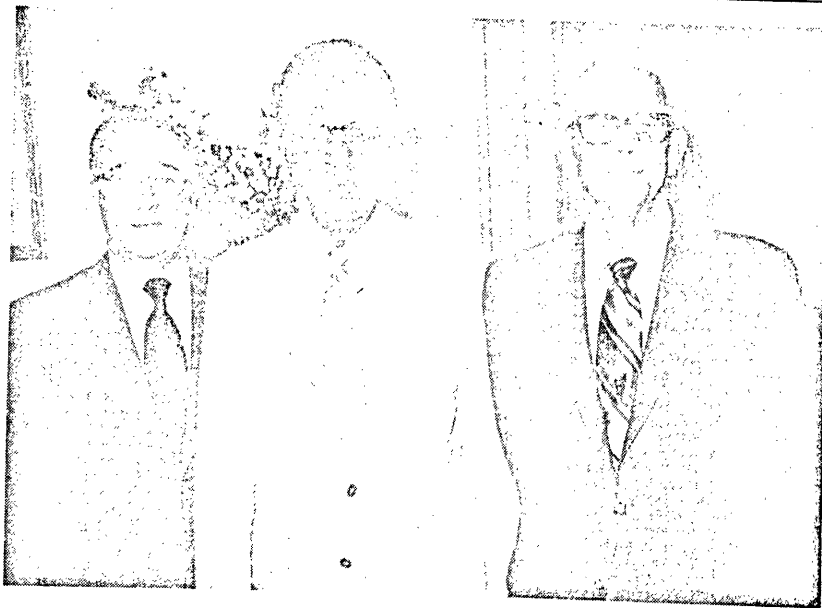


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The Program Councils of the North Arkansas, Little Rock and Southwest Annual Conference met jointly in Little Rock on April 19. The Program Directors who made reports at this meeting are (from left): Dr. Harold O. Eggenberger, North Arkansas; the Rev. E. M. Johnson, Southwest; and the Rev. Everett M. Vinson, Little Rock.

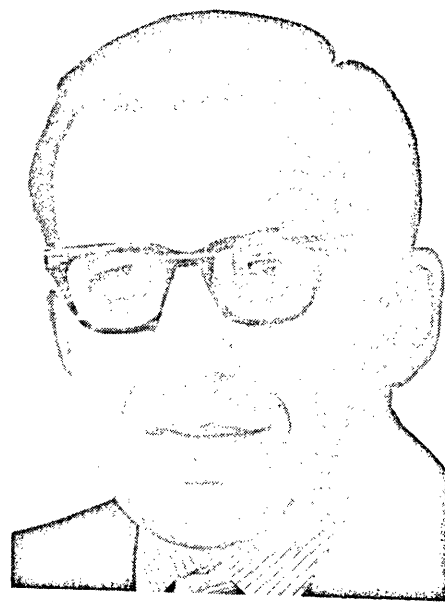
## El Doradan new Hendrix Alumni Assn. President

Ken Parker of El Dorado has been elected president of the Hendrix College Alumni Association according to an announcement at the annual Alumni Day Luncheon, April 24, at the College. Parker is the director of public relations for Murphy Oil Corporation and is a native of Conway.

Thomas E. Sparks of Fordyce was elected vice president. Marilyn Baird McCall of Little Rock was elected secretary and Charles Chappel of Conway was elected auditor. Ray Allen Goodwin of Paragould and Charles Ledbetter of Fort Smith were elected to membership on the Board of Governors.

Parker received his bachelor of arts degree from Hendrix College in 1950 and became a reporter for the *Arkansas Gazette* at Little Rock. He was later assistant state editor and then state editor of the *Gazette*.

He entered public relations practice in 1960 and was in charge of public relations for Arkansas Valley Industries, the Arkansas Rehabilitation Service and the Crossett Division of Georgia-Pacific Corporation before assuming his duties with Murphy Oil Corporation in 1966.



Ken Parker

He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Public Relations Society of America and a past president of the Arkansas Chapter. He was accredited by PRSA in 1967 and has served on several national committees of the society.

He is vice president-elect of the Rotary Club of El Dorado, a scoutmaster, a member of the Executive Board of the DeSoto Area Council, Boy Scouts of America, a director of the South Arkansas Mental Health Center and a member of the El Dorado Municipal Auditorium Commission.

## Second Laubach literacy workshop planned for Little Rock

Another workshop to train tutors for the Laubach "Each One, Teach One," program is being planned for the Little Rock area in May. This is necessitated by the fact that the area has more students than teachers, according to Mrs. Sam Pallone, president of the Greater Little Rock Literacy Council which is sponsoring the workshop.

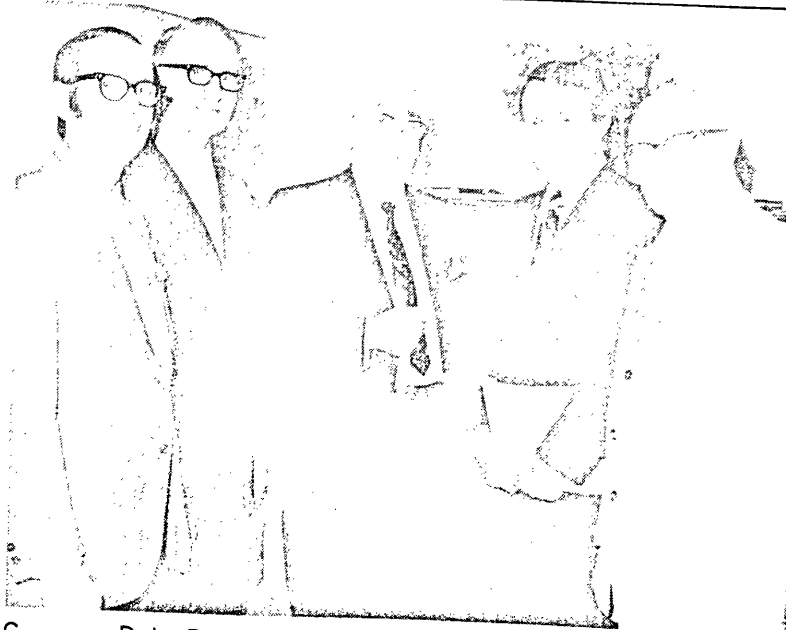
Mrs. J. D. Pickering of Fort Smith will teach the classes scheduled to be held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, May 5, 6 and 7, in Asbury United Methodist Church, Twelfth and Schiller Streets, Little Rock. Mrs. Pickering has worked with the Laubach Literacy Program since 1965 and at the request of the State of Arkansas has worked with the state's program of Adult Education.

Day classes will be from 9 a.m. until 1:30 p.m., with members bringing sack lunches. Evening sessions are from 7 until 10 p.m. Men are especially urged to take the tutoring course, since many of the students are men who can only take the training at night. Nearly 150 non-readers have applied for teachers, and many are having to wait for tutors.

The Friday workshop will include a brush-up session for presently certified tutors. At the workshop held in February, 81 were certified, and many of these will choose to take the brush-up work, according to Mrs. Paul V.

Galloway, bishop's wife, who has served as advisor for the program all over the state.

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Governor Dale Bumpers, second from right, was the speaker for the quarterly meeting of the Northside Methodist Men, Conway District, at First Church, North Little Rock, April 22. More than 300 men from churches of the North Little Rock and Jacksonville area attended the meeting. Visiting with the Governor at the meeting were (from left): Dick Fikes, president of the group; Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, Conway District Superintendent; Bishop Paul V. Galloway, and the Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, pastor of the host church.

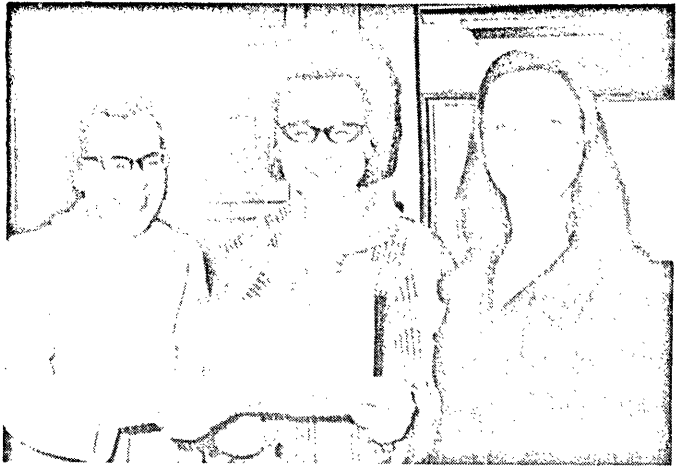
## Children's Choir Festival—May 2

Nearly 400 children from approximately 20 churches in the Little Rock Conference are making final preparation for the Third Annual Children's Festival to be held on Sunday, May 2, at 3:30 p.m. at **St. Paul United Methodist Church** in Little Rock.

Eugene Kuyper, associate professor of Music and director of Choral Activities at Henderson State College in Arkadelphia, will direct the combined choirs which have been rehearsing for the event for many months.

Kuyper will also be guest clinician for a workshop which will precede the Festival. The workshop is scheduled for Friday, April 30, 7:30 p.m. at **Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church**, in Little Rock. The session is open to persons of any denomination interested in working with children's choirs.

Further information may be obtained from Mrs. William Elmore, of Winfield United Methodist Church, Little Rock, by telephoning 375-1266.



Mrs. Frances McLean (l.), outgoing secretary of Christian Educators of Arkansas, presents to Mrs. Mattie Mae Rice, newly elected president, guidelines for chartering of the state organization with the national chapter, at recent meeting in Arkadelphia. Mrs. Seville Henry (r.) was elected vice chairman. Twenty-two persons attended the two-day meeting in which Dr. James Hares, director of Program Council agencies of the North Texas Conference, was resource leader for consideration of the theme, "New Trends in Christian Education." The Christian Educators organization assists persons in that profession in interpreting their role in the total ministry of the church; encourages commitment and professional growth, and offers personnel and placement services for members. New year's meeting will be held in Hot Springs, April 4, 5 and 6, at First United Methodist Church.

## Tanako Board members elected

At the recent annual Tanako Trustees' meeting, the following persons were elected to serve on the Camp Board:

Term to expire in 1972: Paul R. Fair, J. Gordon Wilson, J. M. Spicer, Kenneth L. Spore;

Term to expire in 1973: T. A. Pre-witt, R. O. Beck, F. Gladwin Connell;

Term to expire in 1974: Cecil Cupp, Jr., A. Wayne Lazenby, Darrell Van Smith;

EX-OFFICIO Camp Tanako Board Members — Bishop Paul V. Galloway, S. H. Allman, Mrs. E. T. Davenport, Ralph E. Hale, Everett Vinson, Bryan Stephens, Joe E. Arnold, Youth Council Representative.

New Officers elected to serve beginning June 1, 1971 include: Cecil Cupp, Jr. of Hot Springs, to succeed Dr. Paul Fair as chairman; Dr. Wayne

Lazenby of Dumas, vice-chairman, and Joe E. Arnold, agent/secretary.

### METHODIST MEN'S CLUB ORGANIZED AT HENDRICKS HILLS CHURCH

Clay Bumpers, Wabash, was the speaker for the April 16 organizational meeting of Methodist Men at Hendricks Hills United Methodist Church in Fort Smith. The group, which has made application for a charter, plans to meet on the third Thursday night of each month.

