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Bishop Kennedy to deliver Raney Lectures

Bishop Gerald Kennedy of the Los Angeles Area of the United Methodist Church will be the speaker for the 1971 T. J. and Inez Raney Lectures at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, May 10-13. The announcement was made by Dr. James B. Argue, senior minister of the church.

The first lecture will be delivered at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, the 10th, and they will continue twice daily—10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—through Thursday.

Bishop Kennedy, a native of Michigan, received his A.B. degree from the College of the Pacific, and his B. D. from Pacific School of Religion. He earned both the M. Th. and the Ph. D. degrees from Hartford Theological Seminary. Honorary degrees have been conferred by a dozen institutions.

He was elected to the episcopacy from the pastorate of St. Paul Methodist Church, Lincoln, Neb. in 1948. He administered the Portland Area from 1948 to 1952 and has been in charge of the Los Angeles Area since 1952.

He is the author of more than 20 books. *Newsweek* paid tribute to him several years ago as one of the ten great American preachers. *Time* in 1964 featured him on the cover, and called him "the contemporary Methodist who best seems to express the peculiar quality of his church's active, outgoing faith."

Bishop Kennedy will be appearing as the Raney Lecturer for the second time, having filled that role previously in 1968.

The T. J. and Inez Raney Lecture-ship is provided by Mr. and Mrs. Alton B. Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas P. Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Robert W. Raney, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Raney, and Mr. and Mrs. Clay Raney in memory of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Raney, consecrated leaders in Arkansas Methodism.

Arkansas Methodist Children's Home Associates organize

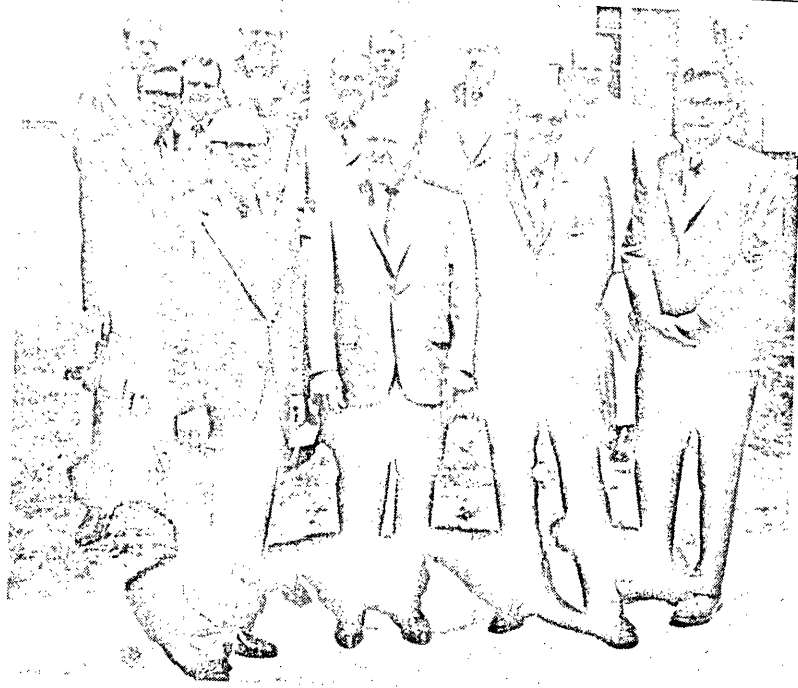
The Board of Directors of the Methodist Children's Home Associates met April 22 in a planning session at the Children's Home. Tom Raney of Little Rock is Chairman of the Associates Program.

Directors are Dick Sturgis of Arkadelphia, representing the Arkadelphia District; James Barnett of Batesville representing the Batesville District; R. R. Brown, Jr., of El Dorado representing the Camden District; William Farris of Conway representing the Conway District; Pat Henry of Springdale representing the Fayetteville District; Wesley Freemeyer of Helena, representing the Forrest City District;

Mike Shaw of Fort Smith representing the Fort Smith District; Mitch LaGrone, III of Hope representing the Hope District; Mac Williams, Jr., of Blytheville representing the Jonesboro District; Cliff Peck of Little Rock representing the Little Rock District; George Pugh of Portland representing the Monticello District; Ralph McDonald, Jr., of Newport representing the Paragould District; and Harley Cox, Jr., of Pine Bluff representing the Pine Bluff District.

These outstanding church, business and civic leaders of Arkansas are, dedicated to a program designed for the enrichment and expansion of the program of the Methodist Children's Home. They will contact Foundations, businesses, and individuals with concern for the lives of underprivileged children and will seek through substantial gifts the continued advancement of total programs of the Methodist Children's Home of Arkansas.

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This group of representatives from the districts of the Little Rock and Arkansas Annual Conferences met recently to complete the organization of the Methodist Children's Home Associates. Tom Raney, third from left in the front row, is heading the Associates program.

Philander Smith College receives \$200,000 gift for debt liquidation

Philander Smith College, Little Rock, is the recipient of a gift of \$200,000, the largest single one received since the beginning of that institution's Two Million Dollar Capital Funds Campaign. The announcement of the gift was made last week by Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of the college.

The gift was in the form of a grant from the General Board of Education of the United Methodist Church, and is designated for "debt liquidation."

The announcement of the grant came in a letter from Dr. Daniel W. Wynn, associate director of the Department of Educational Institutions.

Dr. Wynn said in his letter to Dr. Hazzard, "I am happy to inform you that the Appropriations Committee has voted to grant your request."

With the announcement of this grant, Dr. Hazzard reported to the Philander Smith Board of Trustees that the gift plus a recent payment to the Board of Education of principal and interest made possible the liquidation of debts dating back to 1963.

Dr. Hazzard said, "This leaves Philander Smith with only one debt — the government loan on the dormitories which will be amortized by the payment of room rent by the students."

He also said, "We wish to express our appreciation to all the members of the Appropriations Committee of the Division of Higher Education for this grant which means so much in our present campaign for funds."

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Hendrix receives \$5,000 grant

The W. K. Kellogg Foundation of Battle Creek, Michigan has made a grant of \$5,000 to Hendrix College under the foundation's College Resources For Environmental Studies Program, according to an announcement by Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Hendrix president. The grant is to provide

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Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, second from right, Little Rock District Superintendent, presents a check for \$3,500 to officials of the Des Arc United Methodist Church. The money from special and regular church extension funds will be used in the church's building program. Shown receiving the check are (from left): R.L. Morton, chairman of the Finance Committee; Paul Siitonen, chairman of the Building Committee; J. Elmer Berry, chairman of the Trustees; and the Rev. Bennie Ruth, pastor. The special church extension funds were available as the result of the merger of the Johnson's Chapel United Methodist Church with Des Arc.

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HENDRIX GRANT

library resources over the next three years for all college studies related to ecology and environment.

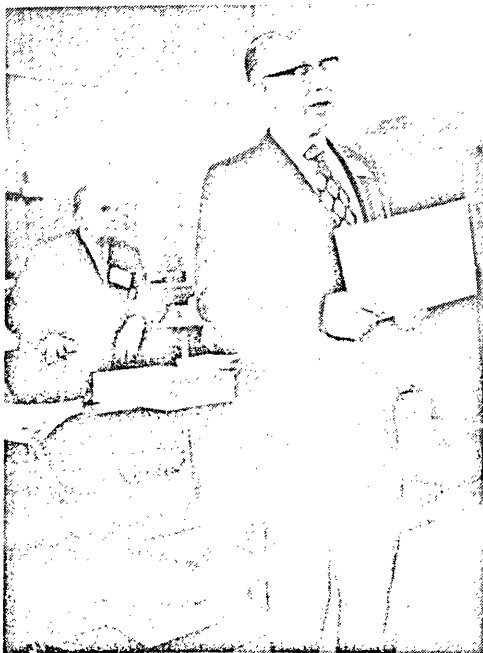
A committee for the selection of the library resources has been set up. It includes: Dr. Willis B. Alderson, Administrative Assistant; Ferris C. Baker, Associate Professor of Sociology; Robert F. Baker, Assistant Professor of Economics; Julie Connelly, a sophomore from Hot Springs; Dr. Arthur A. Johnson, Professor of Biology; Garrett L. McAinsh, Assistant Professor of History; Ronald P. McCaskill, Assistant Professor of Physical Education; Robert W. Meriwether, Associate Professor of Education and Political Science; Francis Nix, Hendrix Librarian and Gary Villines, a senior from North Little Rock.

The grant to Hendrix is one of approximately 300 similar grants being made by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation to small, private liberal arts colleges throughout the United States, as part of the Foundation's continuing program of support for activities aimed at finding solutions to environmental problems throughout the nation.

Dr. Robert E. Kinsinger, Kellogg Foundation Vice President said, "The realization that man is faced with unprecedented crises precipitated by rapid and profound population growth, environmental deterioration, and depletion of the planet's natural resources has evoked a growing concern. The Foundation believes that the nation's small, private liberal arts colleges can make a substantial contribution toward solving these problems by strengthening their programs of environmental studies."

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Batesville District Conference



Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, Forrester City District Superintendent, who spoke to the conference on the plan of merger for the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences.

N.A. PENSION INVESTMENT TASK FORCE IS NAMED

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has announced the personnel on the Task Force to study the Investment Program for the Board of Pensions of the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

These persons are: J. P. "Phil" Bumpers, Conway, chairman; Douglass Phillips, Jonesboro; William R. Rice, North Little Rock; Dr. M. D. Deneke, West Memphis; and E. B. Matkin, Little Rock.

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Former pastors to speak at Stamps

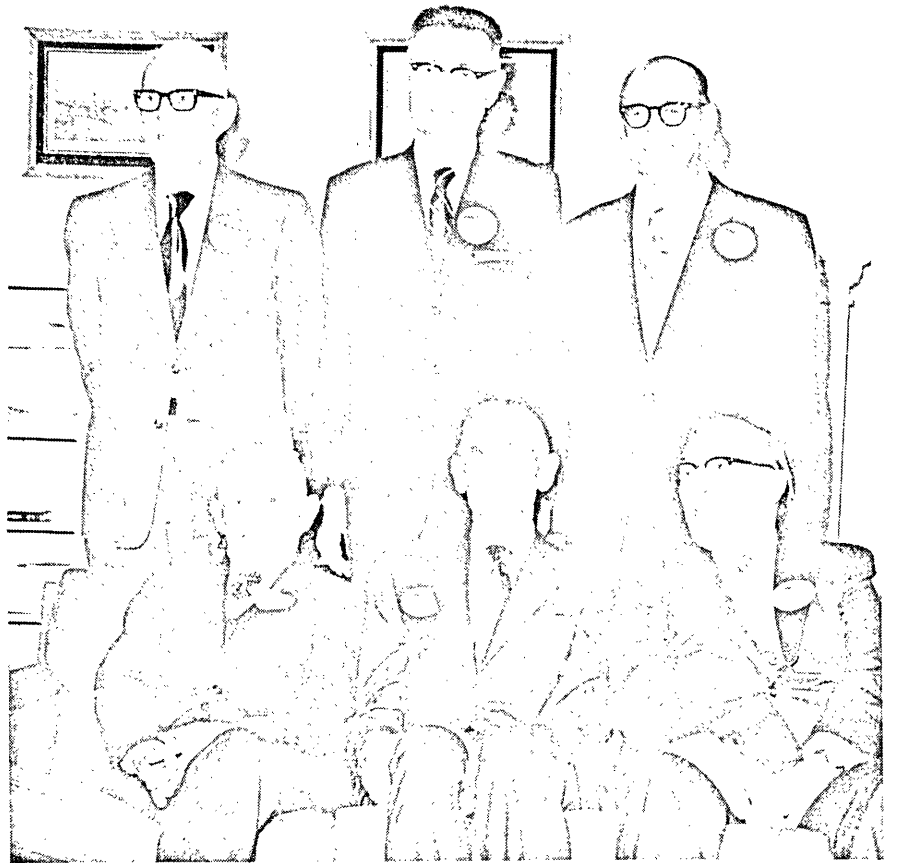
Four former pastors will be featured in a series of special services in the Stamps United Methodist Church next week. The series will precede the dedication of the parsonage, scheduled for Sunday, May 16 at 6:00 p.m., by Camden District Superintendent, Dr. Roy I. Bagley.

