciling role, having within its leadership both progressive and reactionary elements."

Methodism continues to hold its own as a church, Miss Hill said, adding: "Although not growing numerically as members leave, others come in to take their places, maintaining church membership at a constant level."

On her visit to the Isle of Youth (Pines), which she said was "one of the signs of hope I experienced on my trip," Miss Hill found a Methodist pastor performing an ecumenical ministry. She said his parsonage is the meeting ground for six young men engaged in compulsory government service—two Roman Catholic seminarians, a Catholic layman, a Southern Baptist layman, a Southern Baptist seminarian and an American Baptist seminarian.

She wrote: "All are participants in Methodist church services, Methodist being the only active congregation in Gerona. Occasionally a priest comes over from Havana to celebrate the Mass, but otherwise the Methodist pastor is the one full-time religious worker available to the town. We discovered in conversation with both 'religious' and 'secular' people that he has a place of respect because of his consistent kind of witness."

"There is an increased juvenile delinquency in all of the cities which are visited. There is also the beginning of general lack of concern for maintaining property on the part of teenagers. Since most property belongs to the state rather than to an individual, there is no feeling of responsibility to keep it in repair."

"Many people asked about the young people in the U.S. and how the churches were responding to the needs expressed by them. All of those who inquired were quite concerned that the church remain relevant and open to young people."

The Very Rev. Francis B. Sayre, Jr., dean of Washington Cathedral, writing in The New York Times concerning the public outcry which followed the conviction of Lt. William Calley: "The conviction of the young man has touched a raw nerve; it is a moment of paroxysm in the nation's conscience. The reason is plain, though of course admitted by none. It is simply that Calley is all of us. He is every single citizen in our graceless land."

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the Churches' Television Centre, British Isles

This week has seen the Budget, an annual ritual carried out by the Treasury, and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, responsible for the nation's finances.

As the young man's fancy is said lightly to turn to love in Spring, so Britain's mind moves to money, for it is at this time of the year that the economy gets its direction through this method.

Mr. Anthony Barber the present Chancellor has fulfilled his promises. Far-reaching tax reforms are on the way, the old-age pensioners get one

pound a week (100 New Pence) more, and the national gamble in premium bonds will have a bigger monthly prize. In looking at the budget, opponents of the Government say that it makes the rich richer and the poor poorer, because of these, no doubt, necessary measures are being made possible through a revision of the way in which the nation's money is spent in other ways. For example, the national health system is now going to be more closely related to man's income — and there are some things which go up in price, while the very poor can get exemption from payment.

It is all part of the Government's announced determination to make the ordinary man capable of deciding for himself where he wants to spend his money. It is generally acknowledged to be a "clever" budget, by which people mean that it appears to satisfy a large number of people. I have always been satisfied that the construction of the economy and tax situation of any country is primarily a theological question—it has mainly to do with what we mean by the doctrine of Man. It would be quite simple for any government to tell us that the amount

of money we need at any given time to run the country is X. He could then go on to suggest that the number of earners is Y, and ask that one number be divided into the other to get the amount of tax each man would pay.

We all know that would not work —the moment we get into such a situation people begin to talk of such things as equality, and need, and ability to pay, and so on. In fact there are moral factors as well as political and monetary factors at work. Even Budget Day is an illustration of the way in which men must look at the moral factors in the life they live — and then there are people who want to tell us that religion and morals are irrelevancies we can do without in the twentieth century! No comment.

COMMERCIAL RADIO

One of the greatest opportunities for Christians in the mass media is turning out to be Local Radio. Run the BBC, the local radio stations, about twenty in number, provide a diet of music, news and local affairs for city-size communities. In this programming — only really completely achieved at this moment, religion has

received generous treatment. Very many people are being given an opportunity about their faith in a variety of ways.

