

• Sessions to be held May 24-27 in Hot Springs

Bishop Alton guest preacher for Little Rock Annual Conference

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will preside over the 118th session of the Little Rock Annual Conference May 24-27 at First United Methodist Church, Hot Springs. The guest preacher for the Conference will be Bishop Ralph Taylor Alton of the Wisconsin Area of the denomination.

The Conference will open at 3:30 p.m. on Monday, the 24th with a Communion Service for which the preacher will be Dr. Walter R. Hazard, president of Philander Smith College, Little Rock.

Bishop Alton will preach on Monday evening, Tuesday afternoon and evening, and at the Service of Ordination on Wednesday evening.

Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr., pastor of St. James United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be the preacher for the Service of Commemoration on Tuesday morning honoring the ministers of the Conference and their wives and widows who have died during the year.

A major item of business for the Conference will be the election of delegates to the 1972 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Lay and ministerial delegates will each elect three delegates to General Conference and four additional delegates will be chosen from each group to complete the delegation to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

The Conference will act on a recommendation that it, along with the North Arkansas and Oklahoma Annual Conferences, merge with the Southwest

Annual Conference composed of Negro churches of the denomination in Arkansas and Oklahoma. This proposal will require the affirmative vote of all the conferences involved. The body will also receive for study and action in 1972 a report recommending that it merge with the North Arkansas Annual Conference.

Bishop Galloway and his Cabinet of six district superintendents will arrive in Hot Springs on Sunday, the 23rd, to complete their pre-conference work. The appointments of the ministers for the next year will be read by the Bishop at the close of the business session on Thursday.

Lay and ministerial delegates from 173 pastoral charges with a membership of 83,692 in the southern half of Arkansas will be attending the Conference.

Special events scheduled during the session include: Retired Ministers' Banquet, May 25, 5:30 p.m., Grand Avenue United Methodist Church; Layman's Luncheon, May 26, 12:30 p.m., Grand Avenue Church; and Ministers' Wives Luncheon, May 26, 1:00 p.m., Majestic Hotel.

Bishop Alton, the Conference preacher, administers the work of over 600 Methodist churches with 165,000 members in the state of Wisconsin. He is a native of Ohio and a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University and Boston University School of Theology. Ohio Wesleyan University conferred the D.D. degree on him. He was pastor of First Methodist Church, Apple-

ton, Wis. at the time of his election as a bishop in 1960.

Bishop Alton is president of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief and vice president of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. He is a member of the World Division of the Board of Missions of the United Methodist Church and the Division of Interpretation of the Program Council of the denomination.

He serves as a member of the go-

verning boards of Lawrence University, Appleton, Wis., North Central College and Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill., and as a trustee of a number of hospitals and homes in his area.

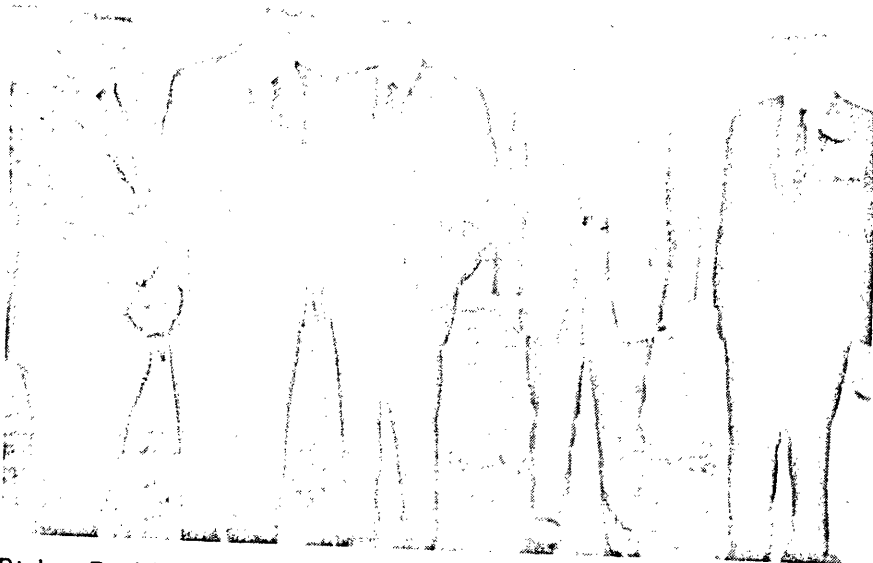
The host pastor for the Conference is Dr. George F. Ivey; the host district superintendent is the Rev. George W. Martin; and the conference secretary is the Rev. James Major.

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THURSDAY, MAY 20, 1971

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Bishop Paul V. Galloway officiated at the dedication of Umsted Memorial United Methodist Church in Newport, Sunday, May 9. Participants in the Service of Dedication for the half-century-old church are (l. to r.): The Rev. Frank Weatherford, a former pastor; the Rev. Carl V. Strayhorn, pastor; Bishop Galloway; Dr. S. B. Wilford, Paragould District superintendent, and the Rev. M. L. Kaylor, a former pastor. A group of laymen and laywomen who gave leadership to the program, along with Clint Massey, Administrative Board chairman, presented the sanctuary for dedication.

Children's Choir Camp at Tanako June 7-11

The third annual Little Rock Conference Children's Choir Camp is planned for the week of June 7-11 at Camp Tanako.

Mrs. A. L. Butler (Jo Ann), instructor in Music Education and Voice at East Central State College in Ada, Okla. will be the guest director for this year's camp.

For the first time, there will be a two-session camp with some choristers attending an encampment from June 7-9 and others from June 9-11. The Camp is planned for those choristers who participated in the recent Conference Children's Choir Festival. The registration deadline was May 15.



Mrs. Butler

The guest conductor holds music degrees from Oklahoma Baptist University and East Central State College, and has taught public school music at the junior high level. She has assisted her husband, a Minister of Music in one of the major churches in Ada, as organist and co-director of the Junior Choir for 11 years.

Mrs. Butler has served on the faculty of the Youth Music Workshop at Oklahoma Baptist University for nine years and this summer will direct a Junior Choir Camp for the eighth year. She has directed other children's Choir Festivals in Missouri, Arkansas, Kansas-Nebraska, and her home state, and has led numerous workshops, choir camps, and clinics in Oklahoma, Missouri, and Tennessee. Mrs. Butler is currently serving on a writing team for two publications, and her seven-year series of music theory notebooks, "Adventures in Theoryville" has been used for two years in the public schools of Oklahoma as an adopted textbook.

Felix Thompson and Richard Lines, directors of the music programs at St. James United Methodist Church and Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church respectively, in Little Rock, are co-chairmen in charge of planning for the choir camp.

News in Brief

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.

Philander Smith graduation speakers are announced

Dr. Joseph E. Taylor, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Little Rock, will be the preacher for the Baccalaureate Service at Philander Smith College, Sunday, May 23, at 10:40 a.m. at Wesley United Methodist Church.

Bishop James S. Thomas of Des Moines, Iowa, was one of nine persons—including Mrs. Richard M. Nixon—to receive a "Partners-in-4-H" award in Washington, D.C.

The speaker for the Commencement Exercises at 6:30 p.m. at the South Mall of the Administration Building will be Dr. Robert L. Williams, professor of psychology and director of black studies at Washington University, St. Louis.

Three honorary degrees will be conferred. The degrees of Doctor of Humane Letters will be conferred on William M. Shepherd, retired vice president of Arkansas Power and Light Co., and Ozell Sutton, community relations specialist with the Justice Department. The Doctor of Laws degree will be conferred on Harold Flowers, Pine Bluff attorney and lay Methodist minister.

Sixty-six seniors are expected to receive baccalaureate degrees.

Workshops on Designing Ministries for Small Churches held in Batesville District

A pilot program, growing out of the Program Council Retreat, held last fall at Cherokee Village has begun in four rural churches of the Batesville District.

A team of ministers under the leadership of Mrs. Dora Lee Gardner and Miss Virginia Gray of Oklahoma City held workshops in Methodist Churches in Marshall, Leslie, Judsonia, and Stoney Point, May 3-6. All members of the local congregations were invited to participate in the workshops.

The purpose of the workshops was to provide guidance and assistance to local congregations as they plan in carrying out their mission as the Church through ministries with children, youth, and adults.

Each workshop was divided into two periods with the first hour given to listening to what the congregation had to say regarding what they like about their church and what they want it to be. The second hour of the workshop was given to providing help and assistance in enabling the congregation to set goals in meeting these needs.

In the North Arkansas Conference, 367 of the 480 local congregations have 200 members or less and are situated mostly in rural and small town communities. It is believed that these small churches need to be heard. This pilot project is a first attempt to hear the small congregation in the belief and confidence:

(1) That members of the small congregation are dedicated and willing to work for Christ and the Church in the community and the world.

(2) That each local congregation, however small, can have an active program.

(3) That the people in these local congregations are capable of planning and shaping the kind of program they want.