Visiting ministers will be the Rev. Cagle E. Fair, now of Gurdon, who will speak on Wednesday night, May 12, at 7 p.m.; the Rev. Kirvin A. Hale of El Dorado, on Thursday night; the Rev. M. E. Scott, now retired and living in Malvern, on Friday night. The Rev. Harold E. Sadler of England will preach Sunday night at 7 o'clock, following the dedication ceremony.

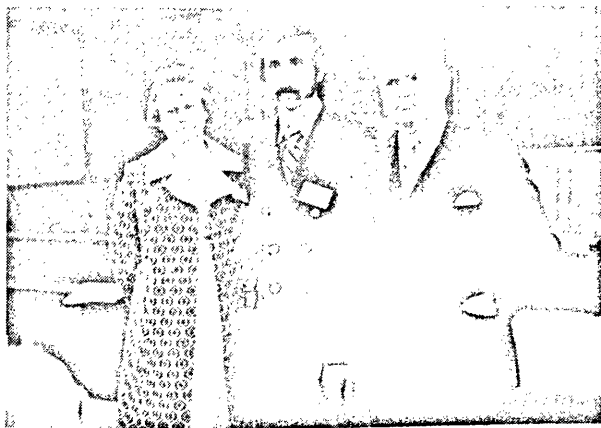
The Rev. Robert W. Johnson is the present pastor at Stamps.

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GRIFFIN MEMORIAL members have voted to purchase a lot and build a new parsonage. The Rev. J. Albert Gatlin is pastor of Griffin Church, Paragould.

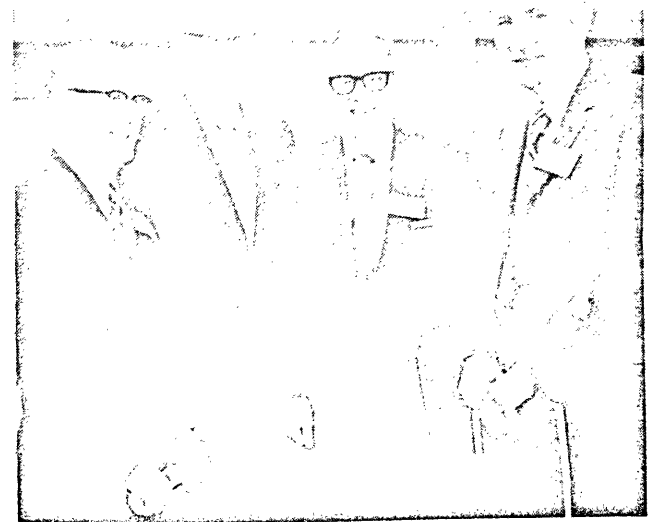


Members of the Class of 1921 of Hendrix College were received into membership in the Alumni Association's Half Century Club on Alumni Day, April 24. Those present to receive their certificates of membership in person were (standing): C. H. McKennon of Port Neches, Texas, Horace A. Young of Wilmette, Ill., J. Ben Carmichael of El Paso, Texas; (seated): C. W. (Denny) Montgomery of Mer Rouge, La., Dr. A. A. Oliver of Denver, Colo. and Priddy Westmoreland of Conway. (Willis H. Holmes was present for the luncheon but had to return to Little Rock before the picture was taken.)



AT LEFT: Licensed to Preach at the Batesville District Conference were Mrs. Bernice Rogers, left, church and community worker in the district, and Gary Langston, center, Hendrix College student from Wiseman. They are shown with the Rev. E. J. Holifield, right, who is completing six years as Batesville District Superintendent. Also licensed "in absentia" was Philip McClarty, band director at Heber Springs.

BELOW: The Rev. E. J. Holifield is shown presiding over the Batesville District Conference, held in the new sanctuary of the Mountain View United Methodist Church. The Rev. James Barton of Searcy served as secretary.



Visiting during the conference were (l. to r.): Jim Wiseman, Searcy layman; the Rev. Arvill Brannon and Dr. Charles Casteel, Batesville pastors, and the Rev. Earl Carter, North Little Rock, associate program director.

Editorial

THE FAMILY AND HUMAN VALUES

Frequently we hear the question, "Whatever happened to human values?" Some conclude that their transiency means that they are disappearing. It seems to us that we are really in an in-between period and that there is every reason to believe that a new set of values will emerge and that the family will have a great deal to do with their coming. There are some who sing every note concerning human values in a minor key — a pessimistic tone. In answer to these we would like to quote the heading of the last Chapter in Bishop Hazen G. Werner's new book, **Look at the Family Now**. In that chapter he affirms that "The Family Has What It Takes."

Alvin Toffler in his current best-seller, **Future Shock**, devoted a chapter to "The Fractured Family." Here he speaks of the moral and scientific developments of a traumatic nature that are pulling the family apart. None of us is prepared to seriously deny that this is so. Bishop Werner begins his book in something of the same vein when he declares: "The American home is ill. Any rationalization of parental failure will not fit the facts. The home is ill of immaturity and goallessness . . . We will always need the family. But it will have to be a better family than it is now."

Toffler says: "The family has been called 'the giant shock absorber of society' — the place to which the bruised and battered individual returns after doing battle with the world — the one stable point in an increasingly flux-filled environment. As the super-industrial revolution unfolds, this 'shock absorber' will come in for some shocks of its own."

The pessimists look at a statement like that and declare that the family is racing toward oblivion. However, they cannot tell us what will take its place. The optimists, in contrast, contend that the family, having existed all this time, will continue to exist. Some even insist that the family is in for a Golden Age, in which increased leisure will throw families together more—"The family that plays together stays together."

A more sophisticated view holds that the very turbulence of tomorrow will drive people deeper into families. Dr. Irwin M. Greenberg, professor of psychology at the Albert Einstein College of medicine says, "People marry for stable structures. The

family serves as one's 'portable roots.'"

There are several comments we would like to make about the theme "The Family and Human Values."

First, the family that is strong in building human values will refresh itself concerning its roots in the past. Let us hasten to say that this is not being "old fogey." That is as illogical as claiming that the astronauts are worshipping the earth when they want to make sure of a solid base for their launching pad. A successful landing on the moon is dependent on a strong launching at Cape Kennedy. Yes, and it involves a knowledge of the experiences of every previous astronaut.

This does not involve an attempt to turn family life back to any "good old days," but it recognizes two things, both of them essential in maintaining our integrity in family living. One is that every family unit that ever came into being had serious problems. This is suggested by a current popular song which says, "I beg your pardon, I didn't promise you a rose garden." Then, every positive human value — all those ties that have bound our hearts in Christian love — have been handed down from one generation to another like a baton in a relay race.

Secondly, the family that is honest will recognize that values which have been inherited are being constantly re-evaluated. We should not make the mistake of assuming that value changing is exclusive with any generation. It is all too easy for adults to jump to the conclusion that only the young have been engaged in altering of patterns of values. We of today's adult generation can take every fault that we see in

today's youth and make direct connections with some of our own shortcomings. If we are sincere about building bridges across the chasm which separates the generations, we must begin by listening to the young and saying, "Maybe you're right."

Finally, we would say that the raw material for the new set of human values for which we strive is found in the old, old story—restructured and retold. The Bible is still the guidebook; the church is still the community; the Sermon on the Mount is still the homily through which we will arrive at a new standard of values. If we are serious about having the family and the church work together in this building process, we must recognize that both institutions are being changed and restructured. We should thank God that the church is changing, because therein is our hope for guiding the family — and other contemporary institutions — into a new life and new values that speak to our present day.

In conclusion, we would make three observations which are at the heart of what we are trying to say. First, the family is going to survive through any period of storm and trial it faces. Then, through all the processes of restructuring and rebuilding the church is going to last. Finally, this new family and this renewed church will be closer allies in shaping human values tomorrow than they have ever been. The sheer necessity of the future will make it so!

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THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

As this editor travels about through Louisiana and Arkansas he seems to receive the warmest greeting from those who belong to what might be called "The Fellowship of the Sunday School Lesson." Members are those who are readers and users of the weekly material we write on the International Lessons.

For about eight years now we have undertaken this weekly interpretation of the lesson. The decision to do this was made after Dr. E. T. Walyand found he would be unable to continue in that capacity.

Through the years we have served in this editorial post we have discovered an increasing number of persons who are loyal to **The Methodist** because of this feature. Just during the last two weeks we have been in four different localities and in each the warmest reception has been from those who use our paper as an aid to their teaching each week.

Many ask about the time consumed in the preparation of these materials. We estimate that it takes about 10 to 12 hours of study and writing each week, and the work is done in the evening at home. There is a downstairs room in our split-level home in Little Rock, and some evenings the light burns rather late there.

There are really two observations we would like to make about this "fellowship." First, involvement in this writing has a way of keeping our calendar confused, since each week sees one lesson in print for lessons ten days in the future, another lesson at the printers, and a third in the typewriter in the study.

The second observation is that we appreciate the opportunity that occasionally is our to teach one of the adult classes at St. Paul Church in Little Rock. This gives us a real opportunity to see if the written material will teach. I am convinced that every lesson writer should keep himself available for teaching as a means of checking out his writing.

This is a warm fellowship of which we speak, and we are most happy to be a part of it.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

A Korea-style cessation of war without a formal peace was forecast by the Rev. Samuel F. Longbottom, Jr., a Baptist minister who has served eight years as a missionary in Vietnam. Addressing a missions conference in Miami, Fla., Longbottom said "Both sides are getting so tired of the mess they are in that I think they both will just quit fighting without signing any official peace treaty." The U.S. policy of "Vietnamization" is working, according to the missionary, who has taught at the Catholic university in Dalat and served as pastor of the Baptist congregation. "We've bought time for all of Southeast Asia," he believes.