Now the Government has produced a White Paper in which it sets out the conditions upon which it is prepared to consider ways and means by which commercial radio may come into being in this country. It may come as a surprise to many Americans to realize that up to about twelve years ago broadcasting (and that includes television) was in the hands of a non-commercial BBC. Then the ITA (Independent Television Authority) was created for commercial TV. Now the possibility is that some 60 commercial stations are envisaged, to be controlled by the ITA. The BBC will keep the twenty stations they have already.

In the days of the advent of commercial TV the church was very slow to see what participation it could have. I personally hope that when and if the commercial channel for sound broadcasting comes in, we shall be there at the beginning in the same way that we have been in BBC Local Radio. The effectiveness of the local station is undoubted, especially in its use for the spread of the gospel.



Dr. Alex Boraine

Government keeps pressure on church in South Africa

NEW YORK (UMI) — A picture of increasing pressure by the South African government on Christian churches was recently portrayed here by Dr. Alex Boraine, president-elect of the Methodist Church of South Africa.

He said in interviews during a recent visit with church leaders in New York that there has always been friction between church and state in South Africa because "a great deal of what the church stands for contradicts government policy."

Describing as a "collision course" the present conflict between the apartheid government and attempts by the churches to live out the Gospel, Dr. Boraine predicted the situation "will probably get a lot worse." Since the beginning of the year, 30 foreign missionaries and other church workers have been expelled by the South African government, he said.

The president-elect, who is general secretary of the Christian Education and Youth departments of his church, said he doesn't see hope for improvement in the situation. "I can't see the government backing down. I hope the church will withstand intimidation and interference with its work; so far as I can read it, there has been no backing down so far from any of the churches concerned."

The Methodist leader said the government does not seem to recognize that there "is such a collision course between church and state," maintaining that the actions it takes—such as expulsion of missionaries—are moves against individuals. "But you can't attack an individual within the church without attacking the church as well, because the very nature of the church is that it is a corporate body," he said.

Dr. Boraine linked current difficulties to the controversy that erupted in his country last fall when the World Council of Churches gave funds through its Program to Combat Racism to liberation movements that have been outlawed by the South African government.

The Prime Minister has given permission, Dr. Boraine reported, for a consultation, to be attended by representatives of the World Council of Churches and WCC-member churches in South Africa sometime this summer. He said, "My guess is that the Prime Minister is hopeful that as a re-

New directions aim of "Symposium '71"

OKLAHOMA CITY, Okla. — Nine outstanding religious leaders from across the nation will participate in a "Symposium on the Church: A Dialogue in Diversity," at Oklahoma City University, April 29-May 1, 1971.

Speakers include a United Methodist bishop, a Catholic theologian, a civil rights leader, a controversial peace advocate, a pastor, an educator, a female leader in renewal, the creator of the Lay Witness Mission, and an exponent of new approaches in overseas missions.

The intent of the Symposium is to present as many representative voices as possible of persons committed to finding new directions and resources for the church.

Featured speakers on the three-day

program will include:

Bishop James Armstrong, Dakotas Area of the United Methodist Church; Dr. William Sloane Coffin, Chaplain, Yale University; Dr. Gregory Baum, Professor of Theology, St. Michael's College, University of Toronto; Dr. Robert Raines, pastor of First Community Church, Columbus, O.;

Dr. J. E. Lowery, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Atlanta, Ga.; Mrs. Joe Mathews, director of internal life, Ecumenical Institute, Chicago, Ill.; Dr. Ben Johnson, director of the Institute for Church Renewal, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Robert MacVicars, president of Oregon State University; and Dr. John Peters, president of World Neighbors, Oklahoma City.

Advance registration is \$10 which

covers participation for the entire meeting. Checks should be mailed to: Symposium '71, Suite 250, 2809 N.W. Expressway, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73112.

Inter-denominational attendance is expected from churches of the United Methodists, Roman Catholic, United Presbyterian, Episcopal, Disciples of Christ and Lutheran churches. Any others who are interested are welcome.