(4) That the Conference should assist all congregations in this process.

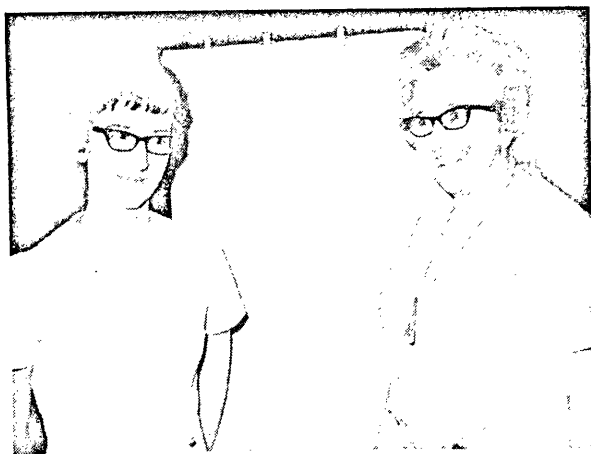
Following the meeting of the Program Council last fall, a committee consisting of the Rev. Braska Savage, chairman of the Committee on Town and Country Ministries; Rev. J. Leon Wilson, Dr. Charles Casteel, chairman of the Board of Education and Dr. Harold Eggensperger and the Rev. Earl Carter of the Program Council Staff met and drew up a proposed plan for a ministry with small churches.

The workshops held in the Batesville District recently were a pilot effort to determine the effectiveness and value of the plan. After an evaluation of the workshops, a decision will be made as to whether or not to recommend the proposal to the forthcoming session of the Annual Conference. The program has the support of the Conference Board of Education and the Committee on Town and Country Ministries of the Board of Missions.

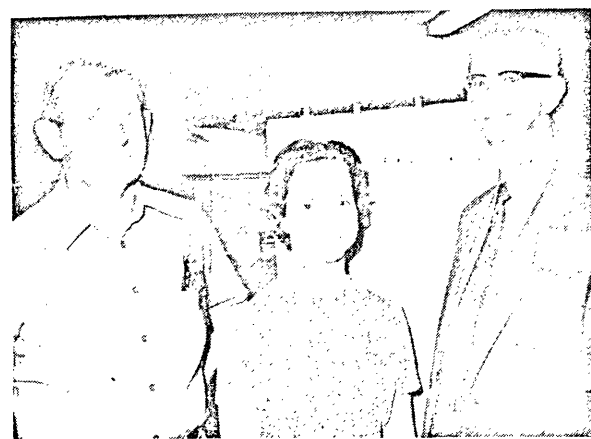
The committee worked with and received much help and guidance from the Rev. E. J. Holifield, district superintendent of the Batesville District, and Miss Jennie Youngblood, director of Ministries to small Churches of Nashville, Tennessee.

—Earl Carter

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Miss Virginia Gray and Mrs. Dora Gardner of Oklahoma City, workshop leaders, appear elated over response of one participating group.

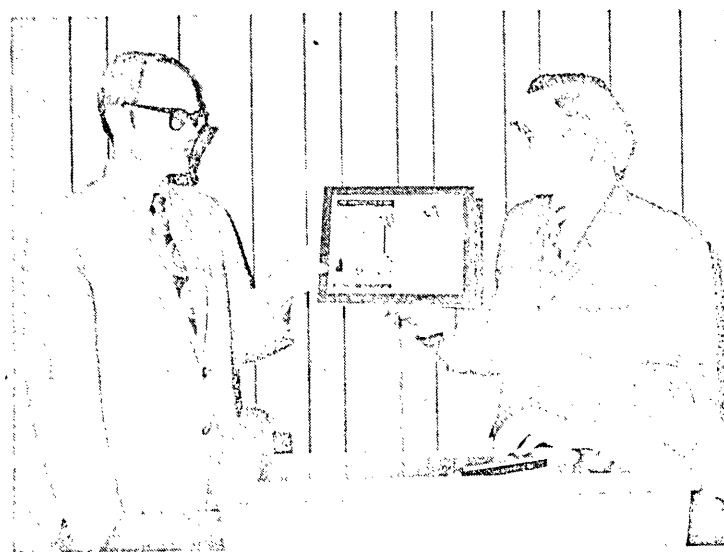


Taking part in one of several workshops in Batesville District (from left): Mr. Rubie Fisher, Stoney Point lay leader, Mrs. Anna Spradlin, youth teacher and church pianist, and the Rev. Kelly Jones, pastor.

CATO HOMECOMING

The Rev. Clyde Crozier, pastor at the Dardanelle United Methodist Church and a former pastor at Cato United Methodist, will be the guest speaker at the 11 a.m. Homecoming

service to be held at that church, Sunday, June 6. Dinner on the ground will be followed by congregational singing during the afternoon. Preceding morning worship families will gather to decorate the graves of loved ones.



Dr. C. Ray Hozendorf, right, Little Rock District Superintendent, is shown as he presented the "Honor Certificate Award of the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge" to Dr. Edward B. Hollenbeck, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Benton. The award for the sermon, "Are We Afraid of Freedom?" was one of seven selected nationally to be honored by the Foundation. The presentation was made during the annual meeting of the Little Rock District Board of Missions, May 11.

Community-wide meet grows out of Pride Valley study

A recent Great Decisions study at Pride Valley United Methodist Church Little Rock, led to a community-wide meeting which involved 53 people in a consideration of a wide range of problems.

Following the study course which had been led by Dr. Allen Rozzell, the decision was made to invite all of the people of the community to meet with a panel of leaders to look at their needs.

Dr. W. Neill Hart, pastor, reports that this panel consisted of: County

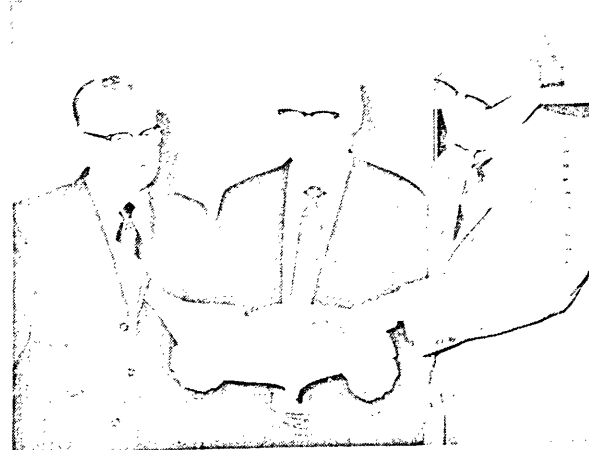
Judge Frank Mackey, County Sheriff Monroe Love, Forrest Rozzell, executive secretary of the Arkansas Education Association; Joe Kaufman, chairman of the Pulaski County Planning Commission; Lester E. Hosto, member of the Pulaski County Special School District Board; and Van H. Weathersby, a member of Common Cause, an organization of citizens concerned with national issues.

Out of the first meeting of this group came a realization of many of the needs of the community and the suggestion of some of the ways to meet them. Dr. Hart reports that this was a most exciting meeting and that there will probably be others in this "little church with a big future."

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Participating in Workshop for Lay Delegates to the North Arkansas Annual Conference—one of two held in Jonesboro District (l. to r.): Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, executive director of Conference Program Council, Roy Weld of Fisher, District lay leader, and the Rev. Earl Carter, associate director of Program Council.



Looking over Pre-Conference Digest at Workshop for Lay Delegates (l. to r.): the Rev. William Watson, Jonesboro District superintendent, Roy Weld, and the Rev. Rufus Sorrells of Osceola. More than 40 laymen and pastors attended workshops held May 4 and 5 at Jonesboro and Osceola.

Youth representation in the Annual Conference

In The United Methodist Church, as in most of the other denominations, there is a growing movement to provide greater youth representation at all the levels of decision making. As we observe our own youth at work in the local churches, on the college campus and in the total community life, we are impressed with the fact that they do have something to contribute. Just ahead of us is another opportunity to stand beside today's youth.

Two Proposed Constitutional Amendments dealing with youth representation will come before the Annual Conferences this year. Each presents part of a plan by which Conference membership can be opened to them, and both need to be adopted if the plan is to be implemented so that representative youth leaders can be delegates to Annual Conference. (May we point out that the president of the Conference Youth Organization is already an ex-officio delegate under the provisions of Paragraph 36, Article I of the Constitution.)

We will undertake to explain the contents of each of the Proposed Constitutional Amendments in order that the delegates may have an opportunity to see how the two fit together as part of a single proposal. Under the present legislation delegates to Annual Conference must be at least twenty-one years of age, with the single exception of the president of the Conference Youth Organization.

Proposed Constitutional Amendment No. 5 would delete from Paragraph 36, Article I the requirement that delegates to Annual Conference "shall be at least twenty-one years of age," and adds the provision that persons elected delegates shall have been "for one year next preceding their election members of the charge they are to represent."