North Vietnam will probably allow some group to visit Hanoi in the near future, predicts Dr. J. A. O. Preus (president of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod) who with other American church leaders was rebuffed when they recently sought permission to visit prisoner of war camps in North Vietnam. He said he could only conclude that the North Vietnamese "had something to hide" by refusing to admit the delegation he headed. Dr. Preus said that although the mission failed in its primary purpose he believed the Hanoi government would soon allow someone—"besides the extremists they have let in in the past"—to visit North Vietnam.

In what is considered by observers to be the most dramatic desegregation order since 1954, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that busing is a constitutional means which can be used to "dismantle the dual school systems" in Southern states. The ruling does not require all schools in a system to have the same racial balance, and it leaves the way open for "some small numbers" of schools of one race, or virtually one race. Churchmen active in the civil rights movement have generally supported busing as a means of overcoming desegregation caused by tradition and statute.

In what appears to be a reversal of position, some 45 church bodies in Rhodesia have yielded to government pressure and registered as "voluntary organizations" under provisions of the controversial Land Tenure Act. The Act aims at the strict geographical separation of Rhodesia's black and white societies. Under the Act, churches are required to register as voluntary organizations to be able to operate as multi-racial institutions on land allocated to either racial group. Deadline for registration was April 2.

Dr. Krister Stendahl, dean of the Harvard University Divinity School, reminded an audience at Vanderbilt University that Christians make up only 15 per cent of the world's population. He said Christians must weigh the possibility that a minority role for them in the world may "be more congenial" in the plan that God has than a majority stance. "Remember, the whole world is in His hands, not only the Christian world," the Lutheran scholar said.

An unprecedented bill, allowing Vermont's local school boards to loan teachers, texts and other services to parochial schools, was signed into law by Gov. Deane C. Davis. The measure will go into effect this Fall. Under the new law, local school districts can set up a lending program of teachers, texts and other non-financial services, and then receive up to 50 per cent of the cost back from the state.

A number of United Methodists took part in various inter-religious peace activities in the nation's capital during Holy Week. Bishop James Armstrong of the Dakotas Area and the Rev. A. Dudley Ward, general secretary of the Bd. of Christian Social Concerns, joined five other nationally-known religious leaders in a "fast against the war." The Right Rev. Robert L. DeWitt, Episcopal bishop of Pennsylvania, organizer of the fast, labeled the demonstration as a "meaningful, traditional religious expression" of his feelings against the war.

"Life and preparation for the year 2000" was the chief topic for the recent assembly of Church Women United held in Wichita, Kans. Mrs. James M. Dolbey, president of the ecumenical group mentioned the need for younger leadership as one of the key concerns of the organization. Expressing, however, a note of optimism concerning the future, the CWU president said "We're zeroing in on the age situation."

Dr. Leighton Ford, an associate of evangelist Billy Graham, speaking on "How to Be Happy Though Married," during his recent Philadelphia Crusade, called the "home the most important business you will ever have." The home is also the children's business—the greatest school a child will ever have," the evangelist said. He continued, "The home is also the nation's business . . . and the home is the world's business." "When our homes begin to break up and decay, the nation becomes a very shaky affair." Citing selfishness as a basic problem in family life, Dr. Ford urged "surrender to Christ" as the remedy, saying "As you surrender to Christ, you begin to surrender to each other in your home." "Our responsibility as parents is to have a strong sense of discipline towards our children. If we don't give that, they will not feel security and love," he added.

Whatever American Protestantism is—or isn't—can largely be attributed to the Sunday School, conclude the authors of *The Big Little School*, a history of the Sunday School movement on American churches. Authors Robert Lynn and Elliott Wright assert that the Sunday school is "American Protestantism's training ground . . . the 'big' school in matters religious . . . and an important 'little' school in the rearing of the whole nation." Lynn is professor of religious education at Union Theological Seminary in New York. Wright, a Religious News Service staff member, is the author of two other works and numerous articles.

An Episcopal pastor in Houston, Texas says that his congregation is considering listing in a local newspaper advertisement the names of members who have not attended church in the past year. The Rev. James Tucker of St. James Episcopal church cited frequent complaints that churches list members who never come to church after joining. Their names on the membership rolls, he said, often serve no purpose other than to make the church look larger than it really is.

Addressing the 29th annual convention of the Nat'l. Assn. of Evangelicals meeting in Hollywood, Calif. Evangelist Billy Graham said it is incumbent on evangelical Christians to "get in step with God" in a time of unprecedented spiritual quest in America and many parts of the world. He said the "most encouraging sign" in the U.S. that spiritual revival is on its way is that "the young people are questing, searching and concerned as no other generation in American history, and untold thousands are turning to Christ." "Millions are rejecting the materialism, the secularism, the skepticism, and the agnosticism of their elders. They are on a gigantic search for reality, purpose and meaning," he said.

Leading experts on worship participating in a Christian liturgical workshop in Detroit are reported to have said that places of ritual in the 1970's should be "flexible, temporary, and secular as well as sacred in appearance" and should be patterned after the home as much as possible. A Methodist, the Rev. Don E. Sailors, who teaches practical theology at Yale Divinity School, said that mere "space occupation" on Sunday in a pew is "irreconcilable" with the Gospel message of commitment and involvement. "It boils down to this," he added, "worship, if it is to be authentic, cannot be systematically isolated from ordinary life."

An 18 per cent increase in giving to the general mission of the United Presbyterian Church was reported for the first quarter of 1971. Mission giving includes all contributions to the Church's work beyond the local level. Income at the local level has also increased with synod funds showing a 24 per cent rise and presbytery receipts running about 50 per cent above those for the same period in 1970. "This news is another signal of a return to confidence in our denominational mission," said the Rev. William J. Wiseman, chairman of the Council on Church Support, the denomination's fund-raising agency. He said "Our council hopes that this trend reflects something good happening all through the Church."



ATLANTIC CITY, N.J. — Cheryl Ashick of Sudbury, Ont., reports recommendations from her study group during a Lutheran Church in America youth conference in Atlantic City. Eighty young people, 18 through 25, met to develop strategy for getting more youth involvement in the Church. They voted to send 300 young persons to the 1972 biennial convention in Dallas to convey their concerns and their interest in the future of the Church. (RNS Photo)

North Arkansas Conference to hold first Trail Camp

Plans have been completed for the first North Arkansas Conference Trail Camp to be held in Stone County, June 14-18, according to the Rev. Jim Beal, Helena, director. The hikers will cover the distance from Myers Ranch to Blanchard Springs during the five-day camp.

Twenty-two persons have already registered for the Trail Camp, closing the registrations. The plans call for the hikers to assemble at Myers Ranch at noon on Monday, June 14, and they are scheduled to reach Blanchard Springs on Friday.

The campers will be carrying the communal gear and food as well as their own personal needs for the period. The plan is for the girls to carry packs weighing 25 pounds while the fellows will carry 35 pounds. They will spend five nights on the trail.

The planning committee has been assisted by the State Forestry Service in the selection of their trail, and one of the foresters will be with them for two days on the trail. The State Forestry telephone number will be used as an emergency number.

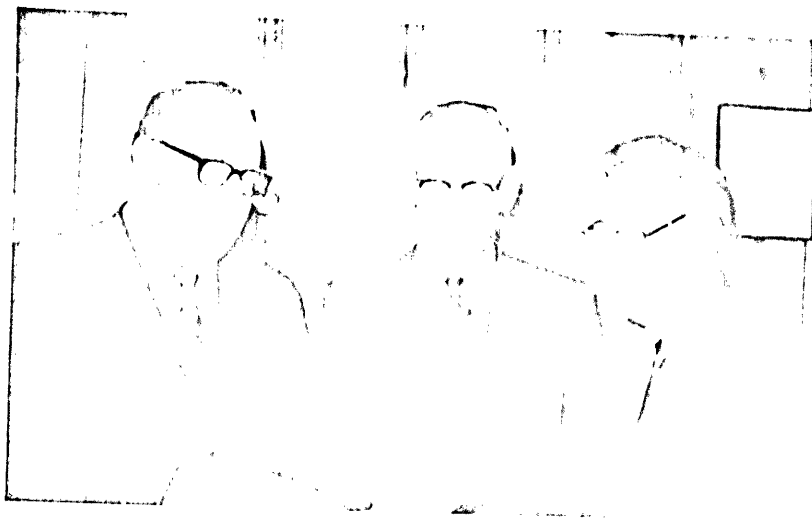
Mr. Beal says, "We will be hiking

in rugged beautiful country through such quaint communities as Mozart and Red Door. The food will be freeze-dried trail food from Chuck Wagon Foods."

The adult leaders include: Jim and Mauzel Beal, Helena; Sam and Ann Teague, North Little Rock; Jon and Jan Guthrie, Conway; and Ronnie McCaskle, Conway.

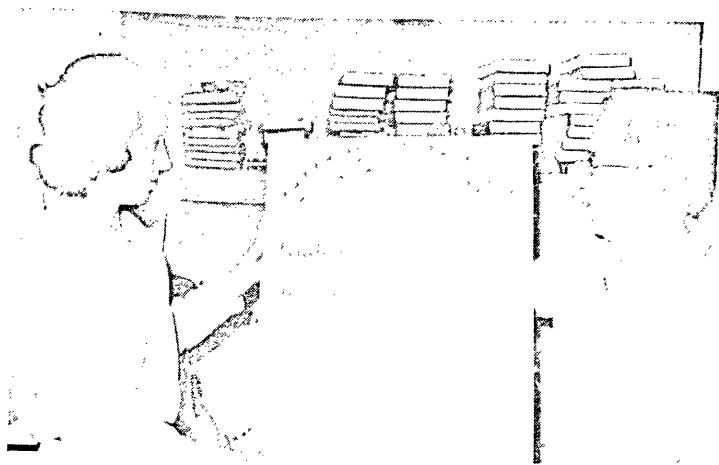
The 22 others registered for camp are Susan Gladden, Helena; Larry Bowden, West Helena; Roger Beal, Helena; Sue Ann Casteel, Batesville; Joe Lytle, Batesville; Layne Wallace, Heber Springs; Mark Williams, Batesville; Laura Beal, Helena; Fred Darville, North Little Rock; Jeanie Akers, Helena; Steve Street, Batesville; Rhonda Ritter, Marked Tree; Mary Wilder, Marked Tree; Beth Campbell, Marvell; Roy B. Shilling, Jr., Conway; Tommy Bryan, Jonesboro; Ruth Ann Teague, North Little Rock; Mary Lois Teague, North Little Rock; Cathy Sibley, Helena; Rene Julian, Batesville; Pat Clark, Conway, and Terri Kay Young, Poplar Grove.