The Rev. Wayne A. Robinson, a minister of the United Methodist Church, is directing the Symposium, and the Rev. Robert W. Noever, creator of the Christopolitan Parish, is serving as co-ordinator.

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from page one MT. SEQUOYAH ASSEMBLY

Church. A seminar section is planned for persons approved by the general Board of Education and the annual conference program directors. This seminar will be for those working toward certification or recertification as laboratory leaders.

Laboratory training is a concept which allows participants to plan, execute, and evaluate learning experiences with the guidance of trained leaders in specific age groups. In addition to age level opportunities, classes will be offered for workers in week-day kindergartens and workers with the mentally retarded.

Two one-week events are scheduled July 5-9 and July 12-16 to train annual conference leaders in every work area and age level within the Council on Ministries, chief program unit of every local United Methodist Church. Sessions are planned for district superintendents, chairmen of administrative boards, and other officers concerned with the program needs of the local church. Deans for the two events will be Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Shreve-

port, La., program director of the Louisiana "A" Conference, and the Rev. Bruce Blake, Wichita, Kans., program director of the Kansas West Conference.

Each conference has been assigned a specific week. Training will be done on a team basis. Purpose of this approach, according to Dr. Morris, is to have each conference team return home able to provide Council on Ministries training within the reach of every local church in the South Central Jurisdiction.

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Brochures giving detailed information on leaders, schedules, purposes, and registration have been mailed to all annual conference program councils, according to Dr. Morris. Inquiries can be addressed to the Jurisdiction office: 201-203 Bixler Building, 2400 N.W. 23rd Street, Oklahoma City, Okla. 73107.

The South Central Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church includes 19 annual (regional) conferences in Louisiana, Arkansas, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma, Missouri, Kansas and Nebraska, including the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference and the Spanish-speaking Rio Grande Conferences.

Mt. Sequoyah is a training assembly for "leaders of leaders" owned and operated by the Jurisdiction.

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Two UM women honored by Korea

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two United Methodist women who have given many years to the cause of overseas missions, and to the cause of education of women in Korea, have been honored by the government of the Republic of Korea (ROK).

Receiving citations at a dinner in New York March 27 were Mrs. W. Earl Ledden, Washington, D.C., and Miss Margaret Billingsley, Scottsdale, Ariz. The citations were presented by the ROK Consul General in New York, Sung Wook Hong, in recognition of what were described as their contributions to higher education of women in Korea and their work in behalf of Ewha Womans University in Seoul. Attending the dinner were Ewha alumnae and friends; it was sponsored by the New York chapter of the International Foundation for Ewha Womans University.

Both Mrs. Ledden and Miss Billingsley have been related to Ewha Womans University (with 8,000 students said to be the largest women's university in the world) for more than 25 years in various capacities. They continue to serve as members of the board of directors of the Ewha International Foundation.

Mrs. Ledden, the former Miss Henrietta Gibson of Albany, N.Y., and New York City, was married in

1964 to Methodist Bishop W. Earl Ledden, who retired from the active episcopacy in 1960 and has been teaching at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. She was treasurer of the Women's Division of the Board of Missions for 13 years before, and for eight years was comptroller of the Japan International Christian University Foundation. Born in Albany, she is a graduate of Vassar College and has attended many national and international Methodist and ecumenical meetings. She received the doctor of laws degree from Ewha.

Miss Billingsley was a Methodist missionary and missions executive for 41 years. From 1964 until retirement in 1968 she was executive secretary for Korea, Taiwan and Hong Kong of the World Division of the Board of Missions. She also served as executive secretary for Japan and the Philippines. Miss Billingsley was a member of committees in the Division of Overseas Ministries of the National Council of Churches. Before joining the Board of Missions staff in 1947, she was a missionary to Korea for 20 years. Miss Billingsley was born in Duncan, Ariz., and was educated at the University of Arizona and Scarritt College. She received honorary doctor of humane letters from Ewha.