If this Amendment is passed, charges will be free to elect delegates of any age. This would provide youth representation only if the charge decided it would select a youth as its lay delegate. In some instances where there is more than one minister on the staff and the charge is entitled to more than one lay delegate, they might make such a decision. However, Amendment 5 alone would not guarantee any additional youth members.

Amendment 6 retains the provision that all delegates except the president of the Conference Youth Council must be over 21 years of age. Its major provision is that two "young people" under twenty-five (25) years of age shall be elected from each district as delegates to Annual Conference "in such manner as may be determined by the Annual Conference."

Although the latter Amendment seems to be a means by which each district could be guaranteed two youth delegates, unless Amendment 5 is also passed, these delegates would be restricted to the 21-to-25 age range, a group that is now classified as "young adult." They are quite anxious that they will be given the opportunity to have their high school youth made eligible for representation in the Annual Conference.

It should be apparent that both of these Amendments are needed if youth leadership is to be seated in the Annual Conference. If Amendment 5 were to pass alone it would remove the 21-year age limit on Conference delegates, but it would be up to the local charges to decide whether they would elect a young person. If Amendment 6 were to pass alone it would limit "youth representation" to the 21-to-25 age range. If both are approved then the two youth delegates elected from each district could be of any age under 25.

We feel that both of these Amendments should be passed in the Annual Conference.

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Recollections of my first Annual Conference

Annual Conference always brings something new and exciting, and we hope this is true for every Methodist preacher. However, it is natural that the first session will always stand out as a yardstick by which others are measured.

That was in Paragould in 1938 — the year we were received on trial into the North Arkansas Conference. We were fresh out of seminary, and it was a special treat to be attending the session in my home church — First Church, Paragould. The host pastor was Cecil Culver, and Bishop Charles C. Selecman was holding his first round of Annual Conferences.

Delegates were being elected that year for the Uniting Conference to be held in 1939 in Kansas City. Our seminary student body at Candler had attended the last General Conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, in Birmingham earlier in the year. It was natural that we should be concerned about the ones chosen to represent us at the organizational meeting for the new Methodist Church.

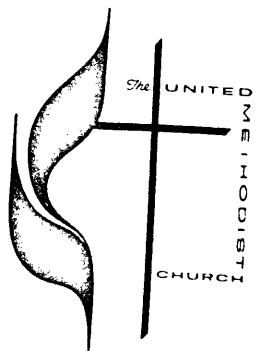
Another item of business that year was the presentation and adoption of the sustentation plan which was the forerunner of the minimum salary program. I believe the minimum set by that first action was \$800 with the ministers sharing a portion of what they were paid above that amount.

That was also the year the Conference adopted the program of uniform salary for presiding elders — they would not be district superintendents for one more year.

Of course, the greatest suspense throughout the week concerned that first appointment. There was still a great deal of mystery in those days, and it was late in the week before we were told that we were going to Judsonia with the task of merging two congregations — one Methodist Episcopal and the other Methodist Episcopal Church, South.

It was a great Conference and a great year.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Dr. Elizabeth Kubler-Ross of the Mental Health Center in Flossmoor, Ill., speaking at a conference on The Patient, Death and the Family, sponsored by the Rochester General Hospital (N.Y.) in cooperation with the University of Rochester Medical School reported that seminars on dying have been launched in more than 50 institutions across the nation in the last two years. Participants at the Rochester seminar included psychologists, sociologists, philosophers, clergymen, psychiatrists, nurses and physicians who commonly treat fatally ill patients. With a little help from professionals who attend him, Dr. Ross said, the dying person and his family can be guided through these psychological stages which many dying patients experience as their death approaches, making death more acceptable and "healthier" for all concerned.

The question of dropping the title "reverend" from official usage and of putting all clergymen on the same salary base are to be among key topics to come before the 183rd United Presbyterian General Assembly meeting in Rochester, N.Y. May 17-28. The Presbytery of Boise has proposed ending the use of the title "reverend" on the basis that it "smacks of a special kind of pietism and seems to make of ordained ministers a special kind of Christian, distinct from all others called of God."

A document released recently by the National Council of Churches claims that 87 per cent of the personnel controlling \$2.8 billion invested by agencies of seven Protestant denominations are "men from the general world of business." The purpose of the study, called "Corporate Responsibility and Religious Institutions," is supposed to demonstrate and encourage Churches to bring investment policies into line with commitments to peace, justice and care for the environment. The research covered the American Baptist Convention, the Episcopal Church, the Lutheran Church in America, the United Church of Christ, the United Presbyterian Church, the United Methodist Church and the Unitarian Universalist Assn.

Plans for a major national conference of British religious leaders to assess the church's position during this country's rapidly changing pattern of society were reported to the Spring session of the British Council of Churches meeting in London. Last Fall the Council, which embraces all leading Anglican and Protestant Churches, expressed belief that such a conference "can be of great significance for the Churches of the British Isles in the rapidly changing pattern of society." The conference will include periods of Bible study and meditation and prayer led by prominent churchmen.

Following a private audience with Pope Paul VI, described as a "courtesy visit" the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church in the U.S., the Rt. Rev. John E. Hines, is reported to have said that he thought Pope Paul was not anxious, at present, to back greater inter-church collaboration at the grass-roots level. Meanwhile, the Roman Catholic Archdiocese and the Episcopal Diocese in New York have announced an unprecedented joint theological conference for clergy of the two Churches. Anglican-Roman Catholic conversations have been progressing for several years on the international and national levels.

Speaking on "Hangups," to a closing night audience of 15,000 at the University of Kentucky's Memorial Coliseum at the conclusion of a four-night Crusade, Billy Graham referred to Absalom, son of King David. Mr. Graham pointed out that Absalom had about every hangup modern youth complains of — from sex to being against the establishment and the military. "And he also had long hair," the evangelist noted. But Absalom gave in to his hangups rather than giving them to God, and eventually they caused his death," he added.

Large numbers of people are in danger of starving as a result of a severe two-year drought in north-east Brazil, according to a Church World Service aide who recently made an inspection tour there. More than 1 million people have been affected, according to John Muilenberg, CWS overseas personnel director. He said the 1970 crops were a total failure because of drought. Thousands have died if not from actual starvation—from a sickness resulting from gross malnutrition, he said.

The Ethiopian Herald largest circulation English-language newspaper in Ethiopia, has applauded Southern Baptist missionaries who are working in cooperation with the indigenous Ethiopian Orthodox Church to raise the living standards of the people. "The Baptist Mission from all apparent circumstances perceive very well what their purpose should be," the Herald stated. "They want to be of use to the people for a limited amount of time—only as long as it takes to teach these people the knowledge and skills which will improve their way of life and give them greater self-sufficiency."

Several church publications in England have critically questioned the appointment of a Buddhist to a World Council of Churches post. The British Weekly said that in raising questions about the appointment it was not being anti-Buddhist, but wanted to "provoke discussion of what exactly is a Christian and what should be our relationship with those whose insights we share, whose integrity we respect, but whose basic beliefs we reject."

Publishers of books generally agree that there is a "deeper, genuine sense of moral concern among many young people, according to a report at the annual meeting of the Religious Book Publishing Division of the Assn. of American Publishers, which met recently in Washington, D.C. Chandler B. Grannis, editor-at-large of Publisher's Weekly, a book trade journal, summarizing a survey taken earlier this year by the publication, said religion courses and use of religious books in the "broad sense" appear to be expanding in non-religiously-affiliated colleges. Grannis said publishers are looking to the colleges "for likely expansion" and widening their own concepts of what a religious book is, finding in the process a "strong market" for "theological conservatism and for adventurous personal accounts of spiritual experience."

Addressing 500 delegates during the opening session of the annual convention of Orthodox rabbis at Miami Beach, Fla., Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon, proposed that they establish 10 religiously oriented colleges in major cities in the U.S. to offset the "threat to Jewish survival" posed by college campuses in general which he characterizes as "intellectual disaster areas." He described the campus environment as "alien and hostile to the traditional and moral values which the Jewish student received in his home atmosphere" with the result that college life is "generally a destructive influence on the religious convictions and identity of Jewish students." "We are faced with the possibility of losing an entire generation of Jewish youth," warned Rabbi Berzon. "We are concerned with the stuff of Jewish survival, not just biological survival."

An Asian seminary president, addressing a meeting of 150 church and mission group representatives in Tokyo, has cautioned Lutherans against using their doctrinal statements "as denominational flags to differentiate ourselves from the rest of Christendom." Dr. Battaglie H. Jackayya, principal of Concordia Seminary of the India Evangelical Lutheran Church said "In the matter of faith and Christian truth I believe we have arrived at a point where we can no more say, 'we have all' or 'we know all'—The Gospel is so vast, so comprehensive, so deep that together with all others we should constantly search the Scriptures to understand what God speaks to us in our day as he spoke to Luther in his day."