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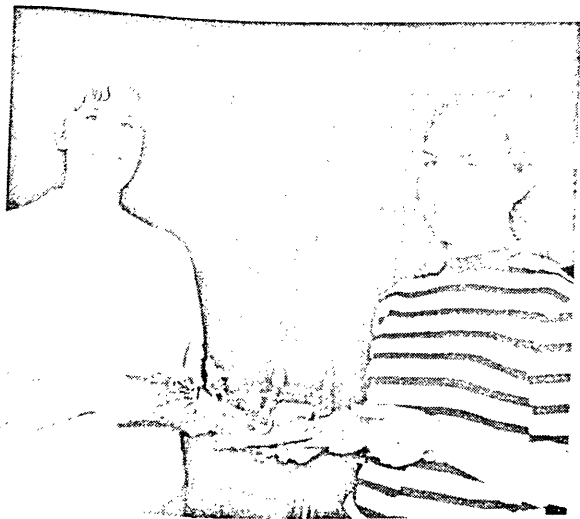


Leaders in the April 25-27 Lincoln Area Training School (North Arkansas Conference); FROM LEFT: the Rev. Charles McDonald of Rogers, the Rev. Woodrow Woods, of Lincoln-Morrow Parish and host pastor for the school, and the Rev. William Wilder of Marked Tree. The three courses enrolled a total of 59 persons. Subjects included: The Life and Teachings of Jesus; Teaching Groups in the Church, and The Council on Ministries.

North Arkansas Camp Training Workshop



Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, director of the North Arkansas Program Council and Mrs. Jim (Mauzel) Beal discuss a fire craft display poster at April 27-28 Camp Training Workshop held at Wayland Springs. The workshop was conducted for camp directors and staff personnel who will be serving in camps this summer. The next camp workshop will be held at Shoal Creek, May 11-12.



FROM LEFT: Mrs. Dixie Owens of Batesville and Miss Marcia Yarberr of Benton look over some nature craft art. Miss Yarberr, a trainer of camp directors from the American Campers Association, provided leadership for the workshop.



The Rev. Wayne Clark (back row, center) with some of the men from Corning United Methodist Church who spent the day painting cabins at the Wayland Springs Camp.

Paula Keith, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. Edwin Keith of Little Rock and a junior history major at the University of Arkansas, was recently selected Miss Arkansas Universe to represent the state in the Miss USA Contest to be held May 13-22 at Miami, Fla. The winner of the Miss USA Contest will represent the nation in the Miss Universe Contest.

NEWS and NOTES

THE FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT Layman's Rally will be held on Monday, May 10 at Blowing Springs Park, Bella Vista. Dinner at 6:30 will be \$1.25. Bob Cheyne of Berryville, district lay leader, is in charge.

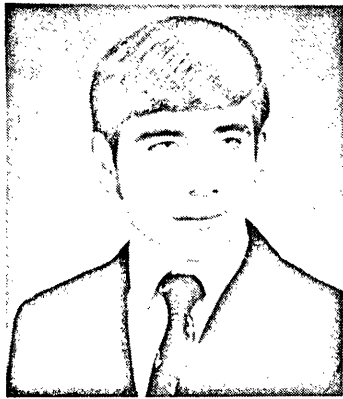
FORREST CITY DISTRICT United Methodist Men will meet on May 13 at First Church, Helena. The speaker will be the Rev. Merle Johnson, pastor of Scott Memorial United Methodist Church at Eudora, who is author of the book "How to Murder A Minister." The Rev. Jim Beal will be host pastor.

RELIGIOUS EMPHASIS Week is in progress at Corning First United Methodist Church, May 2-7 at 7:30 each evening. Guest speaker is the Rev. Byron McSpadden, who served the Corning Charge several years ago. Mr. McSpadden is currently pastor of First United Methodist Church in Forrest City. Morning activities begin at 7:15 with a brief service. Ladies' meetings are on Tuesday, Thursday at 10 a.m. Methodist Men have noon luncheons on Monday Wednesday and Friday at the Town House. The Rev. Wayne Clark is pastor.

THE MARYSVILLE CHURCH had pre-Easter services with the Rev. Wayne Edwards, pastor of Leola Charge, as evangelist. The Marysville pastor is the Rev. Fred H. Haustein.

RONNIE CAVENESS, former All-American at U. of A. and former professional football player, was the speaker when Winfield United Methodist Men met April 28. Members had their sons as guests. Dr. J. Edward Dunlap is the Winfield pastor.

MIDLAND HEIGHTS CHURCH, Fort Smith, is having the church-wide study of Communications on April 25, May 2, 9 and 16. Leaders for the four programs are Mrs. Earl Baker, Mrs. Dwight Hawk, Mrs. Perry Bush and Mrs. Ray Ragsdale. The Rev. Pryor Cruce is pastor.



Robin French Wynne, Fordyce, member of the Little Rock Conference Youth Council and president of the Monticello District United Methodist Youth, has been awarded a freshman scholarship to Harvard College. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Wynne, Jr., he is a three-letter man at Fordyce High School. He will be the third son of this family to attend Harvard.

LEVY UNITED Methodist Church, 701 West 47th Street, North Little Rock, plans the third anniversary celebration of the opening of the relocated church. Dr. Ralph Clayton, Conway district superintendent, will be guest preacher, Sunday, May 16. Dinner in Burns Park at 12:30 will be served by Woody's Catering Service. The Rev. Gerald Hammett is pastor.

THOMAS BRATTON, Forrest City layman, represented Gideons International when he spoke in the Jacksonville First United Methodist Church, April 18. The Rev. Bob Edwards was host pastor.

DR. GEORGE JACKSON, State Hospital Administrator, was the speaker at the April 26 meeting of United Methodist Men in St. Luke Church, Little Rock.

THE REV. JAMES MEADORS of Walnut Ridge led the training school course "Foundation of Christian Teaching" in three sessions in First United Methodist Church of Forrest City on April 25 and 26. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is the pastor.

CROSSETT UNITED Methodists heard The New Group from Greenville, Mississippi, First United Methodist Church present "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown." The 20 singers, directed by Gordon Brown, were presented April 25 at the Sunday Night at Six program. The Rev. Ferris Norton is the Crossett minister.



The Rev. Eugene H. Hall, at right, was the recipient of the second annual Good Citizenship Award presented by Blytheville Oddfellows Lodge 18. The award was made by Grand Warden C. S. Birmingham at a special observance at Lake Street United Methodist Church where Mr. Hall served as pastor for a number of years before retirement.

CLARENDON UNITED Methodist Men held the April 22 meeting in Wesleyan Hall. Catfish dinner was served to 38 members and four guests. Morgan Prince spoke on "Where Do We Turn for Guidance?". Officers elected include: Edwin Pettegrew, president; Billy Wayne Self, vice president; Rush Harding, Jr., treasurer; and Alton P. Hill, secretary and reporter. The Rev. Glenn Bruner is the Clarendon pastor.

THE GRAVETTE UNITED Methodist Church held a revival from April 12-16. Guest evangelist was the Rev. Joe Wilkerson of Dell, pastor of Christ Church, Blytheville, and Dell United Methodist Church. A 24-hour prayer vigil preceded the first service. The Rev. Jesse A. Bruner is the Gravette minister.

WEST BENTON COUNTY United Methodist Men met at Gentry on April 29 for fish supper and program. Robert Cheyne, lay leader of the Fayetteville District, was the speaker.

DA JO KANITERI, also known as the "God Squad," presented a unique service of worship at the Oaklawn United Methodist Church in Hot Springs. The service consisted of contemporary music and narrative by the group. The sermon was sung by Ravonna Threadgill who wrote her own music. Other members of the group were Rick Devine, Danny Rowe, Johnny Dacus, Neia Paleologis, and Karen Mullins. The Rev. Fred H. Arnold is pastor at Oaklawn.

MRS. GRAFTON THOMAS of Little Rock was guest speaker recently at the Sunday morning Worship Service of the Wilson United Methodist Church. A former Jurisdiction, Conference, and District Officer of the Women's Society of Christian Service, Mrs. Thomas told of the beginnings of the women's work of the Methodist Church. She gave an inspiring talk on its accomplishments in the past, its present action, and its plans for the future. Mrs. Thomas was accompanied by her husband who is Conference Treasurer for the Methodist Churches in Arkansas. The Rev. Joe E. Linam is the Wilson pastor.

THE BATESVILLE DISTRICT Vacation School Workshop was held in First Church, Batesville, last Saturday, April 24, under the leadership of Mrs. James Barton, district coordinator of Children's Work. Instructors included: Nursery—Mrs. Joy Bates and Mrs. Bernice Rogers; Kindergarten—Mrs. Lewis Ernest and Mrs. Ross Williams; Elementary I-II—Mrs. Barton and the Rev. Everne Hunter; Elementary III-IV—the Rev. Fern Cook and Mrs. Helen Spooner; Elementary V-VI—the Rev. James Barton and Mrs. Garrett Kinley; Administrators: the Rev. Arvill Brannon and the Rev. L. L. Bounds.

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 9—Sunday	I Cor. 2:1-9
May 10	Jer. 31:3-9
May 11	Hosea 11:1-4
May 12	Rom. 8:32-39
May 13	II Cor. 5:10-15
May 14	Eph. 3:14-19
May 15	I Thessa. 5:1-8
May 16—Sunday	Rev. 3:14-19

A SERVICE OF DEDICATION was held at Pride Valley United Methodist Church, Little Rock, on April 25 for a new cross which was recently donated by John F. Pride, who gave the land for the church about 18 years ago. The pastor, Dr. W. Neill Hart was assisted in the service by the Rev. E. D. Galloway. Mrs. Neill Hart, Jr. sang a solo and Miss Barbara Hervey gave The Lord's Prayer in Indian Sign Language.

THE PLUMMERVILLE United Methodist Church sponsored a Lay Witness Mission, April 16-18. Twenty-three witnesses from Arkansas, Missouri, Tennessee and Louisiana were present. B. C. Hendren, Jr. of Dyersburg, Tennessee, was the coordinator. The Rev. Bob Lee is pastor.

WIGGINS MEMORIAL CHURCH, Fayetteville, had as recent guest speakers the Rev. Lee Cate, superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah Assembly Grounds, and the Rev. Harold Biazo, president of Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas. The Wiggins pastor, the Rev. Allen Hilliard, was attending the National Renewal Conferences at the Institute of Church Renewal at Emory University, Atlanta.

MEMBERS OF BLYTHEVILLE First United Methodist Church heard the Rev. Wendell Dorman, pastor of the Manila United Methodist Church, speak at the evening service, April 18. The Youth Choir, directed by Mrs. J. M. Williams, Jr., brought special music. Dr. Virgil D. Keeley is the pastor.

P. K. KORNER

NANCI ELIZABETH MURRAY and Lt. Ben Harris Vanderford III were married on April 18 in First United Methodist Church of El Dorado. Nanci is the daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Alvin Curtis Murray, and her father solemnized the vows. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ben Harris Vanderford II of Memphis. Lt. Vanderford is stationed at Ft. Leonard Wood and the couple will be at home in Missouri.

TRAVIS EDWARD DUPREE, born to Mr. and Mrs. Cliff Dupree of Las Vegas, Nevada, is the great-grandson of the Rev. and Mrs. Curtis Williams of Benton.