Confirmation Class at Mabelvale United Methodist Church (Little Rock District), received into the fellowship of that congregation on Palm Sunday, shown with the Rev. Ben G. Hines, pastor. The four young folk (l. to r.): Lisa Allen, Cheri Moore, Marion Byrd, and Brad Morehart. Each received a pew Bible.

JOE HALE TO SPEAK AT FIRST CHURCH, LR

The Rev. Joe R. Hale, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism with special responsibility for ecumenical evangelism, will be the speaker for the Methodist Men of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Friday noon, April 24. His current responsibilities center in Methodism's participation in

"Key '73" an interdenominational program of evangelism which will involve quite a number of churches in 1973.

A native of Texarkana and a graduate of Perkins School of Theology, Mr. Hale is a brother of the Rev. Ralph Hale of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, conference secretary of evangelism for the Little Rock Conference.

ARKANSAS METHODIST CHILDREN'S HOME

(Memorials list continued from last week)

- MRS. GRADY W. REAGAN
by Mrs. Joy Dean McGehee
by Mrs. J. P. Kerr, Jr.
- LEROY RIECHMAN
by Sunshine Bible Class, Camden
by First U. Methodist Church, Camden
- by Dr. & Mrs. Perry Dalton
by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Berg
- MRS. LINNIE SMITH
by Mrs. Dora McClinton
- MRS. LOYD STERNER
by Mrs. Myrtle S. Reed
- MRS. JUSTUS STEWART
by Bill Bennett Sunday School Class, Stamps
- HAROLD M. SHOUP
by Mr. & Mrs. C. P. Vittitow
- DR. RALPH STUCK
by Mr. & Mrs. Ware Watson
- MRS. JOHN K. SHERMAN
by Mr. & Mrs. James Meek
by Mr. Charles Piles
by American Association of Retired Persons
- by Anne & Warren Reese
by Monday & Thursday Night Groups
by Mrs. Packard Porter
by Mary Elizabeth Schaap
by Mrs. Elgin Beneux
by Miss Gelene Milton
by Mr. & Mrs. R. J. Mohr
by Mr. & Mrs. John G. Ayers
by Mrs. Neil B. Pryor, Sr.
by Mrs. James T. Elliott
by Mr. & Mrs. James T. Elliott, Jr.
by Mr. & Mrs. James T. Elliott, III
by Mr. & Mrs. Sam H. Berry
by Mr. & Mrs. L. A. Joyce
- MISS LALLOH THORNTON

- by Mrs. C. G. Horne
- by Mrs. Jack Berry
- by Dr. & Mrs. Perry Dalton
- by Dan, Yancy, Tim & John Reynolds
- E. B. TAYLOR
by Mrs. Monte C. Milligan
- W. H. WILKERSON
by Mr. & Mrs. Lev H. Goodrich
- MRS. S. HUDSON WREN
by Mr. Martin Guthrie
- by Mr. & Mrs. W. R. Hambright
- by Mr. & Mrs. James C. Perry
- by Mrs. Marcus Justiss
- by Mr. & Mrs. Roland Culp
- by Mr. & Mrs. J. A. Germany
- G. MARVIS WISEMAN
by Administrative Board, Bentonville Methodist Church
- ELBERT WINTON
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NEW FILMS FOR LIBRARY

The Little Rock Conference Board of Evangelism has recently presented a film "The Antkeeper" to the film library. This 16 m.m. sound, color film lasts 25 minutes and is meant to provoke discussion and interest in a person's search for the underlying power of the gospel message. It is a parable of the gospel and expresses the concepts of salvation and ways of dealing with evil. It also has something to say about the capacity of people who govern their lives adequately and effectively when left to their own devices.

Then the Board has also provided two excellent sets of film strips produced by Cathedral Films. The one entitled "Evangelism" includes 4 film strips, records, scripts and leader's guides. The other one is on "Christian Witness" and contains a set of six film strips. Both of these series can be used to a good advantage in churches desiring an in-depth movement of evangelism, according to the Rev. Ralph E. Hale, Conference Secretary of Evangelism.