Recent developments in Chinese-U.S. relationships formed a major subject for discussion at the annual meeting of the United Bd. for Christian Higher Education in Asia. "Among the older people there is some hope that we might be able to go back and work on the Chinese mainland again," said Dr. Paul T. Lauby, general secretary of the board, during an interview, "but few of us share that hope. Even if China opens up, we doubt that it will allow U.S. missionaries to come in."

Non-denominational prayers should begin the school day of every school, a rabbi from St. Paul, Minn. proposed to the recent White House Conference on Youth in Estes Park, Colo. But the recommendation of Rabbi Moshe Feller was rejected by the conference's task force on education, which also defeated a proposal for a minute of silence by a narrower vote. The rabbi said he told those who objected to his proposals on the grounds that it would mix church and state, that the issue today is separation of God from the state. This "separation," he said, is the root of society's illness.

A stronger emphasis on mission, service, and the involvement of the church in society has been written into a plan for uniting five New Zealand denominations. Although the plan is not yet complete, the joint commission reported that its work "would assure that the historic basis of the church will be honored and preserved. This includes the Bible, creeds, sacraments, faithful preaching of the gospel, and an acknowledged ministry." Churches involved in the proposed merger include the following bodies: Anglican, Methodist, Presbyterian, Congregational and Associated Churches of Christ.



One of the least-known points of service by the United Methodist Board of Missions and the National Council of Churches is a ministry to American servicemen in the Far East. A string of Christian service centers provide hospitality, activities and a way to meet Christians of the host country. In the picture a young sailor whose ship has anchored at Hong Kong uses the overseas telephone in the center at Fenwick pier to talk with his girl friend in Seattle. World Service funds help with the administration of this program. (Edwin H. Maynard)

NEWS and NOTES

THE MULACEKS, George and Jacqueline, were presented in piano concert at the Arkansas Arts Center, Little Rock, on Sunday afternoon, May 9. Both are members of the Hendrix College music faculty.

DR. ALVIN MURRAY, pastor of First United Methodist, El Dorado, was evangelist during the revival held in Asbury United Methodist Church at Magnolia the week of May 2. The Rev. Clyde Swift is the Asbury minister.

THE REV. HAROLD HANSFORD of Grady, pastor of the Grady and Trinity United Methodist Churches, was one of the sidewalk exhibitors at MacArthur Park, Little Rock, May 8, during the Arkansas Arts Festival. His woodworking hobby attracted much attention.

JAMES G. CHEYNE, JR.

James G. Cheyne, Jr., 46, died May 15 in Fort Smith. He was an architect with the Fort Smith firm of Nelson, Laser and Cheyne and was a member of First United Methodist Church in that city.

Born at Battle Creek, Mich., he had lived at Fayetteville, Springdale and Bentonville.

Survivors include his wife, Mrs. Reba Hughes Cheyne; two sons, James G. and Thomas E. Cheyne; a daughter, Cynthia Louise Cheyne; his mother, Mrs. Dorothy Cheyne of Fort Smith; four brothers, the Rev. William Cheyne of San Antonio, Tex.; Robert Cheyne of Bentonville; the Rev. John Cheyne of Ethiopia, and Donald Cheyne of Alabama; and two sisters, Mrs. James Wilkens of Fayetteville and Mrs. Donald Ficken of Colorado.

The funeral service was held Monday, May 17, at First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

SALEM CHURCH HAS RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Sunday, May 9, was recognition Sunday at Salem United Methodist Church in Conway for the 31 members who have been members for 25 or more years.

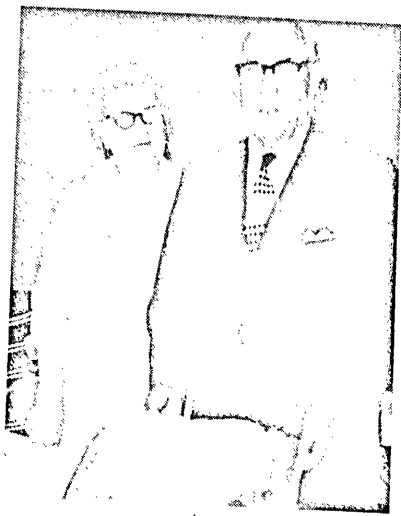
The oldest member present, Mr. Tom Johnson, is 92 years of age. He has been in the Church only 44 years, but has been a Methodist much longer.

Mrs. Vida Whitten, who has been a member for 75 years, was unable to attend. Mrs. Tom Dickens, who is 84 years of age, has been a member at Salem for 66 years. There are six members who have been members for more than 50 years.

Those attending last Sunday besides Mr. Johnson and Mrs. Dickens, were: Mrs. Tressie Belote, Mrs. Rex Fulmer, Mrs. Clara Hamilton, Mrs. Laura Hall, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Holland, Mrs. Gus Taylor, Miss Frances Hall.

Dr. Ira A. Brumley, pastor, notes: "The total years of membership in Salem Church for this group is 1,262."

MAY 20, 1971



The Rev. and Mrs. Lorne Piercy are shown with his birthday cake baked by Wright's Chapel Lay Leader Kenneth Mowrey. Quotations from Psalms on the icing of the Bible-shaped cake gave a fitting note to the study of Psalms, made by members of Wright's Chapel, Cummin's Chapel, and St. Francis Churches. The seven-night study concluded with a family supper on the pastor's birthday.



Roy Patterson Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Hull Smith, received the God and Country Award in scouting in First United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, Sunday, April 18. Members of Troop 95, sponsored by First Church attended the service in a group for this special presentation. The minister, the Rev. John Lindsay, presented the award. The Scoutmaster is Mr. Fagan Smith.

DAILY BIBLE READINGS

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 23—Sunday	Hosea 14:1-7
May 24	Amos 4:12-15
May 25	Micah 6:6-8
May 26	Matt. 5:13-48
May 27	John 15:1-13
May 28	Rom. 8:26-28
May 29	I Pet. 1:3-9
May 30—Sunday	I Pet. 2:11-13

PARK VIEW United Methodist Church members, Benton, honored their senior students at a church dinner, Sunday evening May 2. The young people were in charge of the program: Stephanie Stewart, invocation; Rick Whitley, welcome, Bobby Plummer, benediction. Dr. Helen Roundtree, class teacher, presented the gifts. The Rev. David M. Hankins, Jr., director of Wesley Foundation at Henderson State College, was the speaker. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

GRADUATING SENIORS and their parents of St. Luke United Methodist Church, Little Rock, were honored with a banquet on Sunday, May 2. Guest speaker for the occasion was Mr. W. R. Patterson of Hendrix College. Each senior was presented a copy of The Book of Worship with his name in gold. The Rev. Alfred DeBlack is their pastor.

MRS. DALE DIFFEE, wife of the pastor of Taylor and New Era United Methodist Churches, was honored with a stork shower on Friday night, May 7, by members of the Taylor Church, and on Monday morning by members of the New Era Church.

BACCALAUREATE SPEAKERS

HENDRIX COLLEGE PRESIDENT, Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr. was the speaker for the spring commencement at State College of Arkansas, May 8. Both colleges are in Conway. A record 607 degrees were conferred by SCA.

THE STAR CITY High School Baccalaureate sermon was delivered by Dr. Alfred A. Knox, Arkansas Methodist editor, on Sunday evening, May 16.

THE SYLVAN HILLS High School Class of '71 has invited the Rev. James D. Keith, pastor of the Sylvan Hills United Methodist Church of North Little Rock, to deliver the Baccalaureate sermon.

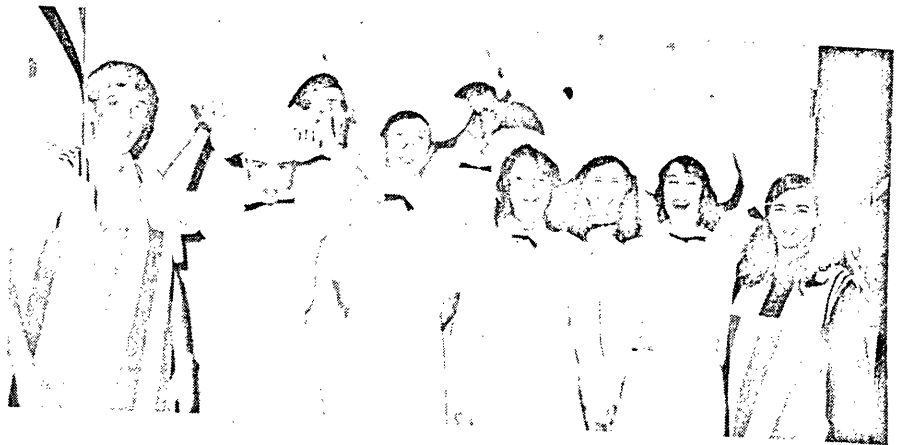
THE REV. BOB ROBERTSON, pastor of Western Hills United Methodist Church, will be the Baccalaureate speaker for the graduating class of the new Parkview High School in Little Rock, May 30.