Officers elected to serve the new organization include: Harry Lewis, president; Les Fellner, vice president; J. B. Turner, secretary; James E. Lloyd, treasurer; King Collier, director of special events. F. J. Harrison is Charge lay leader; the Rev. C. Waymon Hollis is pastor.

## North Arkansas Pension Fund's first Anniversary Goal of \$400,000 exceeded

The first Anniversary Goal of \$400,000 in the North Arkansas Conference Pension Endowment Campaign was reached and exceeded during the month of March, according to an announcement by the Rev. Earl B. Carter, director of the Campaign. Total contributions during the month came to \$35,650.84. This makes a total of \$406,466.26 received during the campaign thus far.

Most of the churches in the Conference had completed their pledge campaign on or near the fourth Sunday in March of 1970. This means that the Sunday of March 28 of this year was the First Anniversary date. Churches throughout the Conference were urged to send all monies contributed for the program to the Area Treasurer in an effort to achieve the first-year goal of \$400,000. "Obviously, the response was excellent," Mr. Carter stated, "and we are grateful for the efforts and energies of the minis-

ters and laymen."

The reports of individual churches indicate that 299 churches have paid in full their first-year goal, 20 have paid their second-year goal, and 16 churches have paid their entire three-year goal in full.

The first three months of 1970 were spent in the pledge campaign and many churches did not start receiving contributions until March or April. This caused several churches to get off to a late start and some were unable to catch up during the year. However, some of these churches are beginning to increase their contributions and to make up for the time lost last year.

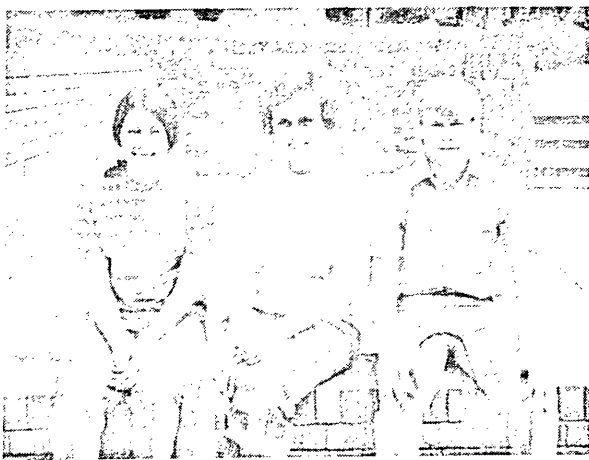
The report now indicates that the Conference has reached 100% of its first-year goal and 34% of the three-year goal. The Board of Pensions is very grateful for this response and for what this will mean in 1971 for the retired ministers of the Conference.

### DISTRICT SUMMARY

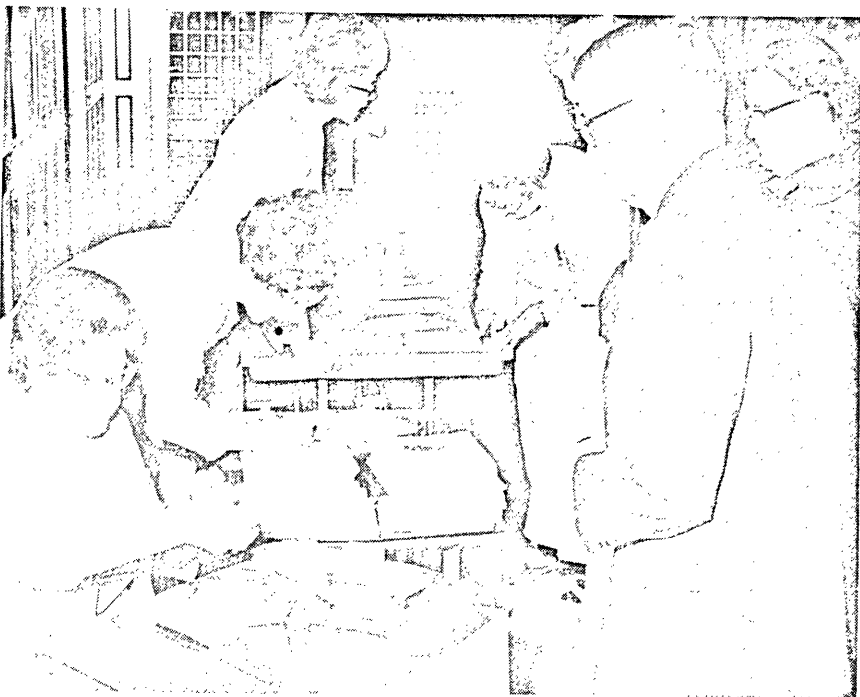
DISTRICT	FAIR SHARE GOAL	AMOUNT SUBSCRIBED OR BUDGETED	AMOUNT PAID TO APRIL 1	% PAID OF 3 YR. GOAL
Batesville	\$ 132,000.00	\$ 137,489.00	\$ 50,643.91	38%
Conway	186,000.00	182,496.35	73,685.43	40%
Fayetteville	180,000.00	190,446.85	69,286.13	38%
Forrest City	186,000.00	199,051.00	56,393.09	30%
Fort Smith	192,000.00	202,363.50	70,368.08	37%
Jonesboro	198,000.00	200,182.80	47,948.08	24%
Paragould	126,000.00	123,718.20	38,141.54	30%
TOTALS	\$1,200,000.00	\$1,235,747.70	\$406,466.26	34%



Discussion leaders for April 16-17 Little Rock District Youth Retreat at St. John's Seminary in Little Rock. FROM LEFT: the Rev. Mike Clayton, moderator; the Rev. Bob Van Hook, leader for the topic "Methodist Theology and Faith in Action"; the Rev. Bob Scott, leader of topic "Theology and Faith," and the Rev. Howard Ritchie, leader of "Theology and Faith in the World" discussion.



District Youth officers installed by Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District superintendent, at Youth Retreat held at St. John's Seminary. FROM LEFT: Diane Yokem, secretary of the District Council; Mrs. W. A. Rice, District youth coordinator, and James Boswell, president. These persons will also serve on the Conference Youth Council.



LEFT: Registering delegates to the recent Northeast Arkansas White House Conference on Aging held at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, were Miss Elizabeth Malone and Mrs. Bonnie Hanley, both of the host church. J. R. (Red) Jones, director of the state Office on Aging, led the conference. (Jonesboro Sun Photo)

# Editorial

## NATIONAL FAMILY WEEK, 1971

In a very excellent article in the April issue of *The Interpreter*, program journal of the United Methodist Church the question is asked, "Can the church bridge the generation gap?" Dr. Francis C. Wilson of the staff of the General Board of Education answers, "No, the church cannot. But people — inside and outside the church — can." The church may help and many of them will be emphasizing National Family Week, May 2-9.

This writer points out that in the complexities of today's world, patterns of living have developed that tend to accentuate the gap between generations. None of us would doubt that for a moment. Families are finding it more difficult to cope with the friction and tensions and consequently are looking to the church for more guidance. Family Week is just the beginning, but it is a start. Many local congregations have moved on from a successful program during this week into a whole new perspective which merits the designation, "Family-Centered Church."

No one can seriously suggest that the generation gap is something that has developed in our time. From the beginning of recorded history families have known conflict because of the differences in ages and because of changing interests. These natural differences in perspective have been accentuated in our day by several factors — the general reaction against authority, the widespread permissiveness, and experimentation with drugs.

Families are crying for help, and local churches that are alert to the tone of the times have placed this need high on their list of priorities. As they dig in on this program they are discovering that the more serious barriers between generations in our day are in the areas of sensitivity and communication. Perhaps it has ever been so, but we are all aware that the price of failure in this area has never been so high.

Meaningful communication is hard to find. Many young people are rebellious and many of their parents are symbols of phony images of misplaced values. Mothers and fathers are often at odds with each other because of their own marital difficulties. They may be "uptight" because of their own inability to get through to their children or to solve other family problems. These things we must understand as we seek to plan a family ministry in the church. The beginning is in the recognition that the need exists.

Dr. Wilson points out that the strength and well-being of the family is gauged by its ability to cope successfully with inevitable differences within the home. He quotes from Dr. Evelyn Duvall, who points out in her book *Faith in Families* that "good families are not those in which there are no differences, but rather those that live with their differences harmoniously." He goes on to say that the normal differences between ages can provide the means for growth of all members of the family.

We are discovering the positive contribution that the younger generation is making in many areas of church life. General boards and agencies of United Methodism are feeling a refreshing breeze as these fine young people take their places as members who have a real contribution to make. Young people do want to have a share in decision-making and do not want to be preached at by their elders. The fact that some teen-agers do not seem to trust anyone over 30 is not due so much to the difference in age as to the diversity in

styles of communication. A little more patient listening can bring word through from one of the most dedicated generations of youth the world has ever known.

Dr. Wilson also points out that a local church has many of the characteristics of the family. It, too, must learn how to live in harmony with differences arising out of the variety of ages, educational levels, economic status, social strata and the like within the congregation. As they discover new styles of ministry to serve the whole family, churches are discovering that it is possible to bring members together more often. The church too often has tended to fragment the family through its age-level activities. These are being supplemented with opportunities across the age span.

"Recent experiments in a family-centered educational setting indicate that children and their parents can relate meaningfully with other families in both worship and learning," says this article. Family camping for years has provided happy adventures in the out-of-doors. There is no reason why educational opportunities in church and home should not be utilized to bring generations closer together.

We know that many of you will be participating in programs in the next few days that will demonstrate the feasibility of this approach.

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## the Editor's Corner



### AN ANONYMOUS LETTER

Normally we do not print anything which comes to us anonymously—we withhold the name on request but we feel we have the right to know the source. However, we are making an exception here and printing this letter which was signed "A Minister's Wife."

"As Conference time approaches and the prospects of moving are great, I can remember back to times I have scrubbed and cleaned a house before I left it, only to find one that was so filthy dirty I had to scrub out the bathtub before I could bathe my children for bedtime.

"Moving day is really a tiring event, and I feel some attention should be given to the parsonage by the persons leaving it.

"A minister and his family should not have to carry off another family's litter and junk; neither should church members be responsible. I think one of the goals of a family should be to leave the parsonage in better condition than they found it.

"Now I am aware that we only have a week or less in which to pack after the Bishop reads the appointments, but I am also aware that we Methodists are appointed for one year at a time, and every year we are subject to transfer. We should have a spring cleaning every year. Then, if we are not moved we will have a clean house to come back to.

"This letter is written to whomever it concerns! Start now on your house and garage and yard. I may move in there this year and I don't want to find a dirty house to clean up when I get there!"

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Groups of lay Roman Catholics in Worms, West Germany are reported to have asked Pope Paul to reconsider the papal order of excommunication issued against Protestant Reformation leader Martin Luther almost five centuries ago. The request was sent to the pontiff in a registered letter and copies appeared on church doors in Worms on Easter — coinciding with the beginning of a celebration of the 1521 Diet of Worms. Following the custom of the late Middle Ages, Luther as an accused heretic — was summoned before the Imperial Diet of the Holy Roman Empire, which sat in 1521 in Worms under Emperor Charles V. It was on April 18 of that year that Luther refused to recant and uttered the historic words, "Here I stand. I can do no other." Sentiment favorable to the lifting of the excommunication against the Protestant founder has grown in recent years.

Hallmark Cards, late this year, will publish a series of inspirational greeting cards featuring the messages of evangelist Billy Graham, according to Webster Schott, vice-president and editorial director of the Kansas City firm. Graham has agreed to supply sentiments for Easter, Christmas and non-seasonal greetings. Other American religious leaders whose writings have been published by Hallmark include Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, Catholic Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, and Francis Cardinal Spellman.