FIRST CHURCH, LITTLE ROCK AMONG HISTORICAL SITES VISITED ON QUAPAW TOUR

The First United Methodist Church, Little Rock, was one of the sites on the recent Quapaw Tour. This is an annual visitation of historical homes and buildings in the old Quapaw Area of the city. Visitors came to see the sanctuary on Saturday and Sunday afternoons, April 17 and 18. Ladies of the church acted as hostesses and a printed brochure gave the history of the church and identified the memorial windows and other memorials in the sanctuary and narthex.

The church was organized in 1831. The site at Eighth and Center Streets, where the building now stands, was purchased in 1879. A building erected in 1895 was burned. The present sanctuary was built between 1896 and 1899.

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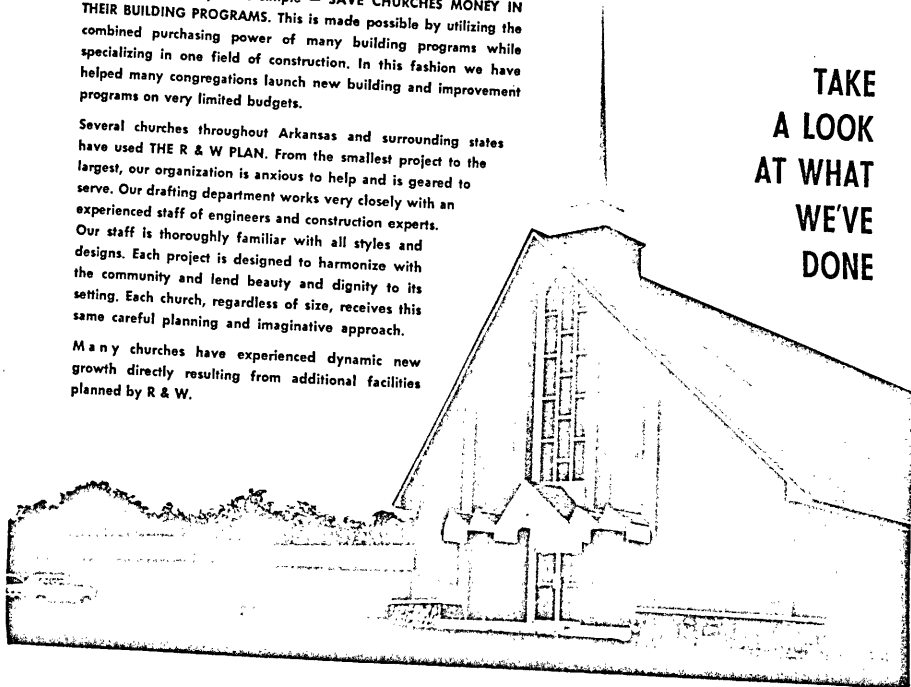
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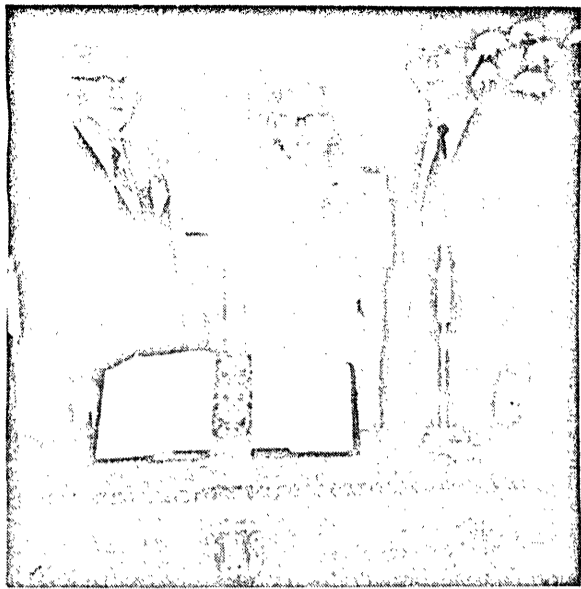
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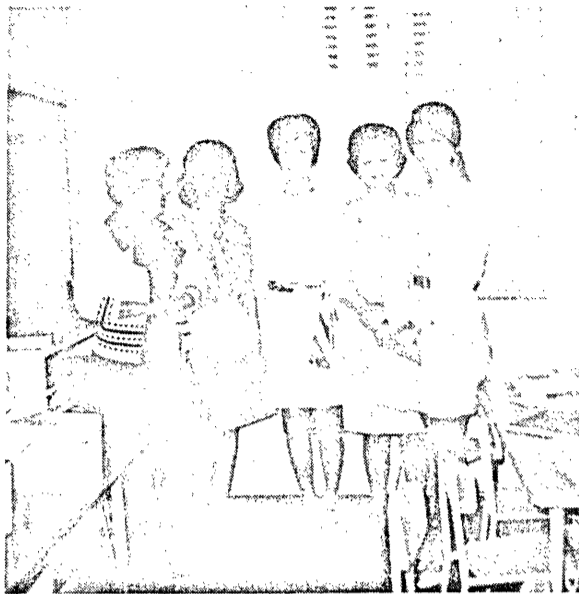
TAKE A LOOK AT WHAT WE'VE DONE