DR. GEORGE F. IVEY, pastor of First United Methodist in Hot Springs, will give the Baccalaureate sermon for the graduating class of Hot Springs High School.

Ellis Arnold received his God-and-Country Award at a recent morning service at Lakewood Church, North Little Rock. With Ellis are his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Arnold, Jr., the Rev. John Hays, pastor, and Mackey Yokem, assistant in charge of youth work. Ellis is a member of Troop 110, which is sponsored by the church.



Magnolia's First United Methodist Church honored graduates and their parents on Thursday, May 6. The groups are seen at tables, above. BELOW: Junior Class members who served the tables and greeted the guests are Frank Williams, Tommy Waits, Mason Gurnea, Paul Tuberville, David Henry, Lynnette Fincher, Judy Bonsall, Karen Williams and Sara Hasley.



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Annual Conference Program

Monday, May 24, 1971

- 10:00 A.M. Boards, Commissions and Committees (as called)
- 2:00 P.M. Boards, Commissions and Committees (as called)
- 3:30 P.M. Sacrament of the Lord's Supper
 Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Presiding
 Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, Preacher
- 7:30 P.M. Worship Service
 Report of the District Superintendents
 Bishop Ralph T. Alton, Preacher

Tuesday, May 25

- 8:30 A.M. Devotional Service
 Business Session
 Beginning of Voting for Delegates
- 11:30 A.M. Service of Commemoration Dr. Joe R. Phillips, Jr. Preacher
- 2:00 P.M. Business Session
- 3:30 P.M. Preaching Service Bishop Alton
- 5:30 P.M. Retired Ministers' Banquet . . Grand Avenue Church
- 7:30 P.M. Preaching Service Bishop Alton

Wednesday, May 26

- 8:30 A.M. Devotional Service
 Business Session
- 12:30 P.M. Layman's Luncheon Grand Avenue Church
 Layman's Session Following the Luncheon
- 1:00 P.M. Minister's Wives Luncheon Majestic Hotel
- 2:30 P.M. Business Session (if needed)
- 7:30 P.M. Ordination Service Bishop Alton, Preacher

Thursday, May 27

- 8:30 A.M. Devotional Service
 Business Session
 The Appointments will be read at the close of the final
 Business Session.



Bishop



Bishop Ralph T. Alton
 Conference Preacher



Dr. Joe
 Phillips, Jr.



The Rev. George W.
 Host D. S.

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Arkansas Methodist	Directors Office	Education Building
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Camp Tanako	2-C	Sanctuary Building
Choir Room	4-A	Sanctuary Building
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Program Council	Activities Room	Education Building
Conference Secretary	2-A	Sanctuary Building
Conference Treasurer	2-A	Sanctuary Building
District Conference Journals	2-B	Sanctuary Building
Ecumenical Affairs	Activities Room	Sanctuary Building
Education	1-B	Sanctuary Building
Enlistment for Church Vocations	204	Education Building
Evangelism	4-C	Sanctuary Building
Health and Welfare	3-C	Sanctuary Building
Insurance	Fellowship Hall	Sanctuary Building
Laity	Scout Room	Education Building
Lay Pastors	102	Education Building
Minimum Salary	6-A	Sanctuary Building
Ministry	202-203	Education Building
Missions	3-A	Sanctuary Building
Nursery	103	Education Building
Pensions	5-A	Sanctuary Building
Registrations	Fellowship Hall	Sanctuary Building
Resolutions	Library	Education Building
Statistician	2-A	Sanctuary Building
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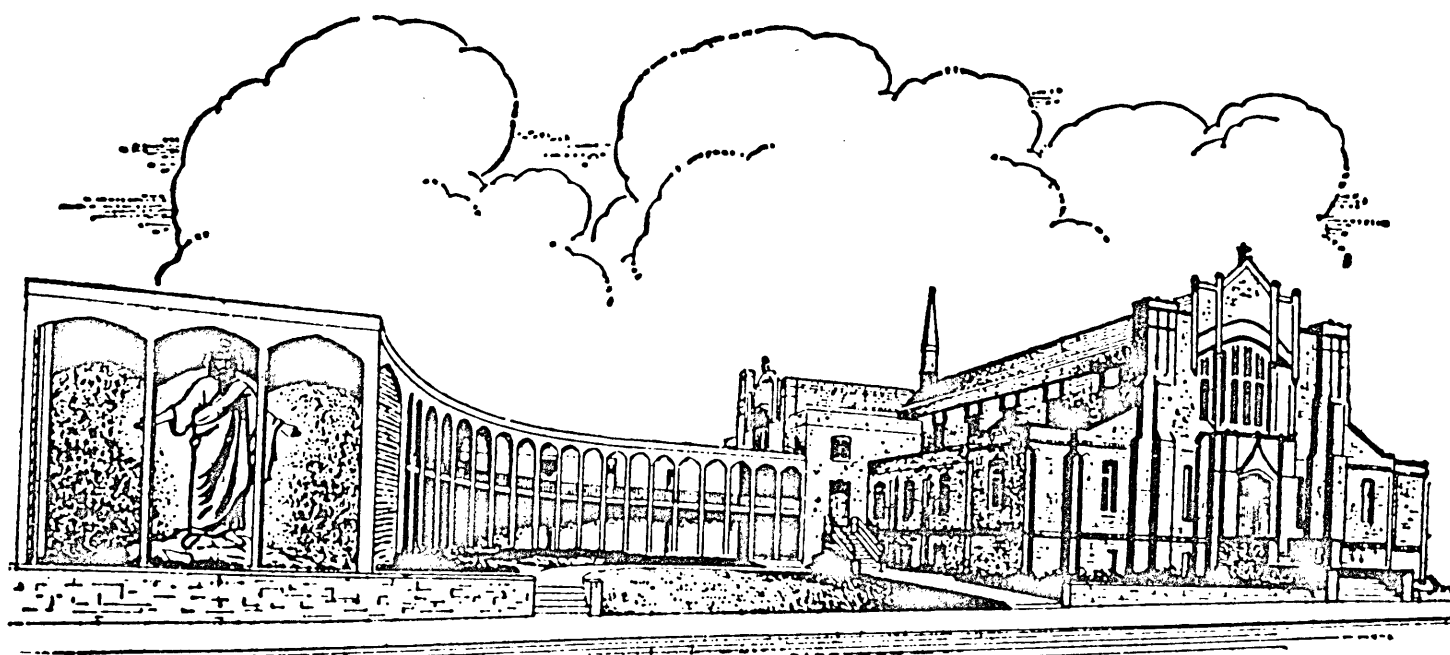
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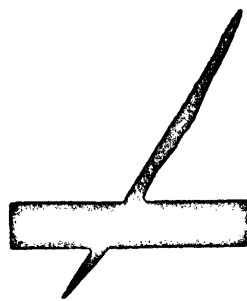


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The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR MAY 30: The Lord of History

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 10:5-15; 14:24-27

MEMORY SELECTION: "The Lord of hosts has sworn: As I have planned, so shall it be, and as I have purposed, so shall it stand." (Isaiah 14:24)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To see how God is in charge of men and of nations; Isaiah believed that God was in history and through him we can discover what this means to us.

As these words are being written the Secretary of State of the United States is traveling in the Middle East in search of some way in which he might ease the tensions in that part of the world. Many believe that if a method is not found to bring peace between Egypt and Israel another World War could have its beginning at this same spot where international conflict has been known through the centuries.

Isaiah spoke to such a situation as this, and perhaps we may find through his words a solution to our own dilemma. The prophet believed that God worked in and through history. Do we believe this in our own time? If so, what is God trying to say to us through the present world situation?

At the same time of the writing of Isaiah 10 the Assyrian army was threatening Jerusalem. It was Isaiah's contention that God was in this movement. It was his belief that this foreign army was being used to discipline Judah and bring them back into their former relationship with Jehovah. In the midst of the fear which was known in Jerusalem there had arisen two major political parties. One believed that Assyria could be trusted, while the other felt that Judah's only salvation was in an alliance with Egypt. Isaiah tried to tell the people that God was using the Assyrian army and that they should not turn to Egypt for help under any circumstances.

To say that God is the Lord of history means that it has a purpose. History to many people means simply a dull, uninteresting record of past events. Only in recent years has there been a revival of the idea that God is in history — that it is more than the dull collections of battles, kings, and presidents.

We have a Christian faith that is firmly rooted in the past. We believe that the events on which our faith is based are rooted in history, in space and time. Jesus Christ really lived and died and rose again, and the church fought for its existence in the world of Roman emperors and armies. We also believe that God is in the events of our time and that he is in control of history yet to be made.

Men may resist and hinder the divine plan, but ultimately it will be victorious. This is the viewpoint of Isaiah in the passages which we are studying today. When we help others recognize God's control over history we are in a better position to submit our own lives to his purposes. This is the way in which Isaiah speaks to our day.