The week of April 18-24 was observed as the 26th annual Youth Temperance Education Week with a series of special projects by various state youth groups. The observance is sponsored by the Youth Temperance Council, young people's affiliate of the Nat'l. Woman's Christian Temperance Union. In a proclamation representative of those issued by governors in other states, Gov. Reubin Askew of Florida said "education should be intense and widespread in order that young people be indelibly impressed of the evils of alcohol, narcotics and tobacco . . ."

Dr. Blahoslav S. Hruby, Religious News Service special correspondent, predicts that future church historians will probably be puzzled by the fact that American and Canadian churches were so little concerned about the plight of Christians, Jews and other believers living in the USSR and other Communist countries between 1950 and 1971. Hruby, exiled native of Czechoslovakia and a foremost authority on church-related affairs in Eastern Europe, says it is "significant that there were no international ecumenical conferences devoted to the problems of religion in Communist nations, while scholars interested in this field had several meetings in the U.S. as well as in Europe."

With the coincidence this year of the Christian Good Friday and Easter observances with the Jewish Passover celebration, the Council of Christians and Jews issued a statement from London pointing out that both the World Council of Churches and Vatican II have stated that the historical events which led to the Crucifixion should not be so presented as to fasten upon the Jewish people of today responsibility which belongs to "our corporate humanity" and not to one race or another. The special statement from the Council was issued by its general secretary, the Rev. William W. Simpson, a Methodist.

The Union of Orthodox Jewish Congregations of America has recommended that Gov. Nelson Rockefeller sign the bill passed by the New York State legislature permitting a brief period of silent prayer or reflection at the beginning of each school day. The UOJC said it was "committed to safeguarding the cherished doctrine of separation of church and state" and "have opposed in the past and continue to oppose public school sponsorship of prayer recitals, even when such prayers are labelled non-sectarian." "At the same time, we are deeply dedicated to efforts to combat the widespread moral decadence in modern society," the organization noted. "We therefore see unobjectionable good purpose if the school were to start with a period of meditation."

**The concern of nine churches in the Stillwater-Bayport area (in Minnesota) for 425 elderly residents in six nursing and retirement homes has led to establishment of a unique cooperative ministry. Two part-time chaplains visit the homes in behalf of the supporting churches, implementing the work of local pastors and lay volunteers. The chaplains are the Rev. E. F. Menger, who has spent 47 years in the United Church of Christ ministry, and the Rev. LeRoy Klaus, a veteran of 40 years in the United Methodist ministry. The chaplains bring devotional and other reading material to the residents—most of it in large print. They take their turns with some 15 clergymen of the area in conducting worship services.**

A leading journal on American philanthropy has warned that religion faces "a financial crisis beyond anything believed possible a few years ago"—despite the fact religion still receives the largest share of giving in the U.S. Religion received 44.8 per cent of the total national giving in 1970. The figures for religious giving are based on funds given by individuals, foundations and other sources to the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, and Protestant Churches and Jewish congregations in the U.S. It does not include giving to religious organizations. "The churches are caught between the extremes in our society," the report noted.

**A provision making it possible for baptized children of church members to receive communion before confirmation has been approved by a majority of the presbyteries (regional units) of the United Presbyterian Church. The change in the denomination's Form of Government makes authorization for reception of communion before confirmation a matter to be decided by the local governing board (session) of each congregation. The communion change is one of several proposals designed to upgrade the role of the laity in governing presbyteries.**

The Greater Portland Council of Churches has started a series of "urban probes" to gain first hand awareness of the so-called "seamier side of life" in the city. One participant said "we were forced to look at ourselves when confronted with the city and some of its special people. The impact will not soon pass away." The Rev. Rodney Page, director of the probes, said the project "is a vehicle for bringing human resources and needs together in the crisis of the cities; for enlisting not only the concern but the resolution of the Christian public to act on the problems."

Dr. Joseph Burgess, a Lutheran pastor, was installed at Regent, N.D. as a minister of the United Church of Christ. He is serving as pastor of two American Lutheran Church congregations as well as of the Congregational Church of Regent, which is affiliated with the United Church of Christ. Believed to be the first clergyman in North Dakota to have ministerial standing in two denominations, Dr. Burgess uses different vestments and a different order of service in the Congregational church than in the Lutheran churches, "but the sermon is the same because," he said, "I preach from the Bible."

Religion was one of the "big things" on the beach as tens of thousands of students spent the Easter holidays in the Florida area sunning, where a decade ago young people tore the towns apart. The impact of religious groups was the greatest to date, according to Pete Hammond, a director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship. The evangelical organization was one of the first groups invited to the beach at Easter by Fort Lauderdale officials following the riots of 1960. "Jesus is a popular folk hero this year," Mr. Hammond observed. "But the Jesus many of them talk about is not the Jesus of the Bible. You have to be careful to describe Who He Is."

A Vatican recommendation that some traditional wedding music, including the popular recessional march from Wagner's "Lohengrin," be replaced by more sacred compositions is not new or surprising, according to several U.S. liturgical specialists. Actually, in many areas of the U.S., pastors and liturgists have been phasing out such traditional secular music at weddings and other rites for several years. The new recommendations by the Vatican Congregation, which are not binding, suggested that "more sacred music" also replace such selections as Mendelssohn's wedding march, Handel's "Largo," Gounod's and Schubert's "Ave Maria," which it said were unsuitable for ritual celebrations.

"Snake cutlets" was among the recipes published in a provincial New Zealand "Hostess of the Week" column by Mrs. Beryl Budd, a former medical missionary to Borneo's Dyaks. The recipe: "One snake, onion and garlic, several slices of green ginger. Method: Skin the snake and cut into cutlets. Fry onion and garlic and throw in the cutlets with salt and brown. Cover with water and add several slices of green ginger and cook slowly till tender—about five hours. Serve with rice." "In the jungle things got to the stage where we would eat anything to get protein," said Mrs. Budd.

(RNS Photo)



NEW YORK — Singer Kate Smith holds her Freedoms Foundation National Recognition Award after it was presented to her in New York by Gen. Harold K. Johnson, president of the Foundation and former U.S. Army Chief of Staff. Miss Smith, honored for "exemplifying constant love and devotion to her country through patriotic music works and deeds and for presenting wholesome entertainment during her 40 years of show business," closed the awards ceremony with a song — "God Bless America." Forty-three awards were presented at the New York area meeting of the Valley Forge-based Freedoms Foundation.



## Batesville Area plans Family Week program

Dr. Alfred A. Knox, editor of the Arkansas Methodist will be the speaker for the Batesville Area Family Night program to be held at First Church, Batesville, Wednesday, May 5, as a part of their observance of National Family Week.

The theme of Family Week for this year is "Family Styles and Human Values." Churches of the area have planned this program which has come to be an annual affair.

Mrs. W. D. Murphy, Jr. has been chairman of the planning committee. She has been aided by the three persons from Batesville who attended the 1970 National Family Life Conference — Dr. Charles Casteel and Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Barnett.

The evening will begin with a potluck supper at 6:30 p.m. with the family life co-ordinators meeting with Dr. Knox during the meal time. Special activities will be provided for the children while a song-fest and the message from the speaker will be in the sanctuary following the meal.



The Paragould Ministerial Alliance assembled for a program developed around the theme "Brothers in Christ Working Together for a Better Community." STANDING (l. to r.): the Rev. Marshall Bridwell, pastor, First United Methodist Church; the Rev. Carrol Gibson, director of music, Baptist Church of Greene County; the Rev. J. R. Hull, pastor, West View Baptist Church; Dr. S. B. Wilford, Paragould District superintendent; the Rev. Claude Lewis, pastor, West Mueller Church of Christ; the Rev. Eugene Ray, pastor, Calvary Baptist Church; the Rev. William Ray, pastor, First Church of God; the Rev. Robert Bennett, pastor, Presbyterian Church; SEATED: the Rev. William Krumbach, pastor, All Saints Episcopal; the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor, Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church; the Rev. John Kordsmeier, pastor, St. Mary's Catholic Church; the Rev. E. L. Johnson, pastor, Faith Mission; Dr. C. A. Johnson, pastor, First Baptist Church, and Jess Dickinson, youth director, First Baptist Church. Serving as officers of the Alliance this year are the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, president; the Rev. William Ray, vice president and the Rev. J. R. Hull, secretary-treasurer.

Pictured during last week's Arkansas Convocation for Christ at Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, were:



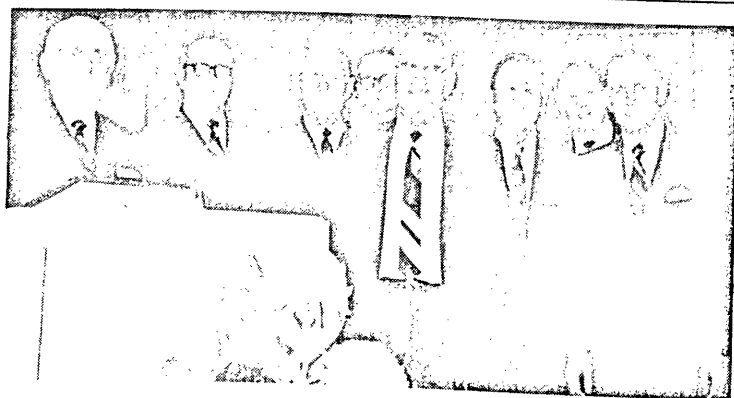
(From left) The Rev. G. A. McKelvey, Ft. Smith, keynote speaker; Charles Stuck, Little Rock, chairman of the Executive Committee for the meeting; Dr. Harold Rogers of the General Board of Evangelism.



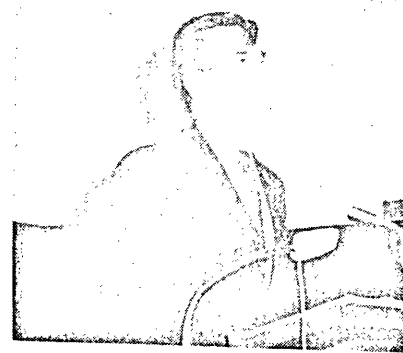
The Rev. Frank Warden, Jr., Dallas, one of the speakers on Saturday, Mrs. Warden, and Dr. Clark Stancil, Little Rock layman.



(From left) Frank Warden, Sr., North Little Rock, and Raymond Hillis, Malvern, members of the Executive Committee, visit with Dr. Harry Denman, Friday evening speaker.



AT LEFT: Bishop Paul V. Galloway, left, officiated at the recent dedication of the Highfill United Methodist Church (LOWER LEFT) in the Fayetteville District. He was assisted by Dr. Myers B. Curtis, district superintendent, second from left, and the Rev. Herschel McClurkin, pastor, extreme right. Church officials shown with them are (from left) Robert A. Holland, Wilbur Holland, James Hendrix, Bill Walker and Charles Digby. The building replaces one which was destroyed by fire last April. Highfill is located on Highway 12 and is a part of the Gentry Parish.



Dr. Robert E. Coleman, faculty member from Asbury Theological Seminary, who spoke on Saturday.

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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.

# NEWS and NOTES

DR. EDWIN B. DODSON, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Camden, will be the speaker for a series of evangelistic services in the Westside United Methodist Church of Camden beginning on Sunday evening, May 2. The Rev. Marion W. Miller is pastor of Westside.