FROM LEFT: Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District superintendent; Mrs. N. J. Hargrove, district coordinator, Children's Ministry, and the Rev. Elmo Thomason, host pastor at Lakeside United Methodist Church, where March 30th vacation church school workshop was held.

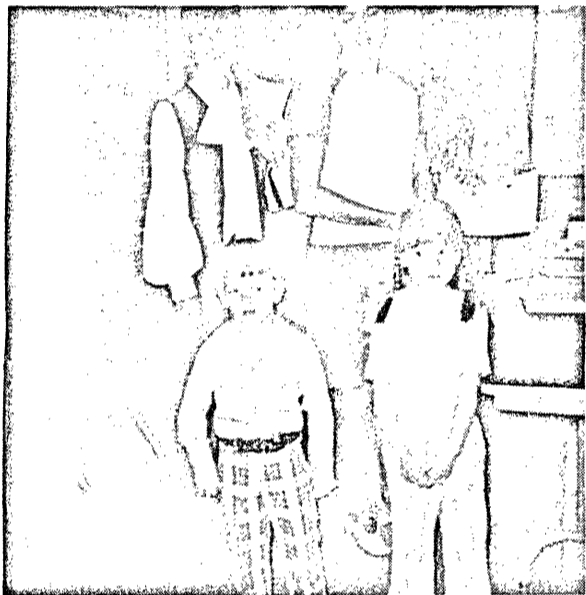
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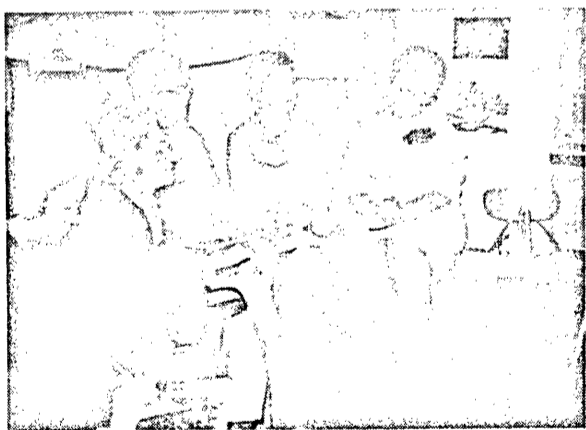
Hope District V.C.S. workshop staff for April 3rd sessions held at First Church, Texarkana. FROM LEFT: Mrs. John Prothro, Horatio; Mrs. Clyde Reece, Texarkana, Fairview; Mrs. Neal Smith, Ashdown; Mrs. Hinton Davis, Hope; Mrs. Al Graves, Hope.