THE POSITION OF ASSYRIA

Our scripture today begins with the words: "Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger, the staff of my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him." (10:5,6) Isaiah felt a real compulsion to explain what God was doing in the affairs of men and nations in his day. Sometimes we wish we had an Isaiah to come and tell us the meaning of all the things that are happening in our world today. Perhaps, if we understand what he said in his own day we can arrive

at some conclusions about what he might say if he were speaking today.

In the prophet's own time his country, Judah, was overshadowed by the great empire of Assyria, noted for their military prowess and their viciousness. Isaiah does not accent the military power of the invaders, but insists instead that they are really being guided by the hand of God. The Hebrews had been unfaithful — had turned their backs on an understanding of justice — and God's judgment is upon them. The prophet believed that Assyria had been chosen as the instrument of that judgment.

In Isaiah 10:5-6 the prophet speaks for God in saying, "Ah, Assyria, the rod of my anger, the staff of my fury! Against a godless nation I send him, and against the people of my wrath I command him." The prophet is saying that involved in the series of disasters that are befalling the Hebrew people can be seen the works of God who upholds justice and righteousness among his people.

In the period in which the prophet is writing the Assyrians under Tiglath-pileser III have been slowly and methodically bringing the small states to their west under control. Israel was devastated by these armies around 732 B.C., and Samaria was destroyed just a few years later with a large segment of the population being transported and replaced by aliens. Eventually these forces moved against Jerusalem in 701 B.C. Most scholars think that Isaiah 10 was written before that siege was begun.

Dr. Roy D. Wells, Jr., in *Adult Bible Studies* points out that Isaiah did not say that all of the actions of Assyria were an expression of the will of God to chastise the people. The fact that Isaiah rebukes Assyria as well as Israel throughout this poem indicates that he was not giving divine sanction to Assyria's cruelties. He was simply saying that an unrighteous nation can find its punishment for its sins in the weakened condition which makes it impossible for it to defend itself.

USED BUT NOT APPROVED

We feel we should take time to underscore the statement that this position of the prophet does not approve the nation that is being used as his instrument. There are too many unwholesome by-products of such a position. He is telling us that it is possible for a nation at the same time to be used as an instrument of God and be under the judgment of God.

As Dr. Donald Ackland has put it in *Broadman Comments*: "Because God is Lord of history he can control nations without their conscious knowledge that they are a part of his ongoing purposes. If they do not acknowledge his lordship, but pursue a course of self-will, they will be under his judgment even though they do his work. We need to pray that we and our nation be knowingly and willingly committed to doing God's will. Only so can we hope to enjoy his blessing."

Perhaps one of the most difficult biblical ideas for us to explain is "the wrath of God." It is one of those concepts which needs constantly to be balanced by his love and concern for his people. If at times the prophet's portrait of the wrath of God seems to be extreme, let us remember to balance it with the picture of man's sin and rebellion against him. As one has put it, "Remember that the onus is on man. God does not have to explain to his creatures the reasons for his acts, but man does have to give an account to God for his. When man exalts his mind above God's, watch out. God reveals what he is like very clearly, and it is up to man to bring his life into harmony with God, not vice-versa."

The main idea in this lesson is the affirmation of Isaiah that God is really the moving force behind the Assyrians, and that he is using their power to bring about his planned judgment for sin.

THE CHOICE BETWEEN FORCE AND FAITH

Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick, writing in *Interpreter's Bible*, calls this one of the great passages of Isaiah. He draws the picture of a great power on the march, dividing and conquering nations, saying, "Dictators and their tyrannies do not change; they behave in exactly the same way, whether their campaigns are fought in the eighth century B.C. with sword and spear, or in the twentieth century with tanks and airplanes; they scream the same threats and make the same boasts whatever their language."

In every century since Isaiah nations have had to face the same alternatives. The question all have asked is, "Are we to stake everything on the rule of force, and gamble with the possibility of obliterating the world itself, or are we to turn belatedly to recover a saving faith in spiritual power for the re-creation of life?" Certainly there is nothing on our agenda of greater urgency than the choice between faith and force. Nor is there a more expedient time to consider this choice than on Memorial Day when our hearts turn to all of those who have died and others who are still dying in battle.

JUDGMENT ON THE AGGRESSOR

After his description of how God was using the Assyrians as a tool of judgment against the Hebrews, the prophet then moves to the affirmation that the Assyrians are also going to be destroyed because of their pride. In 10:15 we read: "Shall the axe boast itself against him that hews with it, or the saw magnify itself against him who wields it?"

Just as every aggressor nation has wrecked itself on its own pride and overconfidence, Isaiah says that Assyria will be destroyed. The prophet expresses contempt for the arrogance of those who have no regard for the needs of human beings as individuals or as a community. We are reminded that "the God who upholds justice and righteousness in Israel is the God who supports justice and righteousness among all men and among all nations. He is also the God who holds all men liable for violations of community."

Dr. Paul B. Maves says in *International Lesson Annual*: "The central affirmation to which we expose ourselves in this lesson is that God is in charge of men and of nations. Our times are in his hands. He alone decides the outcome of history. Those who think they are forging their own destiny will at last serve him. Even the wrath of men shall praise him."

ISAIAH'S MESSAGE FOR OUR TIME

Although this eighth-century prophet of Jerusalem spoke to the history of his own time, there is something contemporary about his message. This is because mankind is beset with many of the same problems with which he dealt. Dr. J. Elliott Corbett summarized Isaiah's message in his book, *The Prophets on Main Street*. These are the major ideas he shares with us:

The prophet had complete confidence in the judgment and victory of the Lord of history. The major lesson modern man needs to learn is that God is the ruler of the universe and no man can overrule him. Dr. Corbett says, "Today we may be less inclined to think of God as intervening at every point in history as Isaiah did. God may not use wicked nations as his holy instruments, but his judgment allows all nations to reap what they have sown."

Isaiah incorporated ethical content into his concept of the holiness of God. God's holiness is found in his absolute righteousness not in his unapproachability.

Isaiah was wary of basing security policy primarily in alliances and military might.

Every man must accept personal responsibility for the plight of society, and deliverance from catastrophe should be used creatively.

..... Quadrennial Emphasis

The Quadrennial Emphasis Committee has approved of an expenditure of up to \$115,000 from the Fund for Reconciliation for the construction and equipping of a Blind Center at Can Tho, South Vietnam. All subsequent costs including the costs necessary to recruit, train, and employ persons for the on-going operation of the center will be borne by the National Rehabilitation Institute and its supporting agencies. The final approval of this project was made at the Quadrennial Emphasis Committee meeting April 22, on the recommendation of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief.

An estimated 30,000 members of the Vietnamese society have lost their visual sight due to disease, congenital defects, hostile activities and accidents. The problems which surround the rehabilitation of this group of disabled persons in South Vietnam are equal in complexity to other major physical disabilities. Last August approval was given for an allocation of \$44,070 to assist with the program for amputees in Vietnam. (See article in April 1971 Interpreter.)

The Blind Rehabilitation Project has three distinct phases: Adjustment Training, Vocational Educational and Selective Placement.

In adjustment training there are two primary objectives:

1. Adjustment to blindness in order that the afflicted learns to function, care for himself, acquire "independent mobility" and achieve self-sufficiency in activities of daily living; and
2. Pre-vocational training and vocational assessment which teaches skills and techniques which allow him to go on to further vocational training.

FUND FOR RECONCILIATION SUPPORTS VIETNAM BLIND CENTER



Blind Training in Vietnam.

The most valuable skill acquired through adjustment training is orientation and mobility which include basic techniques of indoor travel and cane techniques of in and outdoor travel. Communication skills (braille, typing, handwriting) and social and recreational activities are also included.

On completion of the adjustment training,

vocational counseling and guidance are carried out individually with the blind trainees. Depending upon the trainee's educational background, abilities, skills, and personal and social conditions, he is free to realistically choose his area of vocational training. Thus far, the vocational training program includes telephone switchboard operation, X-ray dark room work, Morse code operation, assembly work, poultry raising, bakery work, and interpreter training. Special arrangements can be made for exceptional cases.

Because of the limited facilities which have been available up to the present, the thoroughness of the training and the restricted class size, only a very limited number have received training. This grant will make possible the training of a large number of the blind.

Any blind person between the ages of 17 and 45 is eligible for admission to the school, although veterans or war-wounded persons are given priority. There are no fees charged for the course, which includes free food and lodging. When the student is placed in employment, he is given a probational stipend until he is able to assume the status of a regular employee.

Rehabilitation in Vietnam is one of 25 projects being supported by the general portion of the Fund for Rehabilitation. About 780 projects are being supported by one-half kept in each annual conference. The Quadrennial Emphasis Committee, recognizing that to date a little less than \$10,000,000 has been received for the Fund, is asking that a special effort be put forth for payment of pledges and the receiving of new money on Thanksgiving Sunday, November 21, 1971.