HOMEcoming will be held in Bethel United Methodist Church, Jacksonville-Conway Highway, on Sunday, May 2. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Muriel Peters, director of the Wesley Foundation in Russellville. Worship at 11 a.m.; pot-luck lunch at 12:30; afternoon singing at 1:30. The Rev. Irl Bridenthal is pastor.

A YOUTH REVIVAL IN DEWITT'S First United Methodist Church has been set for May 13, 14 and 15. The Rev. Wayne Edwards of Leola will be the evangelist. The Mid-South Quartet of Malvern will provide special music. The Rev. Thurston Masters is pastor.

THE REV. JAMES R. SEWELL wishes to take this means of expressing personal appreciation to everyone for the cards, flowers, visits and prayers while he was hospitalized following his accident. He is recuperating swiftly, will wear a neck brace for some time, but expects to start preaching immediately.

THE REVIVAL IN STAR CITY United Methodist Church, April 11-14, had as guest evangelist Dr. John P. Miles, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Arkadelphia. Dr. Miles is a former pastor of the Star City Church where the Rev. Sam Jones is the minister.

THE REV. JESSE JOHNSON, formerly of Arkansas but now pastor of Durkee United Methodist Church, Houston, Texas, and his wife were in Little Rock last week visiting their daughter and her husband, Virginia and Carl Creger, and granddaughter, Christy Lee. The Durkee congregation sent the Johnsons to Germany last fall to visit their son, 1st Lt. Jesse Johnson, Jr., and his wife.

THE TYRONZA United Methodist Church was recently renovated and redecored with most of the labor and materials being donated by members. The sanctuary, painted white, has new red carpeting. New red hymnals and red and gold choir robes are being used. New gold chandeliers have controlled lighting. The lower floor has new wall paneling, ceiling tile and seamless flooring. The Rev. Cleve Yarbrough is pastor.

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A REVIVAL IN JONESBORO at Huntington Avenue United Methodist Church, beginning May 2, will have as evangelist the Rev. Ralph Hale, pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Hot Springs. He will meet with the youth each evening preceding the 7 o'clock service. Morning worship will be at 7 o'clock. The Rev. Leonard Byers is the Huntington pastor.

REGINALD SMITH of Jackson, Tenn., will serve as co-ordinator for the Lay Witness Mission to be held in First United Methodist Church, Malvern, April 30-May 2. Grady Grigsby, Joe Keith, and Marvin Blair are local co-chairmen of arrangements. Committee chairmen assisting them include: Mrs. William Weaver, Mrs. Saxon Arnold, Mr. and Mrs. George McClure, Harold Clem, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Grigsby, Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Blair, William Tyer, Miss Frances Beerstecher, Mrs. James Chamberlain, Mrs. Tom Stalnaker, Mrs. R. Hilliard Jones, Dr. and Mrs. Dewey Allen. The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft is their pastor.

FAMILY NIGHT at Lonoke United Methodist Church next Wednesday, May 5, will present Dr. Ed Hollenbeck, pastor of the Benton First United Methodist Church. Special music will be led by Coach Jim Holland and Aaron White. Mrs. Charles Griffin is chairman of the Family Night Planning Committee. The Rev. Mike Clayton is the pastor.

MEMBERS OF JONESBORO'S First Church who attended the Faith at Work Conference at Gatlinburg, Tennessee, April 16-18, included the pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Worth Gibson, the associate pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Danny Thomas, also Dr. and Mrs. Don Neblett, Miss Regina McKisson and Mr. and Mrs. Bill Hurt, Jr.

THE REV. ROY POYNOR preached in a post-Easter revival in the Greenbrier United Methodist Church. In his absence, the Washington Avenue Church pulpit in North Little Rock was filled by the Rev. Golden Shook, pastor of the Weleeka-Dustin Charge in the Oklahoma Conference. The Greenbrier pastor is the Rev. James Wingo.

DR. CLAUDE SUMERLIN, chairman of the Journalism Department at Henderson State College, Arkadelphia, was the Gideon representative speaking in the Gurdon United Methodist Church, April 4. The Rev. Cagle E. Fair is the pastor.

"FOUR NIGHTS FOR GOD" in the Berryville United Methodist Church featured as speaker the Rev. Worth Gibson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro. The series was held April 19-22. The Berryville pastor is the Rev. Denzil E. Stokes.

THE REV. THOMAS ABNEY, pastor of Fairview United Methodist in Camden, was the preacher for revival services held at the Buena Vista United Methodist Church, April 11-15. The Rev. Doyné E. Graham is pastor of the Buena Vista and Timothy Churches.

THE REV. JOHN INGLE of Grace Baptist Church, Little Rock, showed the film of his recent trip to the Holy Land at the Good Friday night service in Salem United Methodist Church, near Benton. An egg hunt was given for children by the Salem Church on Easter afternoon. The Rev. Don Williams is the pastor.

THREE MOUNTAIN HOME churches held ecumenical Holy Week services. Participating churches and pastors were: First Christian, the Rev. Robert Bell; First Presbyterian, the Rev. Herman Schuesler; and First United Methodist, the Rev. William Womack.

**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.

May 2—Sunday	Joshua 22:2-6
May 3	Psalms 31:19-24
May 4	Daniel 9:3-9
May 5	Matt. 22:36-40
May 6	I John 4:1-7
May 7	Neh. 1:4-9
May 8	Psalms 145:8-20
May 9—Sunday	I Cor. 2:1-9

DR. TERRY HONORED AT MOORE'S CHAPEL

Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District Superintendent, was honored at Moore's Chapel United Methodist Church on April 15 with a "This Is Your Life" presentation, sponsored by Methodist Men of the Leola Charge.

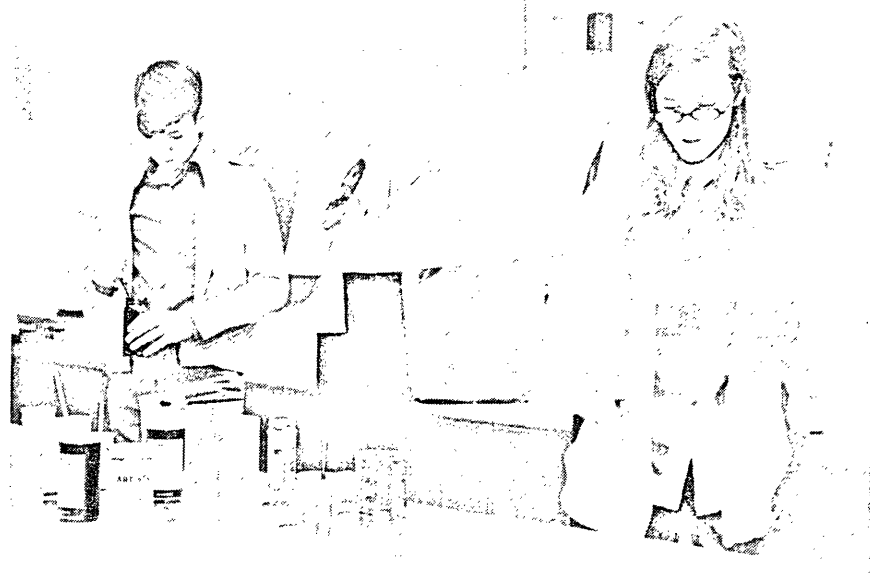
James French was the narrator and related many notable achievements of Dr. Terry. A tape, mailed from Alaska by Dr. Terry's son, was played. Telling of their personal relationships with the honoree were J. S. Goodman and the Rev. Jack Wilson of Sheridan, Jim Brown and Earl Paty, Jr. of Moore's Chapel, and the Rev. J. Wayne Edwards, pastor of Leola Charge. Mr. Paty presented Dr. Terry a gift from the Methodist Men.

A pot-luck supper was served prior to the program.

MORROW UNITED METHODIST of the Lincoln-Morrow Parish, Fayetteville District, reports a successful Lay Witness Mission held April 2-4. Tom Cloud of Waldron was the coordinator and Neal Rud was the local general chairman. Of 28 commitments made, 17 were first commitments and 11 were rededications. Twenty people have pledged themselves to go out as lay witnesses. The Rev. Woodrow Woods is pastor.

THE NORPHLET CHURCH reports 13 additions during the revival held the week of March 21. Ten were on confession of faith, one by confirmation, and two by transfer. Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden district superintendent, was the evangelist. One high point of the revival was Youth Night with 168 in attendance. The Rev. James E. Robken is pastor.

THE REV. ARCHIE N. BOYD, Fort Smith District superintendent, preached at the Easter eleven o'clock service at Spadra United Methodist Church. Immediately following the service, he dedicated a bulletin board in front of the church in memory of Miss Leba King, who served as church school secretary from 1912 to 1969, the time of her death. The memorial, constructed of Texas ledge stone with timing lights installed, was donated by her friends. The Spadra pastor is the Rev. Gaston Matthews.



—Arkansas Democrat photo

Youth "Paint-Out for God" was conducted recently on Sundays in Asbury United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Ricky Spurlin and his sister, Drenda, work on projects above. The young people were inspired to the project by a series of church school lessons on religious expression in works of great artists. Encouraged by their four teachers, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Conatser, V. G. Reel and F. E. Williams, they painted what they felt about God, using colors and shapes to express spiritual qualities.

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#### JONESBORO DISTRICT SPRING MEETING

The Jonesboro District Women's Society of Christian Service annual spring meeting was held at the Marked Tree United Methodist Church Tuesday, April 13, with Mrs. W. Loyd Whitaker of Blytheville, district president, opening the meeting at 10:00 a.m. Mrs. W. H. Provost, president of the host society, welcomed the 115 members and guests, which included Jonesboro District Superintendent, the Rev. J. William Watson, and Mrs. Watson, and the host pastor, the Rev. William M. Wilder, and Mrs. Wilder.

The program was opened with the singing of the theme hymn "Peace, Perfect Peace" with Mrs. E. P. Blanton of Marked Tree serving as organist.

Mrs. Bill Brown and Mrs. McCoy Wilbanks from Jonesboro First Church led the women in a Bible study and a litany entitled "World Peace Begins With Me." A trio from Huntington Avenue Church, Jonesboro composed of Mrs. Fred Steinegger, Mrs. Tony Futrell, and Mrs. Bill Booker sang "Let There Be Peace On Earth."

During the business session presided over by Mrs. Whittaker, Mrs. Alfred Williams from First Church, Blytheville, district recording secretary, called the roll of the 40 local societies. Mrs. C. V. McKinney of Jonesboro, chairman of the district nominating committee presented a report of nominations for 1972. The following officers were elected and installed by Miss Mildred Osment of Fisher Street lock, Mrs. Earl Warren, and Mrs. Roy Weld, Fisher, Arkansas; Vice-President — Mrs. Russell Massey, Jonesboro; Recording Secretary — Mrs. Bill Hester, Jonesboro; Program Area Chairmen: Spiritual Growth — Mrs. Earl Warren, Bay; Missionary Education — Mrs. Alfred Williams, Blytheville; Christian Social Relations — Mrs. H. B. Wall, Jonesboro; Secretary Program Materials — Mrs. Ned Darter, Fisher; Chairman Committee on Nominations — Mrs. Frank Weatherford, Leachville (to serve one year), Mrs. Claude Heeb, Leachville, three years, and Mrs. Frank Johnson, Jr., Caraway, two years. Miss Leton Adams of Jonesboro was elected treasurer in 1970.