Church Women United call for action

WICHITA, Kansas—The changing and the changeless—in life styles, worship, science, human relations, and Christian faith—were seen, experienced, and discussed at the Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women United, April 22 through 25.

Over 2,000 Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox women, including a hundred women from overseas, met in a many faceted experience to strengthen their movement, give it direction for the coming three years, and choose new officers and 140 members of a Board of Managers.

Peace was on their minds and they expressed their feelings in a mass prayer for peace.

Clarie Collins Harvey, a black, fourth-generation Mississippian, was elected their new national president. She is a prominent church woman, civil rights leader, international peace consultant, and is active in the economic development of Mississippi.

Stimulating discussions were encouraged through the use of a "Think Tank" composed of Jean Houston of New York, who discussed mind research; Ruston Roy, new living patterns; Alice Mary Hilton, social changes; and William Hubbard, the changelessness of life.

Also participating in the Assembly were a "Theological Team" who met with the women mainly through the courtesy of a downtown educational TV studio (Channel 8). Their discussions were available not only to the Assembly registrants, but to all in Wichita who wished to hear as well.

After each TV session, the women broke into groups to discuss further and to think through what their faith compelled them to do in coping with the future.

At an agape breakfast on Saturday, April 24, pleas for help were made by representatives of senior citizens, young people, girls in the Job Corps, farm workers, and those working for worldwide peace.

The Assembly participants adopted three Calls to Action for the coming triennium, with a Christian perspective presented as the basis for each. Dorothy Height, president of the National Council of Negro Women and director of the Office of Racial Justice of the National Board of the YWCA, presented the first Call to Action. Describing work as "love made visible," she asked the women to lead in the shaping of new structures, to look honestly at their country, to be willing to work toward "empowerment of minorities" and toward self-determination.

Olive Tiller, a member of Church Women United's Commission on Economic Justice for Women, presented the second Call to Action: a call to open new opportunities for women in transition. In the new era of technical change, women are encouraged to seek public office and other leadership in the community.

Sister Mary Luke Tobin, a member of the Commission on Justice and Peace of the United States Catholic Conference, challenged the women to explore in their units how to act innovatively and courageously to fulfill their calling to peace building, the third Call to Action. Sister Mary Luke urged women to be guided always by

LITTLE ROCK WOMAN ELECTED TO BOARD OF CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

At the recent Ecumenical Assembly of Church Women United in Wichita, Kansas, Mrs. Herbert Douglas of Little Rock was elected to the Board of Managers of Church Women United. She will serve three years. Mrs. Douglas is supervisor of the Opportunities Industrialization Center at Little Rock.

a concern for human dignity, beginning in the communities in which they live.

These themes will dominate the study and work of more than 2,300 units of Church Women United throughout the country.

The Assembly closed Sunday evening with a 30th Anniversary celebration of the movement of Church Women United. Participating in the ceremonies were four former national presidents of CWU: the outgoing president, Mrs. James M. Dolbey, Mrs. Stewart Sinclair, Mrs. Theodore O. Wedel and Mrs. Harper Sibley.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT

The 31st spring meeting of the Batesville District Women's Society of Christian Service was held Thursday, April 15, at Central Avenue United Methodist Church, Batesville, with Mrs. Arthur Lewis, president, presiding.

The program opened with congregational singing led by Paula Fulkerson, accompanied by Georgeann Hicks.

Theme for the meeting was "A Day of Enrichment." Mrs. Joy Bates introduced the speaker of the morning, Mrs. Harold Eggensperger of North Little Rock. This was followed with a panel discussion. Mrs. Howard Johnson was moderator for these panelists: Dr. and Mrs. Earl Hughes, Elijah Coleman, and the Rev. Bob Edwards. The problems discussed were drug abuse, illiteracy, race relations and prison reform. Group discussion followed.

Each district officer led an officer training session after lunch. One hundred and forty persons were present.



Mrs. W. B. (Gwendolyn) Landrum, at left, was introduced by Miss Mary Florence Scobey, president of the First Church hostess guild (the Gwendolyn Landrum Wesleyan Service Guild) at the recent Sunday afternoon Bible study of Psalms by Little Rock District Guilds.

District reports of women's meetings

FAYETTEVILLE DISTRICT WSG

Members of the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Fayetteville District held their spring meeting in the Bentonville Church, April 25.

Mrs. Rai Steele, district chairman, presided. There were 62 members and one guest present. Reports were heard from presidents of the various local guilds concerning their work.

An original skit was presented by the Fayetteville group under the direction of Mrs. Sue Woods. Its theme was "how to secure new members and how to keep the older ones active."

Special music was furnished by the Bentonville Youth Choir under the leadership of Mrs. Bill Fulkerson.

The meeting was closed with a devotion from Revelation 1:1-8 given by Mrs. Norma Faye Wilson, Fayetteville, spiritual growth chairman.

The fall meeting will be held in Springdale.

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BATESVILLE DISTRICT WSG

Miss Irene Forrest of Searcy presided when the Wesleyan Service Guild of the Batesville District held the spring meeting in First United Methodist Church at Batesville, April 25.

Mrs. W. D. Murphy of Batesville was the guest speaker. Her topic was "The Purpose of the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild."

District Guild officers who participated in the program were Miss Avonelle Wallace, recording secretary; Miss Helen Stephens, nominations chairman; Mrs. Lockie Dobson, Christian social relations; and Mrs. Layne Yarnell, missionary education chairman.

Seven of the eleven Guilds in the district were represented. Refreshments were served by the host Guild, of which Miss Thelma Pickens is president.

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CONWAY DISTRICT

The spring meeting of the Conway District Women's Society of Christian Service was held at Russellville's First Church with 68 present. Mrs. Earl Horton, district president, presided.

Theme for the day was "Peace." Mrs. James Pruyn, vice president of the host society, welcomed the group. Host pastor, the Rev. Charles Ramsey, gave the meditation.

Mrs. Carl Lucy, district vice president, introduced Chris Meyer, director of Christian education at First Church, who directed UMYF members in the presentation of a skit.

Mrs. Ed Davis gave the treasurer's report and revealed that Conway District did meet the 1970 pledge to missions, but that the conference WSCS did not.

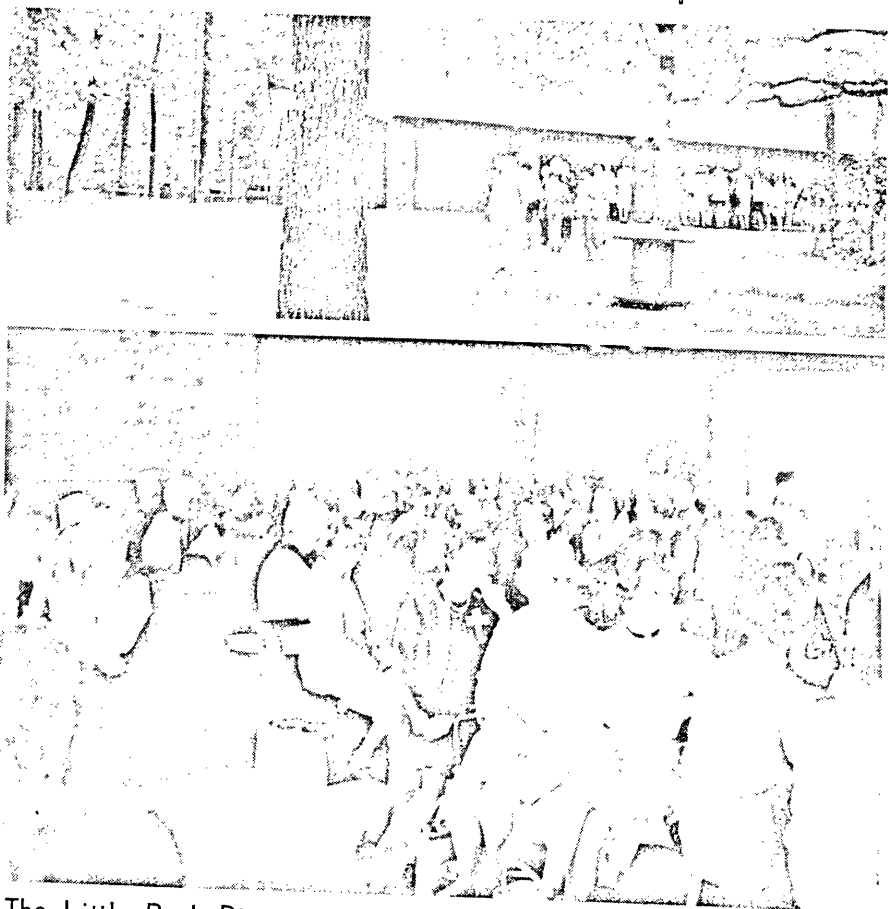
Mrs. Harold Cook, chairman of nominations, presented the slate of officers. Elected were Mrs. Albert Turner of North Little Rock for Christian Social Relations; Mrs. Walter Harris of Danville, chairman of Nominations. Mrs. George Tenney of North Little Rock was added to the Nominations Committee.

The offertory prayer was by Mrs. Ed Outlaw, district spiritual growth chairman. The offering will be sent to missions in honor of Mrs. Howard Johnson, conference president.

Officers' training groups were held. The afternoon program was a telephone conversation between Man and the Lord, "He Had My Number."

The fall meeting will be held in Danville.

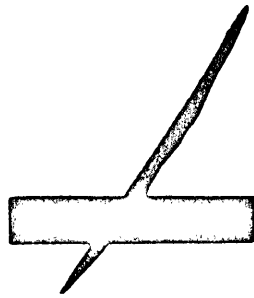
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The Little Rock District WSCS spring meeting was held at Aldersgate Camp in the Marguerite Rice Riddick Memorial Shelter, April 28. Mrs. John W. Stephens presided. The program featured a recently completed slide story of the camp, an agency of the United Methodist Board of Missions. After sack lunch in the out-doors, the women explored the camp and followed the "prayer path."

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MAY 16: God's Love for People

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Hosea 11:14

MEMORY SELECTION: I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have continued my faithfulness to you. (Jeremiah 31:3)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To see through the message of Hosea to an understanding of God's love and its meaning for us.

The emphasis of this lesson is on God's seeking love for man. If we understand the dramatic presentation of this love through the Book of Hosea we will come to see that God is not a distant concept to be thought of in abstract terms. The writer knew that God's love was more personal than that, and he was trying to save his nation from destruction by telling them about him.

Last week we discussed the very personal way in which Hosea bared his tragic life in an effort to save his people from a greater tragedy. His love for Gomer was so deep and abiding that when she was unfaithful to him he did not indulge in the drug of self-pity, but went in search of her in order that she might be restored to the former relationship. Hosea did this, not to prove anything, but because it was his very nature to love this deeply.