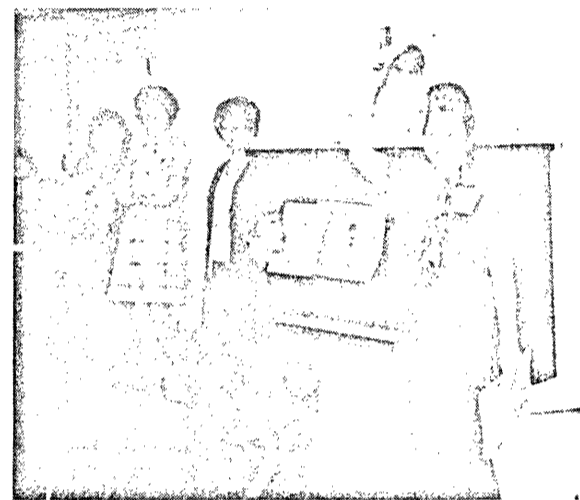
Arkadelphia District workshop held at First Church on April 3. Mrs. Kelly Oliver is District coordinator.



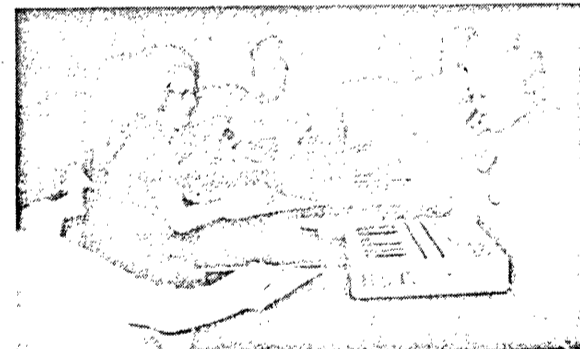
Children and mothers leaving Little Rock District Vacation Church School Workshop held at Highland Church on April 1st. The Rev. Bryan Stephens is pastor of the host church. Mrs. Grafton Thomas is District coordinator of Children's Ministry.



Work group at the Camden District V.C.S. Workshop held at First Church, Camden. The Rev. Sam Jones, Star City was group leader. Mrs. Fred Haustein was presented as the new coordinator of Children's Ministry in Camden District.



Sharing time at March 29 workshop held in the Monticello church. Mrs. N. S. Garrett, Monticello District coordinator shown with her work group.



Mrs. V. B. Story (right) with class held at Highland United Methodist Church, Little Rock for administrators of vacation church schools. Mrs. John L. Tucker, is Little Rock Conference coordinator of Children's Work.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

S. H. B. Masterman wrote, "God often comforts us, not by changing the circumstances of our lives, but by changing our attitude towards them."

ACCEPTING THE CROSS

Our Father, we find it easy to pray
In thanks for blessings of the day;
And ask for Thy protective keep —
—Thou art the Shepherd; we the sheep.

That good will triumph in our ways
In grateful service singing praise.

But when we pray "Thy will be done"
Help us to remember Thine only Son —
"If there should be another way
Spare me 'The Cup' that fateful day."

For the measure of man in time of loss —
Is how he accepts his personal Cross!

—by Etheree Armstrong

EMPTY CUPS

I felt the heavy hand of care;
I walked the haunted halls of Hell;
I watched my castle walls grow bare
And wept, crushed-hearted, when
they fell!

Beneath the rubble strewn about,
I was akin to broken stone
Until, one day, I dared look out
To find I was not there alone!

Beside the heap my Master stood
And, motioning with His empty cup,
And smiling as the Master would,
He said, "I know, my son, get up!"

—by Ercil F. Brown

Young people can do many more things without drugs than with them. While youngsters get involved with drugs because they're looking for something, I've never talked to one who, after he stopped using drugs, told me that he had found what he was looking for while on them.—Donald K. Fletcher, LISTEN October, 1970.