Miss Osment urged giving to the Scholarship Fund of the district to enable continued scholarship support of two students at Arkansas State University: Jane Anne Duffell of Jonesboro and Len Williams of Blytheville.

During the "in honor" services special membership certificates and pins were awarded to the following retiring district officers: Mrs. Whittaker, Mrs. Roy Weld, Mrs. Alfred Williams, Mrs. Charles Freeze, Mrs. M. G. Spur-

Jonesboro District WSCS leaders: Mrs. William Loyd Whitaker (left) of Blytheville, outgoing district president, confers with Mrs. Roy Weld of Fisher, the newly elected president, at the spring meeting in Marked Tree.

lock, Mrs. Earl Warren, and Mrs. Bryan Landers.

A drama entitled "Is Peace A Dirty Word Or Is It A Reality?" written by Miss Mildred Osment, was presented by members from First Church, Blytheville. Those taking part in the drama were Mrs. O. E. Quellmalz, Mrs. Marcus Gaines, Mrs. W. S. Johnston, Mrs. Mildred Bunch, Mrs. James E. Ross, Mrs. F. E. Scott, Mrs. Ray Hall, Mrs. Elbert Johnson, and Mrs. Alfred Williams.

The meeting closed with the singing of the hymn "God Gives His People Peace." Table blessing for the noon luncheon which followed was by Mrs. J. William Watson of Jonesboro.

#### JURISDICTION WEEKEND FOR EMPLOYED WOMEN TO BE IN JUNE

Employed women will be given an opportunity to have a mountain-top enriching experience and to discuss common interests the weekend of June 11-13. Mt. Sequoyah at Fayetteville, Arkansas, will be the setting for the "Enrichment Weekend for Employed Women". Attendance will be from several states and it is not necessarily confined to those who are "church related."

Mrs. John L. Howe, Jr., of York, Nebraska, (formerly of MacDonell Community Center, Houma, La), will be the Process Chairman for the weekend. She will be assisted by Miss Freda Betts, Chanute, Kansas, and Mrs. Farrett Gray of Kansas City, Missouri. All are members of the Core Planning Group.

Each conference has been given a quota, due to limited housing facilities. Conference registrars will handle applications on a first-come, first-served basis.

Registration fee of \$3.00 and housing fee of \$20.00 (which covers lodging, meals, grounds fee and insurance) should accompany advance registration through conference chairmen. Registration fees should be payable to Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson, and housing fee to Mt. Sequoyah Assembly.

Conference registrars for Louisiana and Arkansas, are these: Louisiana "A" — Miss Mildred Evans, 2 Chatham Drive, New Orleans, 70122; Louisiana "B" — Mrs. Elizabeth N. Thomas, 2848 Tanner St., Baton Rouge, 70807; Little Rock Conference — Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, 1914 Dudley St., Texarkana, 75501; North Arkansas — Mrs. Truman Stephens, 504 N. 25th Ave., Ft. Smith, 72901; Southwest Conference, Mrs. Kitty Pickens, 41 G., S.E., Ardmore, Okla., 73401, or Mrs. Alice Preston, Box 98, Murfreesboro, Ark.

## Church Women United note May Fellowship Day

Since the first May Fellowship Day observance in 1933, it has been traditional for church women across the country to use the first week of May to lift an emphasis on the creative and healing relations among people in every community. Hence each year, Church Women United have found new ways to express God's love for all men through just relationships in society.

May Fellowship Day will be celebrated this year by Church Women United across the state and nation on May 7 (with some communities selecting the date May 15). This year's theme, "Focus on the Family in a New Era" will explore the qualities which can make the family a "family for others."

"To make the 'one family' real requires the recognition that every person is born in the image of God," said Mrs. A. C. Shanks, chairman of the May Fellowship Day celebration

#### SALAD-TASTING LUNCHEON PLANNED AT LAKEWOOD CHURCH

The Women's Society of Christian Service of Lakewood United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, will have a salad-tasting luncheon on Tuesday, May 4 at 12 o'clock noon in Fellowship Hall. Vicky Allen, Education assistant at First Church in Little Rock, will present a program on "Jesus Christ Super-star". Mrs. William Hibbard will sing.

Members are encouraged to bring guests from Lakewood and other churches. Reservations should be turned in to Circle chairmen by May 1st.

for Church Women United of Central Arkansas. She pointed out that everywhere churches are concerned with the effect of social change upon the family and added, "We are concerned with the dignity, rights and responsibilities of members of the family of man and the family of God. The Character of our community depends upon the character which is being built into its families. Parents who have Christian convictions about their neighbors across the street or anywhere, can guide their family toward qualities of relationship natural and appropriate to members of the one family of God."

#### Central Arkansas observances at Bethel A.M.E., Little Rock, and at First Christian Church, North Little Rock

Bethel A.M.E. Church, 815 West 16, Little Rock, will be host to the day program on May Fellowship Day, Friday, May 7, in Fellowship Hall. Music will be furnished by Shorter College. "The Cause of Lostness in a Family" will be discussed by these panelists: Marilyn Smith and Hattie Woodard, both of Central High School, Pam Temple and Anna Brown, University of Arkansas at Little Rock, Jeanie Johnson, Philander Smith College, and Linda Bass, Shorter College.

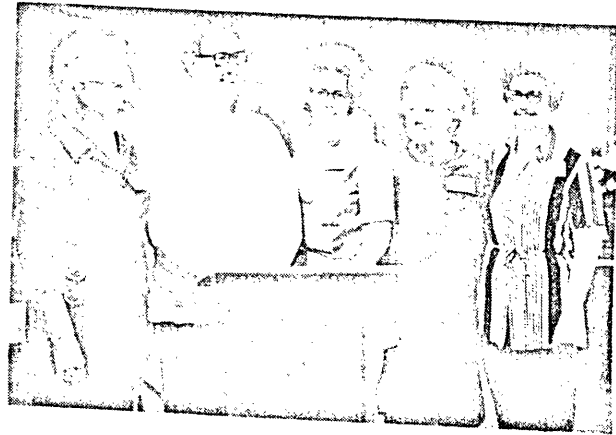
Mrs. Gertrude J. Davis, director of Homemaker Service for Pulaski County, will speak on "Family Life and Its Importance."

First Christian Church, 2803 E. Kiehl, North Little Rock, will be host to the dinner meeting of the Business Women's Club of Church Women United of Central Arkansas, on May 7. Registration will be at 6 p.m., with dinner (\$1.75) at 6:30. Mrs. Barbara Petrucelli will be program leader.



Dr. Raymond Franks, superintendent of the Monticello District, led Guild members of the Little Rock Conference in a depth study of the Book of Job, at the retreat held at Aldersgate Camp, April 17 and 18. Some of the 60 registered are shown.

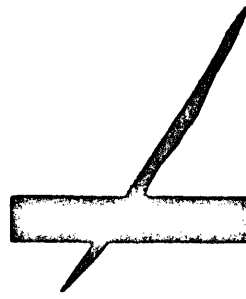
WSGretreat leaders shown are Mrs. Hazel Dabney, Dr. Franks, Mrs. Gladys Icenhower, Mrs. Doris Grubbs and Mrs. Rubye Lee Jackson.





# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR MAY 9: "Needed: Leaders Under God"

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Hosea 1:1; 4:1-9;  
7:5-10; 8:4-8

**MEMORY SELECTION:** They sow the wind, and  
they shall reap the whirlwind. (Hosea 8:7)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To understand something  
of the nature of God's love as illustrated in  
the love of Hosea for his wayward wife, Gomer;  
to see in the context of Hosea's own material  
experience, the depth of God's love for  
Israel and for all of his sinful children.

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Hosea, the second prophet in our study, gives us some indication of the depth of the love of God as revealed in Jesus Christ. Eight centuries before our Lord's birth, the story of Hosea speaks to us of the extent to which God suffers to redeem lost sinners.

He lived in the Northern Kingdom of Israel, and was one of the few prophets of that region who did not come in from another country. Some authors and actors have said that persons do not succeed in those professions until they have suffered deeply. There is no doubt that Hosea's personal suffering enabled him to discover a vitally important religious principle—that God wants men to respond to him in love.

Dr. John Mauchoine points out in the *Interpreters' Bible* that there are three kinds of prophetic literature—poetic utterances, biographical prose and autobiographical prose. The latter two are found in Hosea—in part of the book someone is writing about the prophet and his tragic life, and in the rest he appears to be writing about his own experiences.

Hosea preached a little later than Amos, but in the same century. Amos has underscored the sins of Israel and has pleaded with them to repent to spare their nation from destruction. He told them that their penalties would be greater than upon the neighboring peoples because Israel had enjoyed greater privileges of tradition and training. Hosea comes calling attention to many of the same social sins that Amos had spoken about. He compares the unfaithfulness of Israel with that infidelity he has seen in his own wife, but there is a certain message of hope throughout the book based on the forgiveness the prophet had demonstrated and his unwillingness to let his loved one go even though she had strayed so far from him.

In the first 3 chapters of Hosea we read of his marriage to Gomer and the birth of their children. Each of the three children was given an ominous name indicative of the tragedy that lay ahead for the household. Then when the children were still young, Gomer was attracted by the sensual life—apparently becoming a temple prostitute in the sex-mad worship of Baal. It was not long before her beauty faded with the excesses of religion and her usefulness to the temple came to an end. She was sold into slavery, and it was from this life that Hosea recovered her and brought her back to be his wife again. It would do an injustice to the story to imply that Hosea could do all of this without knowing grief and suffering. So he tells us that God also feels grief as he sees the infidelity of Israel.

In this first of two lessons from Hosea we will be asking ourselves, "What were the sins of Israel that took her so far from God?" Next Sunday we will be placing major emphasis on the love of God represented by Hosea.

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### "THE LORD HAS A CONTROVERSY WITH THE INHABITANTS OF THE LAND"

As we move from the story of the domestic tragedy recorded in the first three chapters we read the opening words of chapter 4: "the Lord has a controversy with the inhabitants of the land." He indicates that the Israelites are strangers to faith-

fulness and kindness, and have no knowledge of God.

The controversy which God had his people centered about their moral condition. Here was a nation that had just about collapsed morally. Notice that Hosea does not place his major emphasis upon the economic and political shortcomings of the people. He wants us to understand that the moral breakdown of a nation is the primary source of its collapse, since it usually precedes and causes economic and political decay.

As we read the catalogue of Israel's sins in 4:2 we see plenty of reason why the vitality of the kingdom was being drained away. Hosea believed that the covenant between Israel and God had been sealed with the ten commandments. He felt that all of the poison that was destroying the land grew out of these infidelities—an evidence of disregard for the love of God that makes the figure of Gomer's infidelity so effective.

Throughout the Bible we are told that man's disobedience involves the whole natural order in disaster. Israel was as far from her original spiritual foundations as it could get, according to Hosea. We have been told again and again by many since Hosea's time that a nation cannot turn its back on morality and survive—that self-destruction follows the decision to play the role of Gomer. In many areas of our life today one finds signs that our land is far from the spiritual foundations on which it was founded. Permissiveness and immorality have become commonplace and many who are concerned cry out that there is really nothing we can do to turn the tide. What do you feel are the most serious aspects of these signs of moral decay in our own time? Where do you think Christian people can take hold to try and turn some of the tides?