In today's lesson we find the prophet using the metaphors of the unfaithful wife and the ungrateful son to help him tell Israel just how deep God's love was for them. One of the commentators says: "a key idea in the theology of Hosea is that God is a passionately active, seeking God, who is not turned away even by widespread disobedience." It is only when an individual or a people comes to the realization that God loves them that much that there is any possibility of their being redeemed. time of the deep need for true understanding of love that Hosea stands out in his descriptions of the nature of God. I remember that Dr. W. A. Smart said in a seminary class on the prophets that Isaiah spoke of the perfect majesty of God, Amos spoke of his perfect power, but Hosea told us of his perfect love. It is this perfect love that saves.

In Chapter 11, Hosea shifts his simile for God from that love affair between man and wife to the relationship of father for son. It is a rich, full chapter — one of the finest in speaking to our time of the deep need for true understanding of parental love. In this emphasis Hosea stresses a love that guides and enables the loved one to grow into the stature of a true child of God.

We should see at the beginning of today's lesson that the major emphasis is God's seeking love and the power it has to call for a response in love. Here in the Old Testament we find an anticipation of the message of the New Testament — that it was not the object of the cross that brings salvation to man, but rather the love which is thereby symbolized. Each time we see the cross we should be reminded of this.

GOD IN HISTORY

As one reads the 11th Chapter of Hosea with its story of all that God had done for Israel throughout her history, he is reminded of something else about the New Testament. It sounds so much like the sermons that Paul preached before so many Jewish congregations. When Paul sought to tell them who Jesus was he went back into their history and listed all of the things God had done to deliver Israel. What a moving text is Hosea 11:1-9, "When Israel was a child, I loved him, and out of

Egypt I called my son."

Speaking as a father who must have had more than his share of responsibility for the rearing of his own children because of the unfaithfulness of their mother, Hosea sketches those moments when he tenderly guided each of them in their efforts to learn to walk. Every father who heard him knew what he was talking about. A parent gladly moves through all this period of training because he loves his child. This is also the nature of God who moves through the history of the nation, never too distant or too mighty to reach down and pick up the fallen child and say, "Try it one more time."

The great Broadway play *Green Pastures* tells of the many times when "De Lawd" returned to his heavenly abode greatly discouraged by what he had seen his children doing on the earth. The play develops around the continued suggestions from the angel Gabriel that God give up the human family as a hopeless situation, with the divine love within his being dictating the course of seeking time after time to bring man back. The climax of the play is identical with the story of the New Testament as the seeking love of God comes at last to earth in Jesus.

THE DELIVERANCE FROM BONDAGE

One of the greatest expressions of God's love for the Hebrew is symbolized in the event of the Passover — the deliverance of the captive people from their bondage in Egypt. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says, "The deliverance of the Hebrews from Egypt has been pictured as being for the Jews what the cross is for the Christian. In both cases the love of God was openly and dramatically revealed; in both instances one must say, 'Behold, the love of God!'"

This lesson emphasizes the love of God as revealed in the covenant relationship with Israel. A covenant is a contract or solemn promise made by two parties with the purpose of bringing them closer together. Hosea, who has first talked of this covenant relationship in terms of the marriage vows, shifts in this lesson to the figure of parent-child relationships. However, the main theme is the same — love which will not let the loved one go. Even though Hosea uses the legalistic language of the covenant relationship between God and his people, he also lets it be known that this is a bond that is stronger than that of the contract. We read in 11:4, "I led them with cords of compassion, with the bands of love."

The Hebrew told all the rest of the world that God loved him, citing the experience of the Passover as his proof. Had he not brought them into a land flowing "with milk and honey," and been responsible for all her victories and successes? Hosea tried to bring together the love which was underneath this covenant relationship with the discipline which was threatened. He wanted to show that the suffering to be inflicted was also a part of this love.

THE HEARTBREAK OF A LOVING GOD

Hosea speaks poignantly of the suffering he has known because of love. Parents have all had this same experience if they have truly loved their children. Even when the child rebels against his father and seems to be trying to repudiate that love, he is still the child. The father may disown the child and cast him out, but he is still the father. In most cases the impelling force in the relationship continues to be love that is pure grace.

If we draw a picture of God that does not allow him to know the heartbreak and the disappointment

of a father like Hosea, we are moving away from the real love that is the central reality of his being. Some would think of him only as an abstract idea of perfection that cannot know heartbreak, but this was not the God that Hosea described.

I recall a long theological discussion with a Roman Catholic chaplain during World War II. I spoke of the heartbreak in God's heart because of the death and suffering of the war, and my Catholic friend was quick to affirm that, "God is perfect. God cannot feel heartbreak, since that is a mark of imperfection." I replied, "It depends on the kind of perfection you are thinking about. For me, God is best seen as a perfect father — the father of all men — and he cannot look down on their slaughter of each other without knowing heartbreak." Surely the loving God described by Hosea knew such emotions.

THE LOVING FATHER AND THE RIGHTEOUS JUDGE

In Hosea 11:5 the mood changes, perhaps for effect. The time for patience seems to be gone, and the idea of punishment enters the message of the prophet. We read: "They shall return to the land of Egypt, and Assyria shall be their king, because they have refused to turn to me." The loving father is now the righteous judge. Both capacities are combined in the nature of God and their conflict makes this a most impressive passage.

Hosea speaks of the penalty for the rejection of love. The nation which had once been brought out of captivity in Egypt faced a new bondage, and the prophet says that Assyria is to be the instrument of God's judgment. Dr. Harold Cooke Phillips says of this change in mood, in *The Interpreter's Bible*: "Hosea suddenly changes his mood from tenderness to severity. This is one of those swift revulsions of feeling, which we have learned to expect in Hosea. His insight again overtakes his love. The people will not respond to the goodness of their God; it is impossible to work upon minds so fickle. Discipline is what they need."

The prophet had high moments when he was lifted up by a consideration of God's love and grace. but these moments were kept in balance by his realization of man's rebelliousness. Jesus, too, emphasized both sides of the love of God. In many passages he spoke of the tenderness of the love of God, but he also kept in mind the reality of judgment.

Again let us quote from Dr. Phillips: "A religion that sees God only in the sunshine, but not in the shadows; only in blessings, but not in woes; only in prosperity, but not in tragedy, is not the Christian religion. The symbol of Christianity is a cross; a cross which symbolizes the meeting of the ideal and the actual, God's love with man's sin, and so becomes the gateway of man's redemption."

GOD'S SEEKING LOVE

Behind the images of the unfaithful wife and the disloyal son is the more solid image of the husband whose love cannot be diverted and the father who cannot be turned off from his love. The prophet's main idea is that of a passionately, active, seeking God, who is not turned away even by widespread disobedience. What does this mean for the people to whom Hosea spoke? It means that God is concerned to preserve the community with and within Israel. This concern mirrors his true nature — love.

So is revealed the love that moves the world along. It is the essence of divinity. A man of faith is borne along on its currents. It is the ground of the Christian's incurable optimism. It says to us that God will not suffer us to be tested beyond that which we are able to bear.

Humanism leaves us stranded. The gospel of divine love turns the darkest valley into a glorious pilgrimage. The Eternal walks beside us. No catastrophe can put us beyond his concern. No matter how far we may stray from his loving presence he is forever in pursuit of us as the poet Francis Thompson so vividly describes it in "The Hound of Heaven."

Book Reviews

by AAK.

(Editor's Note: The following review of Franklin Wilder's new book is copied from **The Methodist Churchman**, publication of New England United Methodists.)

Father of the Wesleys by Franklin Wilder, \$6.00, Exposition Press, 220 pp.

Samuel Wesley—clergyman, writer, poet and wit—was born in 1662. Weighty volumes have been written concerning his methodical spouse, Susanna, but little concerning the father of her nineteen children.

Samuel was a man of unorthodox convictions. Franklin Wilder compares him with the restless population on today's college campuses. There is an assessment of the reasons which caused his rebellion against the then traditional-ridden Church of England. His role as a Dissenter was short-lived however.

We have underestimated Samuel's influence over his two sons, John and Charles. Wilder catalogs instances of that influence. In a sense, therefore, Father Wesley is a spiritual ancestor of the 18th Century spiritual awakening and the 44 million Methodists now in 64 countries.

Samuel Wesley did counsel John to be responsive to "the inner witness, my son, that is the proof, the strongest proof of Christianity." This admonition was never forgotten.

This is a long overdue full length study of a cleric of many accomplishments. But although he was a hymn writer, Old Testament scholar, spiritual advisor to the founder of Georgia, social critic and wit, yet history remembers him especially because of his inability to pay his debts, hence his bouts with the debtors' prison.

Samuel died at Epworth, Lincolnshire, three years prior to John's conversion. The elder Wesley is author of the seldom sung Lenten hymn, No. 248, in the present **Methodist Hymnal**.

The author is an active Methodist layman in Fort Smith, Ark., the author of **Immortal Mother**, a biography of Susanna Wesley. He is a graduate of the University of Arkansas Law School, former special agent of the F.B.I., and former Chancery and Probate Judge for the 10th District of Arkansas. Currently he is a member of the International Bar Association, the American Bar Association, Arkansas Bar Association and the American Trial Lawyers' Association.

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NEWS IN BRIEF

Mrs. Harris Franklin Rall, 97, widow of the widely-known professor of theology at Garrett Theological Seminary in Evanston, Ill., died April 11.

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United Methodists were among 350 U.S. and Canadian women who met April 7-9 in Toronto, Ontario, with six women from Indochina in a conference aimed at finding ways of ending the war in Southeast Asia.

..... Quadrennial Emphasis

CHICAGO (UMI) — Confidence that the United Methodist Church's \$20 million Fund for Reconciliation will be paid in full by the end of 1972 was voiced by church leaders at a meeting of the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee here April 22.

Bishop James K. Mathews of Boston, Mass., chairman of the QE Committee, made a moving appeal that massive efforts be launched to carry the program to a successful conclusion.

"I am convinced," the bishop said, "that we are going to go forward in full confidence that the \$20 million will be oversubscribed."

The Quadrennial Emphasis, adopted at the denomination's 1968 General Conference in Dallas, Texas, not only involves the raising of the \$20 million Fund for Reconciliation to help meet "the crisis in the nation" but also involves church-wide Bible study and voluntary service programs. Headquarters for the movement is in Dayton, Ohio.

The committee was heartened by the recent unanimous action of the Council of Bishops in endorsing stepped-up promotion of the Fund for Reconciliation and was stimulated by executives of the Roman Catholic Church's Campaign for Human De-

velopment who shared with them some of their promotional resources and techniques.

Acting on a proposal brought forward by Bishop W. Ralph Ward of Syracuse, N.Y., chairman of the Fund for Reconciliation Committee, the group endorsed a five-step program calculated to bring in the full amount needed to reach the quadrennial goal of \$20 million.

In his statement, Bishop Ward called attention to the fact that \$16,552,994 had been pledged toward the Fund for Reconciliation and that, as of Dec. 31, 1970, \$9,171,696 had been paid.