"Quote and Unquote"

United States Senator Harold Hughes of Iowa, speaking at the 23rd annual convention of the National Clergy Council on Alcoholism, said: "The country's clergymen can become a significant force in helping the general population move away from a moralistic and vengeful attitude toward alcoholics."

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, speaking recently on progress in the dialogue between Protestants and Roman Catholics, said: "After nearly 500 years of cold war and hot between Roman Catholics and Protestants in Europe and North America, it is not surprising that many Catholics and Protestants are still suspicious of each other and of the ecumenical movement, which above all else seems to be undermining their right to hate each other as all their forefathers did."

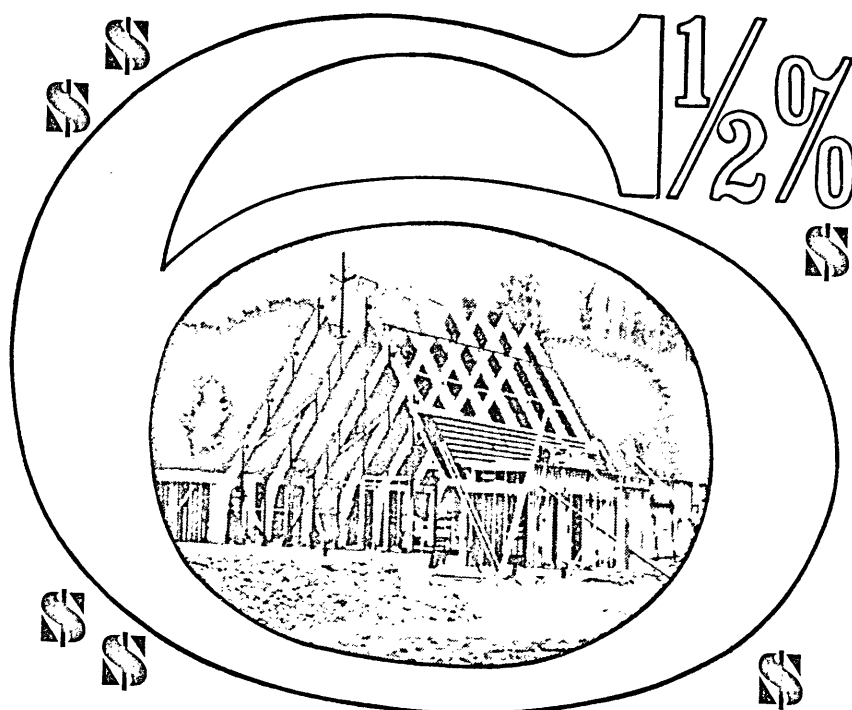
Dr. T. Watson Street, top executive of the Presbyterian U.S. Board of World Missions, told his denomination recently, "We must resist any assumption that missionaries are not needed that personnel should not continue to be the major priority."

Dr. Alan Walker, head of the Central Methodist Mission in Sydney, Australia, commenting on the absence of liquor and drugs at a recent Christian Pop Festival in his country: "No one will ever tell me again that liquor and drugs cannot be controlled among young Australians, anywhere. Give youth the chance, expect much of them, and they will exercise the only discipline that matters, self-discipline."

United States Senator Robert Packwood of Oregon, calling for a stabilization of the national population, said recently: "As cities grow larger, the quality of life worsens. The bigger the town, the fewer the parks, the worse the educational system, the worse the traffic congestion, the greater the juvenile delinquency and in general, the things that we so treasure gradually diminish."

Pope Paul VI, addressing a large crowd of Italian and foreign workers in St. Peter's Basilica on May 1, said: "Only in collaboration and harmony will the various social classes be able to bring peace and justice to the world in general and to the working world in particular."

Dr. Eugene L. Smith, executive secretary of the U.S. Conference for the World Council of Churches, said at a recent meeting of that group: "To a degree unprecedented in decades the church in the United States will be used or discarded on the test of whether it is a vehicle for faith which has meaning and impact."



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Board of Missions lists goals and needs for consideration at annual meeting in October

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UMI) — Using a process for what was described as "maximum participation and involvement of all persons," the United Methodist Board of Missions in meetings here approved a tentative set of goals and needs to be considered at the annual meeting in October in Minneapolis.

Reflecting the requests from Board members and staff for a greater voice and a more participatory style, the total body of 300 was divided into small working groups discussing four topics — needs, goals, "organizational qualities," and structure.

Although the body acted formally on the statements on which consensus was reached, it was pointed out that recommendations were adopted not as final policy, but for referral for study and discussion, looking toward the annual meeting.

In a separate but related action, in reference to structural changes proposed in the United Methodist Church, the Board expressed its openness to change but indicated a desire to explore changes within present organizational patterns rather than create a new structure. This, too, represented a tentative finding intended to indicate present thinking, and was referred for further study and discussion.

Other actions taken during the meeting included:

—The Board commended the U.S. and Mainland China for recent moves to improve relationships which "promise to increase contact and openness between the two governments and peoples."

—They sent a plea to the United Methodist Church to be concerned about the high unemployment rate in Seattle, Wash., calling for "prayer, concern and action" in support of the "Neighbors in Need" program in Seattle, a coalition of churches and community organizations seeking to deal with problems arising out of the 13 per cent city-wide unemployment.

—The Board's National Division called for full support of the quadrennial "Fund for Reconciliation" and asked bishops, district superintendents and pastors to complete payments and/or make new pledges to support the 25 national programs, as well as the many conference programs, financed by the Fund.

—The World and Women's Divisions allocated a total of \$1,261,838.83 in wars claims compensation to several major areas of mission concern around the world. Included are \$500,000 for a variety of programs in Africa; \$400,000 for international programs in peace, hunger, justice and urbanization; \$210,000 for the World Council of Churches' development program; and \$100,000 for social/economic development education in the U. S. The actions provide that \$250,000 of these allocations be earmarked for women's work in Africa and elsewhere.

—Voted to work with the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference to help make sure that the conference delegates may vote at future General Conferences. They voted to concur

with representatives of that Conference in their proposal to become a Provisional Annual Conference.

—Voted to support "Set the Date Now," an interreligious campaign to end the war by December 31, and to send a telegram to President Nixon urging him to take affirmative action.

—Approved a proposal to explore with members of the Puerto Rico Annual Conference the possibility of an episcopal area for Puerto Rico by the

formulation of a proper petition to the General Conference.

—Heard a report from its own Black Task Force which said that the Board had failed to follow up adequately on the recommendations made in 1969 in regard to hiring of more black executive staff members and in beginning a special training program for missionaries to help them understand the current trends in the black revolution.

Advance Committee considers broadened guidelines

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UMI) — During a called session of the United Methodist Church's Advance Committee a broadened concept of partnership was discussed which could lead to an extension of the Advance program.

The guidelines were contained in a paper "Disciples in Partnership,"

written by a special committee headed by Dr. Ewing T. Wayland, editorial director of TOGETHER/Christian Advocate.

Although commonly thought of in financial terms, the paper proposed that the definition "partnership of people" found in the Discipline be "slanted more strongly in this direc-

tion . . . This partnership shall be seen as crossing boundaries of race, nationality and culture within the fellowship of the church and in the world."

The paper proposed that Advance Special gifts which have been limited since 1948 to World and National Divisions of the Board of Missions and the United Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief might be expanded to a limited number of what are termed high priority missional programs under other sponsors.

Included also in the paper was the possibility that occasional gifts might be made in reverse — from churches overseas to work in the United States, or from traditional home mission recipients to the more affluent. "Each has a need to give and to receive," the paper states.

In other action the committee adopted a resolution intended to clarify legislation stating that Advance giving be "above World Service contributions." The resolution provides that the test be accepted by a church of its apportionment for World Service and Conference Benevolences.

—Photo by Santana



EL PASO, Tex. (UMI)—Succeeding the Rev. Elias Galvan, Los Angeles, Calif., (left) as the new president of MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans) is the Rev. Josafat Curti, Pueblo, Colo.

MARCHA holds national convocation

El Paso, Tex. (UMI) — History was made in this border city early in May when representatives of all major communities of Hispanic American United Methodists in the United States and Puerto Rico met for the first time to discuss common concerns and issues.

During the first national consultation of MARCHA (Methodists Associated Representing the Cause of Hispanic Americans) unique concerns of Hispanic American United Methodists were discussed, a constitution and form of organization was adopted, and officers elected.

More than 150 delegates attended the consultation which was financed by the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race and Board of Missions. The sessions were held at Lydia Patterson Institute, a United Methodist-related educational institution.

Although concerns of MARCHA participants were not rated in order of priority, certain needs and issues sur-

faced. Among them were leadership training, particularly for laymen and youth; more effective youth programs; more Hispanic American representation on staff and membership of boards and agencies of the church including the Council of Bishops; more literature written from an Hispanic American perspective and produced in Spanish language; and program of training in the theology and practice of evangelism and social action.

Approximately 30 youth attending the consultation successfully pressed for a youth committee of MARCHA which would allow youth to deal with issues of particular concern to youth.