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### "NO KNOWLEDGE OF GOD IN THE LAND"

In the first verse of chapter 4 Hosea gives a simple explanation of the decline of morality among the people and leaders of Israel. He said, "there is no knowledge of God in the land." He was saying that the moral decadence stemmed from the religious illiteracy of the people. All of the deterioration had come about because the people did not know God.

Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips tells us in *Interpreters' Bible* that when Hosea spoke of the knowledge of God he was not dealing primarily with the intellectual. It was more of the idea that there was no personal communion between the people and their God. He said: "Knowledge of God is intimate communion with the God in whom we live and move and have our being. Such knowledge is more than belief."

Methodists have always made a distinction between intellectual knowledge and the knowledge of God that is experienced. When John Wesley was traveling to Georgia in the period just before his Aldersgate experience he was disturbed during the storms at sea because a number of simple people on the ship seemed to have such a deep experience of God that they did not become frightened. He knew about God, but he was aware that he did not know him. It was his determination to seek that kind of knowledge that made him a receptive vessel for the moving of God's spirit through the experience of Aldersgate.

We are constantly seeing evidence that the people of America are getting farther and farther away from their experiential knowledge of God. At the same time we can see that we, like ancient Israel are being caught up in a wave of moral decay. Surely nothing on the agenda today should hold a higher priority than our need to know God.

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### THE PRIESTS HAD REJECTED GOD

What follows in chapter 4 seems to represent a grumbling by the people concerning Hosea's ac-

cusations. They seem to feel that the prophet is being unfair. Hosea says that man cannot force God into his mold, he cannot bring God down to his level. However, he affirms that man must answer for his transgressions against God's holiness. Verse 5 indicates that it is the priests who are contending with the prophet because of his charges.

Instead of opening doors through which God might enter into the life of Israel, Hosea charges the leaders of official religion with closing these doors. He said that the blind were endeavoring to lead the blind. Instead of being sources of illumination the light in them had become darkness. It is so easy for us to read the history of the Eighth Century B.C. and say that the alien influence of the religion of Baal was responsible for all the moral degradation of Israel. We should keep in mind that the prophet is talking about weaknesses within Israel's own religious leadership. Dr. Phillips says: "The depths to which the religious leaders of Hosea's day had sunk is seen not only in the shameless indulgence in evil, but also in the fact that they encouraged their people to sin. This they did because the sin offerings increased with the sins of the people and thus added to the wealth of the clergy."

One wonders what produced this appalling collapse of religious leadership in Hosea's day. The answer is not hard to find. Religion had become formal and ceremonial rather than moral and spiritual. Whenever religion exalts the ceremonial above the ethical, one of two evils inevitably results—either ecclesiastical ineffectiveness or religion that accents the wrong emphases.

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### WHEN THE FOUNDATIONS ARE DESTROYED

Hosea places great stress on the commandments of God as the essential foundations upon which leadership is established. Living so far into the Christian era, we forget that the people of Israel were tied so closely to the Mosaic Law.

Included in what was called "the Law" were the Ten Commandments and what was known as "the traditions of the elders." These included interpretations of the details of the commandments as applied to daily living. When the priests and those who followed them got away from this symbol of their covenant with God, there was not much of a possibility for real leadership. When the religious leaders forgot the laws of God, they were denying that which made the Hebrews the people of God.

Although we build our religious and spiritual life on more than the commandments—we stand on the life, and death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ—when the fundamental foundations are destroyed the whole structure is weakened.

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### ISRAEL'S PRIDE WAS HER DOWNFALL

In Hosea 4:10 we read: "The pride of Israel witnesses against him." This was an additional testimony of the extent to which sin had corrupted the national life of the people. There was still a king in Israel, but as far as God was concerned he had abdicated his responsibility. Keep in mind that in Israel the king was the spiritual as well as the political leader.

The prophet said that the reason the king was weak was his failure to call upon God. Turning to God would have meant a return to moral standards. One commentator reminds us that "Israel's kings from Jeroboam I on had followed a mixture of pagan worship, had ignored and flouted God's law, and constantly turned to other nations for help rather than to God."

There are remarkable parallels between the history of Israel and that of the United States. Both came to a new land in search of a better life for themselves and their children; then there was that period in which the dominant culture was agricultural; finally there was the period of industrialization and urbanization with an increasingly heterogeneous population and a pluralistic culture. The tremendous increase of wealth and power in both countries created pressures that led to the questioning of old moral standards. Here we stand with Israel in the judgment of God. We will be destroyed unless we recover our knowledge of God and the moral standards.



## "Quote and Unquote"

Dr. Harvey Cox, writing on prayer in a recent issue of Pageant magazine, said: "Prayer is not a requisition form, nor can it be limited to a conversation with a supernatural being called God."

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Pete Hammond, southeast director of Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, referring to the religious dimension of the groups of young people in Florida for the Easter holidays: "Jesus is a popular folk hero here this year. You can talk to anybody about Him this year. But the Jesus many of them talk about is not the Jesus in the Bible. You have to be careful to describe who He is."

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The Christian Century, commenting editorially on the wave of public reaction to the recent trial and conviction of Lt. William L. Calley, Jr., said: "Neither making Calley a hero-victim nor making all of us 'war criminals' can be permitted to destroy the conviction that there is a higher law of humanity to which every individual is accountable for his conduct."

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Dr. Sydney Simon of the Center for Humanistic Education, University of Massachusetts, recently called on schools to take a more active part in clarifying values. He said: "Before something can be of value, it must be prized and cherished, part of a pattern, chosen from among alternatives, freely chosen, chosen after due reflection, publicly affirmed and acted upon. To clarify values may be one of the most significant things a teacher can do for students in this confusing and conflicting world."

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Archbishop Iakovos, Greek Orthodox primate of North and South America, in his recent Easter message, called upon Christians to rise above "the muck of materialism." He said: "At a time when humanity is grasping for new, lasting, and saving spiritual, moral, and even cultural values, we Christians cannot afford to remain mired in the golden muck of materialism, making no attempt whatsoever to arise and walk aright."

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Father Theodore M. Hesbaugh, president of the University of Notre Dame, speaking recently to the National Catholic Educational Association, said: "Catholic education is better off today than ever before because the opportunities that face and challenge Catholic education today are greater and more important than ever before."

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Archbishop Michael Ramsey of Canterbury, speaking on the need for relevance within the Christian community, said: "When we worship God and have religious institutions, we ought to bring into them all the naturalness of everyday life. The worship of God is something that ought to be carried with us into any and every human situation."

## Regional Family Life Conferences suggested as new approach

SAN ANTONIO, Tex. (UMI) — Three regional conferences on family life instead of one large national meeting are being suggested for 1974 by the United Methodist General Committee on Family Life.

Meeting here April 16-17, the 32-member Committee voted to try a new approach to the national family life conference program which began in 1951 in the former Methodist Church. The sixth national conference was held last fall in Chicago.

"We have had good geographic representation at the national conferences but we are hoping to involve more people with the regional approach," reported Dr. Edward D. Staples, director of ministries to parents for the United Methodist Board of Education. Attendance at the national conference has ranged from 1400 to 3300 with 1600 attending the 1970 conference.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N.C., is chairman of the General Committee on Family Life which includes representatives from the major program boards of the church, six persons appointed by the Council of Bishops and six persons selected by the Committee.

In other action during its meeting here the Committee authorized its executive committee to establish a task force to study "family advocacy sys-

tems", described by Dr. Staples as a committee or individual who "shepherd's family legislation, concerns and interests in local communities." The task group will work with other national religious and secular agencies on what is involved to establish a national family advocacy network.

"Social Health and Family Development" is the theme of a meeting scheduled by the Committee for the spring of 1972 primarily for seminary professors who work in the area of family life. Participants will include about 20 professors, 10 persons from various church agencies, and six area counselors of family life.

The Committee also agreed to sponsor with the United Methodist Board of Education and Methodist Publishing House a series of annual conference training meetings on preparation for marriage. A major resource for the meetings to be held during the next two or three years will be a new manual, **To Love and To Cherish**.

A statement on family life for presentation to the 1972 General Conference is being prepared by a subcommittee headed by Dr. Allen J. Moore, Claremont, Calif.

Next meeting of the Committee will be November 19 in Kansas City, Mo.

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## Improved ministry to deaf, physically handicapped, developing

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Co-ordinated, interdenominational curriculum resources for persons who are deaf may be developed at some future time, but the greatest task at the moment is to sensitize local churches to the special needs of these handicapped individuals.

This is the consensus of United Methodist Board of Education staff members Florence Lund and LaDonna Bogardus who have participated in a national interdenominational task group exploring the religious education needs of the deaf.

Mrs. Lund, from the Division of Curriculum Resources staff, and Miss Bogardus, from the Division of the Local Church staff, said plans are underway for studying methodology and media used in deaf education so that awareness can be created in the churches of the special needs of these persons. Both agree that current materials prepared for persons with normal hearing are not adequate for persons who are deaf.

A self-instruction book produced by Abingdon Press for third and fourth graders entitled **Finding Your Way Through the Bible** has been reviewed by the task group and plans are being developed for field testing of it in religious education programs for the deaf.

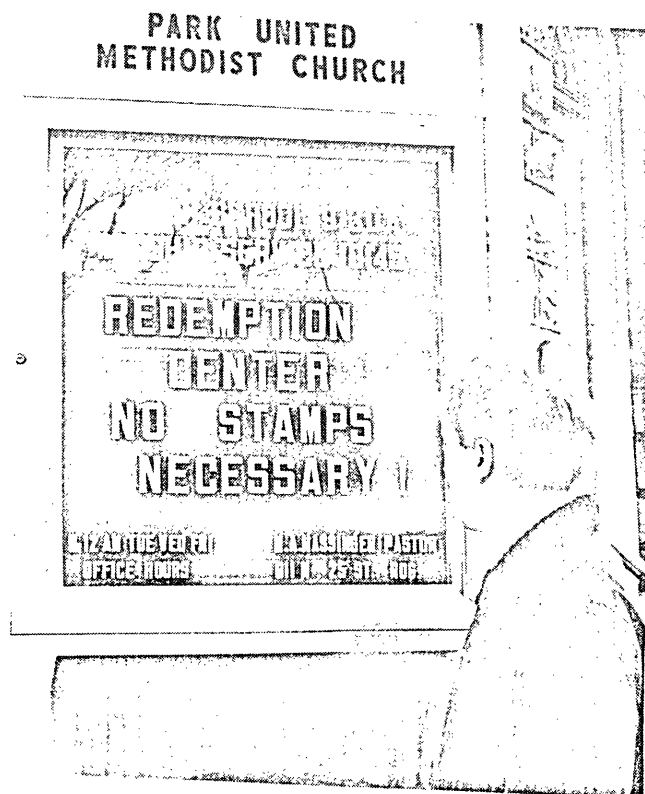
A special kit is now being prepared to help local church education leaders be aware of the special needs of persons who are physically handicapped. In a related area, the denomination produced a "first" last year with a

curriculum series for the trainable retarded. A series for the educable retarded is to be released this summer.

How many deaf persons are in the United Methodist Church? No one knows but a recent report from the U. S. Office of Education indicates that there are 45,000 children between the ages of five and 19 who are deaf. There are programs serving these children and young people in some conferences, districts, and local churches. There are at least four United Methodist con-

A "sign of the times." This was the message outside Park United Methodist Church at Wernersville, Pa.

(RNS Photo)



Furman University  
Pastors' School, July 5-9

GREENVILLE, S.C. — Personal and professional renewal will be the objective of the annual Pastors' School at Furman University in Greenville, S.C., July 5-9.