Church leaders, he said, have the dual responsibility of seeing that the balance of the pledged amount is paid and that at least \$3,500,000 in new money is contributed in order to complete the \$20 million goal for the quadrennium. The program calls for half of the money contributed to be retained by the annual conferences for special projects in those areas. More than 780 such projects are currently receiving support from the one-half retained by the conferences.

Out of the one-half going for general purposes, the Fund for Reconciliation has supported some 35 projects in this country and seven rehabilitation projects in South Vietnam. The

fund also supports the voluntary service program and the on-going work of the church's Commission on Religion and Race.

In a discussion period, Roman Catholic leaders expressed their readiness to share promotional programs and resources with the United Methodist agency. Both the Roman Catholic and the United Methodist funds will be promoted heavily in advance of the Sunday before Thanksgiving.

In other actions, the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee approved a proposal for assistance to a National Rehabilitation Institute for the Blind in Vietnam, with a maximum contribution of \$115,000, adopted a plan which provides for proportionate payments to the various projects already approved as the money becomes available, and declared that if funds are available all current commitments will be paid in full.

Dr. Harry B. Gibson, Jr., New York, reported for the committee on voluntary services. The Rev. Randle B. Dew, New York, staff executive in the Department of Voluntary Services of the National Division of the Board of Missions, indicated that 745 persons had served as volunteers, with 332 of them still actively at work.

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"ABINGDON AUDIO-GRAPHICS" SERIES INTRODUCED

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Abingdon Press, traditionally the book publishing division of The Methodist Publishing House, has joined the switched-on, tuned-in age with the introduction of cassette tape and record series.

Initial productions of the "Abingdon Audio-Graphics" program have included "RAP" and "SOS" cassette tape series developed by Dennis Benson, Presbyterian minister who wrote the book, **The Now Generation**.

Richard Loller, Audio-Graphics editor/Abingdon, said the purpose of the new tape series is to "wake up" religious education programs across the country. He said "trusting, caring, sharing are the keys to what Benson is doing in the two tape series he has created."

The first series, RAP, uses spontaneous, portable, and retrievable attributes of cassette tape to encourage experimental teaching in the classroom. Each tape furnishes material for a six-weeks course. Subject matter is Now, Today, and Modern Life. Each of the six cassettes in the series will deal with a single subject such as tension, change, ecology, or drugs.

The other series known as SOS (Switched On Scripture) encourages the same class dynamics as RAP but is based on books from the Bible. The Acts, Jonah, and First John are some of the books covered.

Abingdon also has introduced a 33 1/3 rpm record series called DISCO-TEACH. The series uses popular music in a class situation and encourages young listeners to find the deeper meanings of the lyrics.

A printed leader's guide is provided with each record and tape.

United Methodists and United Presbyterians to cooperate in use of curriculum resources

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — United Methodist and United Presbyterian children and youth will soon be using some of the same church school publications.

According to Thomas K. Potter, Jr., Methodist Publishing House vice-president of publishing, elementary weekly story papers **One/Two, Three/Four, Five/Six** and **Accent on Youth**, a general monthly magazine for junior high use, will be included in the

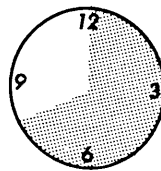
selection of supplemental curriculum resources for the United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. beginning with September, 1971 issues.

Editors of the United Presbyterian Board of Christian Education and the United Methodist Board of Education will cooperatively plan the content of the publications originally published as a part of the United Methodist church school curriculum series, Mr. Potter said. UPUSA Churches will order these and other Presbyterian educational resources through their Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia.

The United Presbyterian Church in the U.S.A. has 8,877 local congregations with approximately three million members. The United Methodist Church has 40,000 congregations and more than 10 million members.

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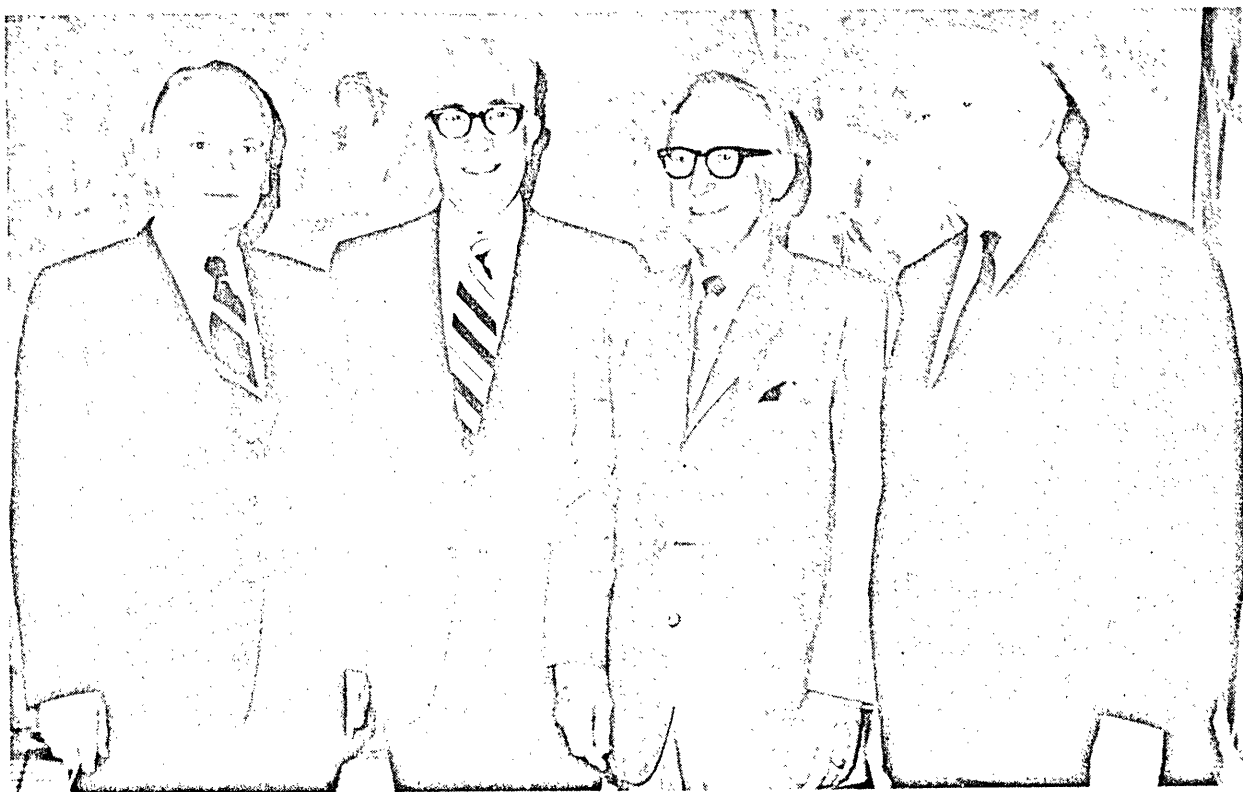


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Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, S. C., third from left, was installed as president of the United Methodist Council of Bishops in San Antonio, Texas April 15. He will serve a one-year term and be succeeded by Bishop O. Eugene Slater of San Antonio, third from right, who was named president-designate at the session. At left is Bishop John Wesley Lord, Washington, D. C., president of the council the past year, and at right Bishop Roy H. Short of Louisville, Ky., secretary of the council.

CONTACT ministry shows rapid growth

NEWPORT NEWS, VA. (UMI)—“There’s no college or seminary in the world where courses in insight and love are taught—yet these are the basic requirements for counseling troubled people,” declared Dr. Norman Vincent Peale in a keynote address at the first national CONTACT Teleministries conference held here April 17-19.

Dr. Peale, pastor of Marble Collegiate Church in New York City, told more than 1,000 delegates and visitors that the CONTACT teleministry movement is “one of the greatest ideas embraced by the Christian Church in decades.”

The 350 delegates from a dozen different denominational teleministries were told by the Rev. Ross Whetstone, Nashville, Tenn., national director of CONTACT, that “at the present rate of growth, there will be 50 CONTACT centers by 1973, answering more than one million calls a year.” Mr. Whetstone is assistant general secretary of the Local Church Section for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism.

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- Merger of Georgia Conferences ruled constitutional

Judicial Council postpones MCSA decision

ST. SIMONS ISLAND, Ga. (UMI) — The United Methodist Judicial Council unanimously voted here April 24 to seek an advisory opinion from a church court in India before ruling on a challenge of the denomination’s apparent rejection of participation in the newly-formed Church of North India.

At issue is whether or not the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA), as the denomination is known there, had actually voted to participate in the new united church.

In other actions at its semi-annual meeting, the United Methodist “supreme court” ruled constitutional a merger of conferences in Georgia, but stressed that placement of 17 black churches in a separate district is a temporary and transitional measure, dismissed a case in Texas in which agreement has been reached, overturned a ruling of the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer concerning participation in the Alaska Mission meeting, ruled unconstitutional an action of the 1970 General Conference relating to annual conference organizational changes, and spoke concerning rights and obligations of a minister.

The India case dates from January of 1969 when the Southern Asia Central Conference at its regular quadrennial session voted by more than a two-thirds majority to “commend” the plan of union for the proposed united church to the annual conferences for their consideration. At the time, the action was interpreted to mean approval of union.

However, Bishop A. J. Shaw, senior United Methodist bishop in India, reported later that further study show-

ed the action was one of transmittal only, not of approval, and thus, he said, a formal vote would need to be taken by an “extra” 1970 session. The “extra” session rejected the plan.

Between the two Central Conference sessions, the annual conferences approved union by a 69 per cent vote, three per cent more than the two-thirds majority apparently needed.

It was the calling of the “extra” session and its subsequent vote against the proposed union that spurred the appeal to the Judicial Council by 36 members of the Southern Asia Central Conference.

In its action here, the Judicial Council asked the Judicial Court of MCSA for an opinion as to whether the second vote was permissible, and whether it was legal for the Executive Board of MCSA to add the vote to the agenda after the call for the extra session had been issued.

One of the contested points in the case was whether the 36 members of the Central Conference had a right to petition the Judicial Council after the bishop presiding at the time did not permit the motion to come to a vote in the conference.

“(These members) have a right to move referral of an issue to the Judicial Council,” the opinion asserted, “and this right is not lost by refusal of the presiding officer to let the motion come to a vote.”

The case will be continued on the Judicial Council docket pending advice from the MCSA Judicial Court.

In dismissing the proceedings in the Texas pensions case, the nine-member panel said that petitions asking a declaratory decision had been with-

drawn and the issues had been resolved by legislative action and agreement of the parties involved. The case involved the legality of pension provisions in the merger agreement of the Gulf Coast and Texas annual conferences.

The Alaska mission meeting case grew out of Bishop Palmer’s ruling that ministers on special appointment for work within boundaries of the mission had full privileges of membership in the annual session. The Judicial Council held that the only persons eligible for membership must be home missionaries by definition and must be engaged in work approved by the Board of Missions’ National Division.

In an 8 to 1 decision, the Judicial Council said that the Discipline paragraph adopted in 1970 relating to possible alterations in annual conference structures “is so vague, unclear and devoid of defined standards and guidelines as to amount to an impermissible delegation of legislative powers by the General Conference.”