Designed as an experience in continuing theological education, this year's school will present lectures by Dr. Gerald Kennedy, bishop of the Los Angeles area of the United Methodist Church; Dr. Dale Moody, professor at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary; Dr. Carlyle Marney, director of the Interpreter's House, Lake Junaluska, N.C.; Dr. George Webber, president of New York Theological Seminary; and Dr. L. D. Johnson, Furman University chaplain.

The five men represent contemporary thinking in New and Old Testament scholarship, Christian ethics, and pastoral ministry.

The Pastors' School is open to all ministers. Furman's recreational facilities—golf, tennis, swimming, boating, and fishing—will be available without additional fee to registered participants.

Furman Chaplain L. D. Johnson urges ministers to make the Pastors' School week a family affair. Supervised fun and activity programs will be provided each day for children ages six and up.

Costs of the school will include a \$4 registration and study material fee for each participant, \$24 for room and meals for each adult, and \$12 for room and meals for each child under age 12.

Last year's Pastors' School attracted nearly 400 ministers, wives and children from a dozen states and representing as many denominations.

A brochure and further information is available from the chaplain's office, Furman University, Greenville, S.C. 29613.

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gregations in the nation who minister almost exclusively to the deaf.

A third United Methodist member of the task group is the Rev. M. Earl Cunningham, executive director of the Division of the Local Church Section of Training Enterprises.

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## Council of Bishops enumerates eight "enemies of peace"

SAN ANTONIO, Texas (UMI) — The preliminary outline for a possible emphasis on peace for the United Methodist Church was accepted here April 13-15 by the denomination's Council of Bishops.

The document was prepared by a task force headed by Bishop James Armstrong of Aberdeen, S.D. It now will be further refined and up-dated for presentation to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

In another action, the bishops expressed their "deep gratitude" for "evidences of relaxation of tension between the United States of America and the Peoples' Republic of China" and voiced their "appreciation to the President of the United States for his leadership in this direction."

The preliminary outline for a peace emphasis spells out eight "enemies of peace," including poverty and hunger,

economic exploitation, racism, the population explosion and "nation worship." Also included are a number of "sources of peace," both "theological and practical."

In other actions, the council heard a two-man delegation representing American Indians, received a telegram of greetings from former President Lyndon B. Johnson, appointed a committee to draft a paper on the functioning of the Council of Bishops in relation to proposed changes in general board and agency structure, unanimously endorsed a five-months emphasis on the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation beginning with Thanksgiving this year, installed Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., of Columbia, S.C., as president, and chose Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio as president-designate to take office a year from now.

The two Indian representatives asked the bishops to support efforts for a "greater voice" in church affairs of the approximately 15,000 Indian members.

"Everything has been done for the Indian and to him, but never with him," said the Rev. Raymond G. Baines, a member of the Tlingit tribe of Alaska now directing the Phoenix (Ariz.) Indian Center. Appearing with Mr. Baines was the Rev. Homer Nolley, a Choctaw on special assignment in Norfolk, Nebr.

The committee to draft the paper on the function of the Council of Bishops in relation to other church structure grew out of papers heard by the council here. The group will be comprised of two bishops from each jurisdiction and will report at the council's autumn session, November 16-18 in Des Moines, Iowa, according to Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville,

Ky., secretary of the council.

Details of the emphasis to be given the Fund for Reconciliation during the final months of the 1968-72 quadrennium will be developed within the next few weeks. The program was adopted in 1968 with a goal of \$20,000,000 to meet the "crisis in the nation."

During a memorial service, the bishops marked the death during the past year of Bishops George Edward Epp, Raymond L. Archer, Glenn R. Phillips, J. Ralph Magee, and Everett W. Palmer. All except Bishop Palmer were retired.

Bishop Slater and San Antonio Area were hosts to the council for a "fiesta" along the San Antonio River, and S. E. McCreless, prominent layman in the area, was host at a breakfast.

### YEAKEL HEADS COORDINATING COMMITTEE

CHICAGO (UMI) — Dr. Joseph H. Yeakel, general secretary of the Board of Evangelism, was elected president of the Continuing Coordinating Committee of the United Methodist Church at its recent meeting here.

This is a coordinating unit of the church's Program Council and is comprised of members of the Council of Secretaries, staff members of the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning, the chairman of the Fellowship of Annual Conference Program Directors, the executive secretary of the Commission on Worship and two members assigned by the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries.

During its meeting, the CCC supported a plan offered by its task force on draft counseling for increasing job opportunities for young men doing alternative services as conscientious objectors and endorsed an interagency task force on ecology.

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Rolando Zapata, a Methodist layman and audio-visual specialist, has been named chairman of a new fellowship of church-related communications personnel in Latin America and the Caribbean.

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Prayer keeps the Christian's armor bright.

### March investments set record for Development Fund

NEW YORK (UMI) — The United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF) received its largest monthly total in investments in March, \$1,104,000, according to the Rev. Marvin A. Leist, New York, UMDF executive secretary. That brings the amount in the UMDF to a record \$33,500,000, he said.

UMDF is a national fund in which United Methodist individuals, churches and agencies can invest, and from which loans are made to congregations for building purposes so as to enable them to carry out their mission more effectively.

Mr. Leist reported the net gain in the UMDF for the first quarter of 1971 (ending March 31) was \$1,584,000, with the record of \$1,400,000 received in March coming from 147 investors. The UMDF executive attributed the investment upsurge to two factors. First, he said, current economic conditions, especially the downward trend in interest in some commercial lending institutions, have "made the UMDF and its 6½ per cent interest more attractive to investors." Second, there is increased awareness of the UMDF among United Methodists, partly because of an active cultivation program, he added.

Indications are that the upward trend in investments is continuing, and "of course, we hope the increase will enable the UMDF to augment its services to United Methodist churches in the vital area of church extension loans," Mr. Leist said.

(Inquiries about the UMDF may be addressed to: United Methodist Development Fund, Room 335, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027).

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#### News in Brief

"Art for God's Sake" was the theme of the 32nd National Conference on Religious Architecture held in Los Angeles, Calif., April 19-22. United Methodists were among participants.

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### Christian Advocate announces new multi-media service

PARK RIDGE, Ill. (UMI) — The Christian Advocate, official United Methodist journal for pastors and other churches, is announcing a new multi-media service in its edition of April 29, released here April 26.

In the April 29 issue, a six-page interview with the chairman of the church's Structure Study Commission, the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick of Evanston, Ill., is being published and at the same time the interview is being made available in cassette form.

"We hope that this will be a continuous program of blending the print media with audio media," said the Rev. James M. Wall, editor of the Advocate.

The recorded form of the interview plays one hour and was recorded earlier this spring by Dr. Wall and Dr. Kirkpatrick. Information on price of the cassette and other details of the program can be obtained from the Advocate editorial offices here.

In the interview, Dr. Kirkpatrick discusses at length the mandate of the Structure Study Commission, how it has proceeded with its work, and the rationale for its preliminary findings. The commission's final recommendations will be drawn up later this year and sent to the 1972 General Conference in Atlanta, Ga.

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### Need for increase in Student Day offerings emphasized

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — "We've had it with students! And we've had it good!" is the positive affirmation and theme of the 1971 United Methodist Student Day to be observed throughout the denomination June 13. In addition to an emphasis on the student and higher education, offerings taken on that day are administered by the United Methodist Board of Education for scholarships, loans, and grants.

According to Dr. E. Craig Brandenburg, director of the United Methodist student loan program, the 1970 United Methodist Student Day offering totaled \$218,444. Last year the church made 2,793 loans totaling \$1,412,940

including \$512,195 to students attending United Methodist colleges and universities and \$900,745 to students in non-United Methodist schools. Grants during 1970-71 were awarded to 484 students totaling \$232,197 including 42 graduate and 442 undergraduate students.

To keep pace with the increasing costs of college education, Dr. Brandenburg said the amount from the annual Student Day offering must increase significantly. The Student Loan Fund which can provide a total of \$4,000 to a qualified student during his college career is critically important, Dr. Brandenburg explains. "The Fund has played a key role in the ca-

reer of almost every professional church leader today and it assures the future vitality of the church through the training of tomorrow's leaders."

Loans are made to United Methodist students attending accredited junior or senior colleges or universities. Grants are awarded to qualified United Methodist students in United Methodist related colleges and universities.

Each year the United Methodist Church makes available 500 grants of up to \$500 each. Loans are made in varying amounts: \$500 for freshmen; \$550 for sophomores; \$600 for juniors; \$700 for seniors; \$750 for graduate students and theological students; and \$500 for students of nursing.



Bathing suit styles  
have changed

—so have  
nursing uniforms



## Methodist Hospital School of Nursing

Memphis, Tenn.

### 50th Homecoming Celebration

Saturday, May 1, 1971

A big turnout is expected

#### Program

9:00 a.m. — 10:00 a.m.

Registration in new Nursing School lobby.

9:30 a.m. — 11:00 a.m.

Garner time for Tours and Colloquy. Don't miss this!

11:00 a.m. — 12:30 p.m.

Alumni meeting, installation of officers and roll call in the new Auditorium.

1:00 p.m. — 2:30 p.m.

"Auld Lang Syne" Luncheon and uniform fashion show (also the Barco collection of old uniforms will be shown).

2:45 p.m. — 3:30 p.m.

Memorial Service in the Mary O'Donnell Chapel of the Praying Hands (9th floor Thomas Wing).

3:30 p.m. — 5:00 p.m.

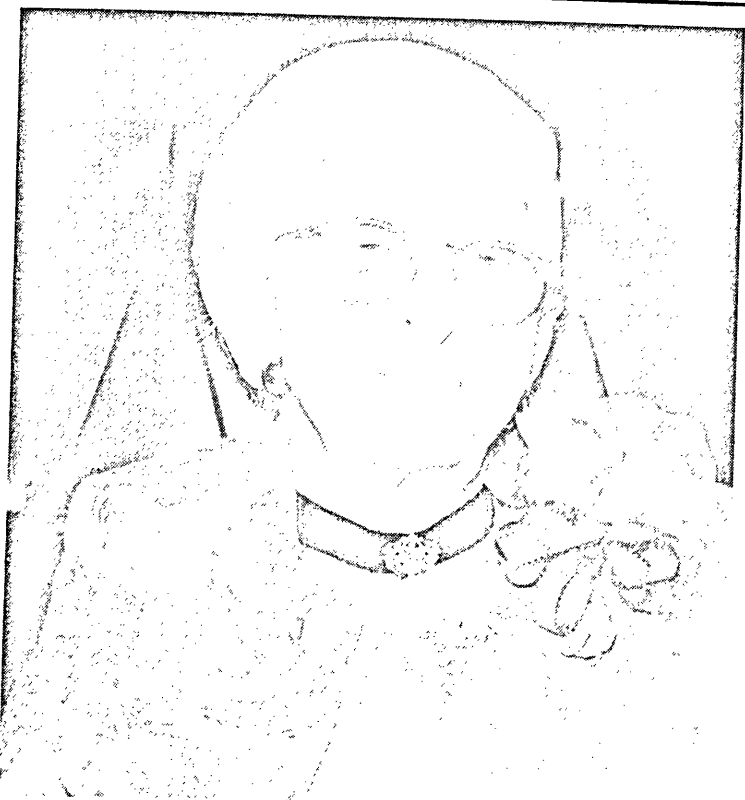
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"Methodist Memories," Gala show featuring Berl Olswanger and his Band, Las Savell, Master of Ceremonies.

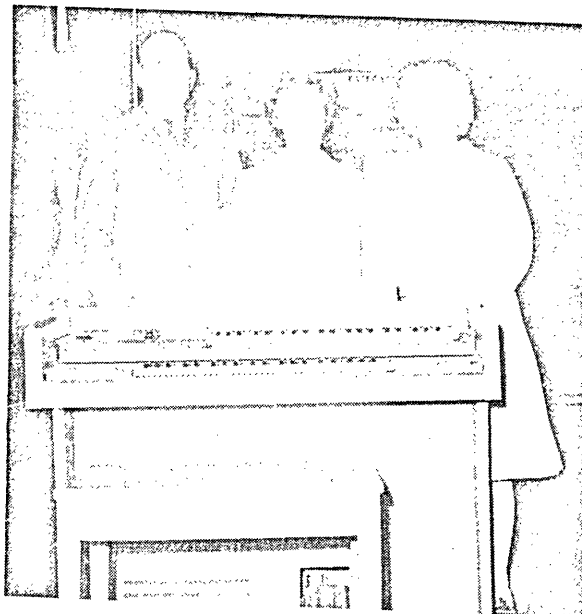
7:30 p.m. — 9:00 p.m.

Golden Anniversary Banquet.



Mrs. H. L. Lessenberry of Wynne was honored April 20 by many relatives and friends as she celebrated her 100th birthday. Summing up her philosophy in life, the centenarian said, "It is not how long you live. It is how well you live." Born in Milan, Tenn., Mrs. Lessenberry moved with her family to Bay Village in Cross County in 1909, and has lived in Cross County since. She was an active member of the Vandale United Methodist Church until 94 years of age. And although vision and hearing have been slightly impaired in recent years, her interest and concern for her church have not waned. She lives in Wynne with a daughter, Mrs. Leota Hamilton—one of nine living children. Other children are: Marvin Lessenberry, also of Wynne; Ben and Wilbur Lessenberry, Little Rock; Mrs. A. L. (Faye) Bledsoe, Mrs. W. B. (Gladys) Grafton, and Leonard Lessenberry, all of Vandale; Guy Lessenberry, Parkin, and Robert Lessenberry, Lonoke. In addition she has 13 grandchildren, 20 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. The Rev. Charles Nance is her pastor.

The new organ at Parks United Methodist Church in the Scott County Parish (Fort Smith District) was dedicated on Sunday, April 18. The donors, Mr. and Mrs. Mondell Owens, and Mrs. Victoria Gilbreath, mother of Mrs. Owens—in whose honor the organ was presented — stand back of the new instrument shown here.



### An exciting small church

The Pleasant Grove Methodist Church in the Paragould District is a small, one-room building with 48 members. The Rev. Ray L. McLester has been the pastor for six years.

Although not in a position to show much increase in numbers, the energy and enthusiasm of this congregation is revealed in their leadership in the programs of the church.

In the Hendrix College Capital Funds Campaign they were the first to pay out in full the first year.

In the Fund for Reconciliation they said, "We don't know much about it," but they led the way.

In the current Pension Endowment Campaign, the District Superintendent had a check from this church for the entire three years acceptance on the first day of January in 1970.

In the campaign for the Arkansas Methodist Pleasant Grove is on the 100% plus list.

During the past year or so the church has put in new floors, two art glass windows and a paneled cabinet for a 150-volume library. The cabinet was made by Ott Thomas and the pastor and friends of the church gave the books.

Mrs. C. A. Crouch is the reporter for this church.



## SCHISLER GRADUATE AWARDS GRANTED TO FIVE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Five annual John Q. Schisler Graduate Awards to persons preparing for leadership in the field of Christian education have been granted by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of Higher Education. Announcing the awards was Dr. E. Craig Brandenburg, Office of Student Loans and Scholarships.

Chosen to receive \$1,000 scholarships for the 1971-72 school year are: Mrs. Almina Lott Breuer, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Miss Jo Ann Evans, Lynchburg, Va.; Miss Pamela J. Gose, West Chester, Pa.; Miss Bernadette Jeffers, Wellington, Ill.; and Miss Mary E. Weaver, Newport News, Va.

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## "News in Brief"

United Methodists will be among persons participating in the 1971 Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship Annual Conference in Chicago, Ill., May 13-15. "Why should United Methodists be playing around with the psychic and with parapsychology?" will be among questions discussed. Spiritual Frontiers Fellowship was formed as an interdenominational association in 1956 and its present membership approaches 10,000.

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Rear Admiral Francis L. Garrett, chief of Navy Chaplains and a United Methodist minister, received one of the "4 Chaplains Awards" presented annually by B'Nai B'Rith of New York in recognition of the four chaplains lost aboard the SS Dorchester in World War II.

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Ernest Tung retired March 31 after 16 years in travel and traffic work for the United Methodist Board of Missions.

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Dr. Harry D. Wagner, who became president of United Methodist-related Martin College in Pulaski, Tenn., the past July 1, has announced his resignation effective this summer to return to an administrative post at Middle Tennessee State University.

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A unit of the United Methodists Board of Missions is among eight institutions which have loaned more than \$500,000 to enable First Harlem Securities Corp. to become the first black-owned securities firm to be admitted to the New York Stock Exchange.

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Refugees double  
in last six years

NEW YORK (UMI) — Within only the past six years, the total number of refugees in the world has more than doubled—climbing from a 1964 figure of 7,910,309 to 17,318,320 in 1970—and the astronomical rise in the numbers of homeless has caused church officials to raise pointed questions about their immigration and refugee policy.

This was reported by Matthew Giuffrida, chairman of Church World Service's Immigration and Refugee Program, National Council of Churches at a meeting of overseas mission executives. As churchmen break down the latest refugee figures, they estimate that of the more than 17,000,000, seven million are in Asia, two million in the Middle East, five million in Africa, one million in Europe and two million in the Western Hemisphere.

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## MY CHURCH

As far back as I can remember, the Church has been a part of my life. In a way, it is entwined with the love and guidance of my family. When I think of the Church as The Body of Christ, I feel that I am a small member of that Body. My relationship with the Church has been a leveler in my life as I chose the direction my life would take. It is to the physical Church that I go to witness my own belief, that I go to worship with others, that I go to gain strength and to renew my own faith, to find the Christian Fellowship which I need. The Church is an integral part of my life. I couldn't do without it.

—Mrs. Charles B. McGowan  
President, Louisiana Conference A  
Women's Society of Christian Service

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## Poetry Panorama

by Barbara Mulkey

*The philosopher, James Allen, said, "The dreamers are the saviors of the world." And he pointed out that . . . "You cannot travel within and stand still without." However, the poet tells us that the reverse is possible . . . to travel without and stand still within.*

## The Wanderer

He who has no dream must wander  
Unfulfilled in soul.  
He ambles on with pathway curved  
And reaches for no goal.

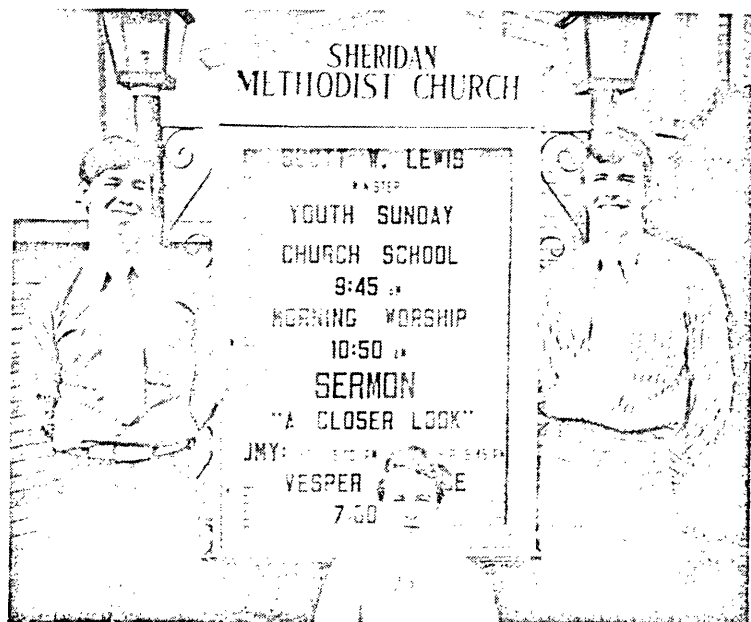
Envisions not the things beyond  
His ordinary day;  
And fails to catch a glimpse of those  
Which might enhance his way.

He lacks the spark which would ignite  
Imagination's flame,  
And does not comprehend just why  
His days seem all the same.

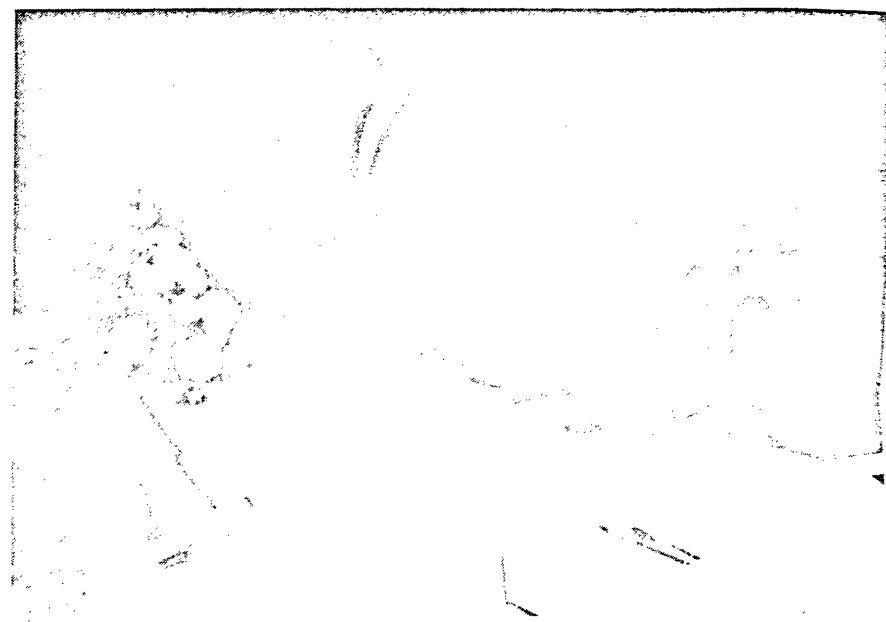
For he's not learned the secret yet,  
And strange as it might seem  
Within him lies the latent truth  
That all men need to dream.

—by Mattie L. Kelley

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Some of the participants in the second annual Youth Sunday at First United Methodist Church in Sheridan. FROM LEFT: Mark Backus, youth lay leader; Greg Backus, youth organist; Scott Lewis, youth minister. The youth of the church "took over" Sunday morning responsibilities on April 25—teaching all Church school classes, leading morning worship, and the 25-voice Methodist Youth Singers provided special music. The Rev. Jack A. Wilson is pastor.



The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor of St. Paul United Methodist Church, El Dorado, makes concluding remarks to graduating seniors at April 19 banquet held in their honor. Dr. Don Echols, seated at left of Pastor Connell, was principal speaker. Each senior was presented a copy of "Good News for Modern Man." In the foreground are Mrs. Monzell Silkwood (left), and Mrs. Henry Crook, two senior parents. Members of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild prepared and served the meal.