Leon E. Hickman dissented, saying that in his judgment the paragraph (665.1) did provide the necessary guidelines.

The case arose out of proposed changes in the Central Illinois Annual Conference structure.

In a case relating to the South Indiana Annual Conference, the Judicial Council held that ministers in the United Methodist Church are entitled to the rights and privileges they had in either of the denominations represented in the new church, but this does not in any way relieve a minister from the fulfillment of the “regular obligations and responsibili-

United Methodist publications receive Merit Awards

PHILADELPHIA (UMI) — Several United Methodist publications were among those receiving Awards of Merit at the annual meeting of the Associated Church Press here April 14-16.

Two publications which received the award of merit for general excellence were: **Face to Face**, a youth publication edited by Kenneth A. Winston, Nashville, Tenn., and **new world outlook**, edited by Arthur J. Moore, Jr., New York.

An award for excellence of editorial advocacy also went to **new world outlook**.

Together, edited by Dr. Curtis A. Chambers of Park Ridge, Ill., won an award for best use of photography in the general church magazine category. **Together** also received honorable mention for general excellence.

Mission magazines receiving honorable mention included **American Bible Society Record**, edited by Benjamin A. Bankson, New York, for best article or series, and **new world outlook**, New York, for best use of photography.

In the category of regional news journals, the **South Carolina United Methodist Advocate**, edited by Dr. A. McKay Brabham, Columbia, S. C., won an award for best reportage, and the **Texas Methodist**, edited by the Rev. Spurgeon M. Dunnam, III, Dallas, Texas, received honorable mention.

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ties of his classification.”

According to the Rev. Murray H. Leiffer, president of the council, the group’s next session will be held October 6-9 in Lake George, N.Y.



Boys and girls from membership class at Crossett United Methodist Church preparing to leave for a recent Saturday visit at First Church and Magale Manor in Magnolia—one of two Saturday visits to United Methodist institutions in the state. The week before they had visited Philander Smith College in Little Rock where Dr. Walter Hazzard, president, was their host.



Members of the Crossett class shown with boys and girls at Magale Manor in Magnolia following a conducted tour of First Church by the Rev. Howard Williams, pastor. Twenty-three boys and girls comprised the the Crossett membership class taught by Pastor Ferris Norton, Jr., during the Lenten season. Each received a self-instruction book entitled "Finding Your Way Through the Bible."

MRS. KATIE M. HUBBELL

Mrs. Katie Morris Hubbell, 79, widow of W. B. Hubbell, died in Memphis, April 13, and was buried in Mena, Arkansas. A graduate of Hendrix College, she was a former teacher in Lepanto and West Memphis high schools. She and Mr. Hubbell had charge of a Methodist orphanage in Oklahoma City for many years, until he retired because of ill health. Mr. Hubbell died in 1947 and is buried at Mena. The Hubbells were at one time heads of the Folsom Training School in Smithville, Oklahoma, an agency of the Methodist Board of Missions until it was closed during the Depression.

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BISHOP PAUL V. GALLOWAY was the speaker for the Centennial Service held at First United Methodist Church, Ozark, Sunday, April 25. Mrs. W.A. Hudspeth, Jr., was chairman of the centennial committee. Co-chairmen were the Rev. Jim Anderson, pastor; Homer Hall, Mrs. John Cravens, J. P. Chancey and Mrs. Harold McGehee.

DR. ROY SHILLING, Jr., president of Hendrix College, is the speaker for the May 6 meeting of the Paragould District Methodist Men at Wayland Springs Camp. The meeting begins at 6:30 p.m.

MAY FELLOWSHIP DAY will be observed in Fayetteville Friday, May 7, at 12:00 noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church. Jack Mathis, principal of the Fayetteville High West Campus, will present the program.

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Hollenbeck article in Guatemala Study Book

Rev. Edward B. Hollenbeck, pastor of the First United Methodist Church of Benton is the author of an article published recently in "El Anuario," which is the Annual Study Book of the United Presbyterian Church in Guatemala. The article is a translation into Spanish of an article published last year entitled: "Forgiveness: Love In Action" which was in the June 1970 issue of "Christian Home."

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DR. LEWIS O'NEAL, Jonesboro pedodontist, was the speaker for the April 28 meeting of the Jackson County Methodist Men at First Church, Newport. Dr. O'Neal served for a brief time as a dental missionary to Guatemala and is very active in the Faith at Work movement.

FRANKLIN WILDER, AUTHOR, REVIEWS LATEST BOOK

Franklin P. Wilder, Fort Smith attorney and author, reviewed his latest book "Father of the Wesleys" at the Sunday night service in First United Methodist Church of Fort Smith, April 18.

Mr. Wilder's first book concerned Susanna Wesley, the mother of John and Charles Wesley, and was entitled "Immortal Mother." This book concerns Samuel Wesley, the father of the founder of Methodism, who was a cleric of note in the Church of England. Mr. Wilder's biography is the first one published concerning him in 100 years.

Student elections held at Hendrix

In recent student elections, Tim Tarvin, a junior from Portland, was elected president of the Hendrix College student body for the coming year. Russ Chitwood, a sophomore from Lake Village was elected vice president.

Elected class officers include: Dennis Wingfield of North Little Rock, senior class president; Sam Jones of Marianna, junior class president; and Steve Snyder of Pine Bluff, sophomore class president.

Senators elected for the coming year include: Cynthia Bowen of Little Rock, Galloway Hall; Wendy Westerland of North Little Rock, Veasey Hall; Becky Smith of Pine Bluff, Raney Hall; Sheri Thompson of Conway, Townwomen; Steve Barden of Little Rock, Townmen; Billy Spivey of Hamburg, Hardin Hall; Chester Lucas of Brinkley, Couch Hall, and Carl Crow of Hot Springs, Martin Hall.

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MEMBERS OF VANTREASE United Methodist Church who are 1971 graduates of El Dorado High School, their parents, and counselors were honored at a banquet Monday night in the Fellowship Hall of the church. This was sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service. Mrs. Paul Novack, WSCS president, presented each senior with a pocket Prayer Book, a gift from the Society. The Rev. Kirvin Hale, who spoke to the seniors, used as his subject "Your Life Today."

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This book is now on sale at all Cokesbury stores in the U.S.A., at the Baptist Book store in Little Rock, and at various other book stores in the Arkansas-Oklahoma area for \$6.00

"Father of the Wesleys"



Scout Mark A. Magnani (center, front) received the God and Country Award during the April 4 morning worship service at Jones Memorial United Methodist Church, Hartford, Arkansas. Shown with him are his mother, Mrs. Joe Magnani and the Rev. Roger E. Glover, pastor; fellow Boy Scouts and Scoutmaster Ronnie Messick.

Camden District Youth elect Allen White

Over one hundred Youth of the Camden District gathered for their Spring Rally at Asbury United Methodist Church in Magnolia. The Service of Holy Communion was observed and the new District Officers and Council members were installed by Dr. Roy I. Bagley, District Superintendent of the Camden District. Allen White of Stamps was installed as president and Judith Ann Bonsall was installed as secretary-treasurer. Both Mr. White and Miss Bonsall will represent the Camden District on the Conference Council of Youth.

HENDRIX CHEMISTRY PROF RECEIVES NSF GRANT

Warfield Teague, associate professor of Chemistry at Hendrix College, has received a grant from the National Science Foundation to attend a program of research participation for college teachers at Tufts University, Medford, Massachusetts for twelve weeks this summer.

Teague who joined the Hendrix faculty in September, 1970, will engage in full time research in close collaboration with Dr. Grant Urry, who is an authority on organic conductors. In addition Teague will take part in seminars and discussions within the Department of Chemistry of Tufts University during the program period which is June 14 to September 3.

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Mother and child share a moment of love—a daily occurrence, of course, but one which is formalized each year on Mother's Day. (RNS Photo)

Population problem cause for religious and moral concern, says specialist

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — To assure the safety of this planet, the earth's inhabitants must come to regard "more than two children per family as a sin against man and a violation of the will of God for our society," according to a United Methodist representative testifying April 15 before the U.S. Commission on Population Growth and the American future.

The Rev. David O. Poindexter urged limitation of family size in light of "the threat that overpopulation poses to the planet and to the well-being of all men." Poindexter directs the Population Communications Center sponsored by the Television, Radio and Film Commission (TRAFCO) and the Department of Population Problems of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

Calling for a national policy of ending U.S. population growth and stabilizing population size at the earliest possible time, Poindexter pointed to the Population Crisis Resolution adopted by the United Methodist General Conference in St. Louis, Mo. in April 1970. The resolution recognizes the population problem as a religious and moral concern and calls for church, government and individual action. It also underscores the small family norm as a means of acquiring population stability.

In his testimony, Poindexter noted that population growth in the U.S. occurs primarily among affluent and middle-class whites. He urged specific direction at these groups of programs to achieve population stabilization.

The United States has a moral re-

sponsibility to lead the way by controlling its own population growth, the United Methodist population specialist stressed, because U.S. citizens consume earth's resources and pollute the environment more than citizens of developing nations as a whole.

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Retired E.U.B. minister and wife observe 50th anniversary

The Rev. and Mrs. Wilson White, retired minister of the Evangelical United Brethren Church and his wife, now making their home in Siloam Springs, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on April 24.

Among a number of friends and relatives from Idaho and Illinois attending the reception were Bishop and Mrs. Harold R. Heininger of Napierville, Ill., a retired United Methodist Bishop formerly affiliated with the E.U.B. Church. Also present were the Rev. and Mrs. Ira McBride of Mountainburg. Mr. McBride, now retired, was a missionary of the E.U.B. Church in Nigeria.

The Women's Society gave the reception in the fellowship hall of First United Methodist Church, Siloam Springs.

Mr. White teaches a Wednesday morning Bible class in the Siloam Springs Church and fills pulpits when needed. Mrs. White is an accomplished organist. They served pastorates in the Dakotas and Illinois during their active ministry.

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Members and friends of Marysville United Methodist Church, Magnolia, met for a Family Night potluck supper to honor graduating seniors—John Bishop, Bobby Braswell, Barry Couch, Ronda Dugal, Nancy Glass, David Vinson, Jeany Vinson, Tommy Vinson and John Warren (shown here) on Sunday evening, April 25. The event was sponsored by the Council on Ministries. The Rev. Fred Haustein is pastor.



When Mamma Rocked Me

When mamma rocked me in her little chair
With loving arms around me—with her breast
A downy pillow soft as summer air,
She must have felt that, in the sheltered nest
Again, her baby's soul nursed at her own
To fill its pulsing veins on tenderness
And warm affection; then she must have known
The sweetness born of intimate caress!
Within her heart until the day she died
She never quite agreed I was a man,
Despite the weight—the tallness, and the pride.
God must have given mothers such a plan:
The child shall never, in its mother's eyes,
Grow up beyond the precious, rocking size!

—Ericil F. Brown