The Puerto Rican delegation also received unanimous endorsement on two resolutions:

1) Protesting what they called the "arbitrary decision and procedures" used by the United Methodist Board of Missions who recently cut their financial support by \$181,000. The resolution asked that in the future the

Puerto Rican church be consulted in advance.

2) Protested the absence of Puerto Rican representation on the Board of Missions and demanded that a guarantee of such representation be made.

The delegates also urged the 1972 General Conference to continue the Commission on Religion and Race for another quadrennium. It particularly expressed appreciation to the Commission for its sponsorship of the El Paso consultation and for its recently stated request asking for the election of a Hispanic American bishop. The Rev. Isabel Gomez, formerly of Dallas, Tex., is a Hispanic American staff member of the Commission which is headquartered in Washington, D.C.

A constitution and form of organization was adopted by MARCHA which was organized by an ad hoc committee in 1969. There are approximately 35-40,000 Hispanic Americans in the United Methodist Church.

The constitution calls for six regions corresponding generally, but not necessarily, with the five geographic jurisdictions of the church and one region in Puerto Rico. Each of the regions will elect four persons to represent them on a MARCHA council.

An executive committee of MARCHA will include one representative from each of the six regions.

Elected president of MARCHA, succeeding the Rev. Elias Galvan, Los Angeles, Calif., was the Rev. Josafat Curti, chaplain of the United Campus Christian Ministry at Southern Colorado State College, Pueblo, Colo. Other officers elected to the steering committee were three vice presidents, and presidents were elected to serve the six regions.

A 30-voice choir from the Roman Catholic Seminario Franciscano de San Antonio in El Paso provided music for a worship service one evening, an ecumenical gesture which one MARCHA participant said was tremendously significant because of historical tension between Spanish speaking Protestants and Roman Catholics.

ALDERSGATE ANNOUNCES NEW CAMPING PROGRAMS

Six major types of camping, four of which are new, will be offered at Aldersgate United Methodist Camp this summer, according to a letter sent last week to all churches in Arkansas by C. Ray Tribble, camp director.

In addition to the usual residence and day camp opportunities, the newer programs are: a frontier survival camp, a progressive day camp, evening camps, and a neighborhood vacation Bible school. The new residence camp includes separate weekly programs for youth and adults in conflict, a teenage girl's camp, a co-ed interfaith camp for the medically indigent, and a ten-day camp for children with learning disabilities.

The frontier survival camp will be held for three weeks for 30 youths. Its emphasis will be conflict, drugs, and rehabilitation research. This section will be guided by Dr. Tom Collingwood, research associate with the Arkansas Rehabilitation, Research and Training Center.

An experimental progressive day camp will operate for six weeks for the age group 7-12 years, offering fun, trips and nature study.

Evening day camps from 5-9 p.m. will be held July 5-16 for junior high youth, and July 19-30 for senior highs.

In addition to usual playground and swim programs for neighborhood children, there will be a vacation Bible school from August 2-10, co-sponsored by the First United Methodist youth group from Hamburg.

Mr. Tribble will be assisted by Mrs. Cornelia Bowman, a teacher with 20 years of specialized training and professional service, who will direct day camp activities.

MRS. B. L. HARRIS

Mrs. Sallie Lee Harris, widow of the late Rev. Bedford Lee Harris, who served in the North Arkansas and White River Annual Conferences, and a sister of Dr. J. Wilson Crichlow, died on April 25 in Conway at the age of 92.

A native of Bells, Tenn., she was educated in that city and at Wesley Female College, Brownsville, Tenn. She was married in 1900 to Mr. Harris who was her pastor at the time. They served for six years in the Memphis Annual Conference following their marriage, transferring in 1906 to what was then the White River Conference.

Appointments served by Rev. and Mrs. Harris in Arkansas included: Crawfordsville and Earle, Wynne, Newport, Cotton Plant, McCrory, Aubrey, Eureka Springs, Gentry, Perry, Leachville, Manila, Fisher Street, Jonesboro, Lamar and Plummerville.

In 1936 Mr. Harris retired and they moved to Conway to make their home. Mr. Harris died in 1941.

Mrs. Harris' two daughters were with her at the time of her death. They are Mrs. John Hutchenson of Irving, Tex., and Mrs. Ed L. McShane of Conway.

Rush Holt, a permanent staff worker will be in charge of the residence camps. In addition there will be four male students from England, Italy, Sweden and Yugoslavia adding an international dimension to the leadership.

A brochure with application blank is included in the letter to the churches. Additional brochures and applications may be secured by writing: Aldersgate Camp, 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, 72205. The leaflet contains all the general information needed by prospective campers. It is urged that plans be made with the camp as soon as possible.

ALDERSGATE FLEA MARKET TOMORROW AND SATURDAY

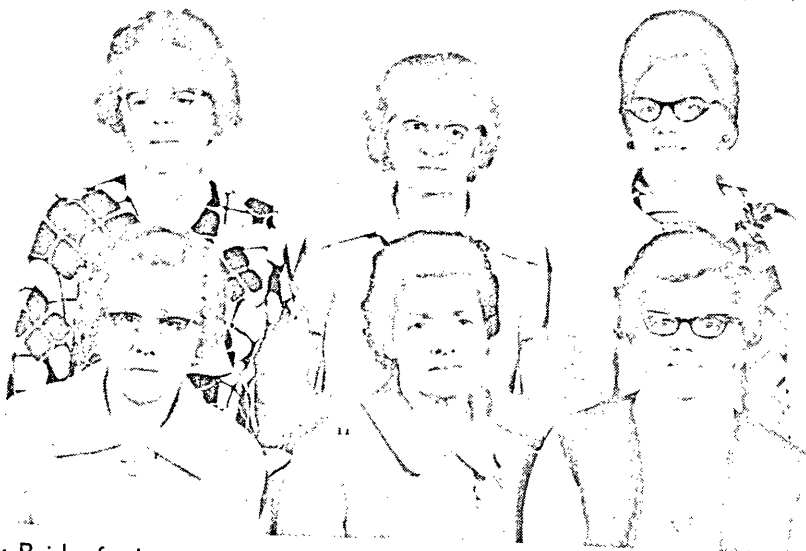
A Pavilion Flea Market will be held at Aldersgate Camp this weekend. On Friday, May 21, the hours are from 9 a.m. until 7 p.m., and on Saturday, the hours are from 9 a.m. until 6 p.m.

Items to be offered for sale include such a variety that they should lure a large number of buyers. A concession stand will make browsing more enjoyable.

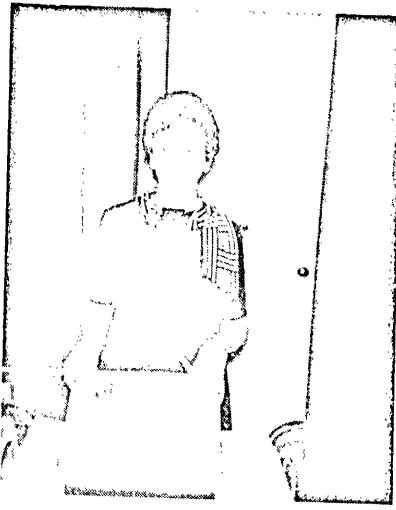
The Aldersgate Campership Fund will benefit from the proceeds, according to Mrs. E. D. Galloway, chairman of the project.

The camp is located 3½ miles west of University Avenue. Drive out 12th Street (which becomes Kanis Road), and look for the Aldersgate sign a block west of Twin Lakes subdivision. Follow signs to the camp. The sale will be in the first shelter inside the gate.

MARKHAM CHURCH WSCS joined with the Grady Lee Wesleyan Service Guild for the "Mother-Daughter Banquet" in Little Rock on May 18. Mrs. James Jones is the WSCS president and Mrs. Henry Nebling is Guild president.



Six Bridgeforth sisters attended a recent special service in the St. Francis United Methodist Church where the Rev. Lorne F. Piercey is pastor. Top row, from left: Mrs. Gertrude Granger, St. Francis; Mrs. Pansy Burris, Pine Bluff; Mrs. Aline Cooper, Flint, Mich.; front row: Mrs. Pauline Langley, St. Francis; Mrs. Mary Torbit, Salem, Mo.; and Mrs. Jennie May Lambeth, Durant, Oklahoma. Mrs. Langley is president of the St. Francis WSCS.



Mrs. Delphia Alberty (above) was honored recently on her 91st birthday by members of the Central Church Women's Society of Lincoln. Mrs. Mary Shannon gave a special tribute to Mrs. Alberty for her 54 years of service as a member of the Lincoln church and society. Mrs. Rosa Southerland whose 85th birthday was also celebrated, could not attend. Arlene Schooler, WSCS president; Edith Taylor, vice-president; and the Rev. Woodrow Woods, pastor, assisted in the program.

FORT SMITH DISTRICT WSCS

Clarksville's Women's Society of Christian Service was host to the spring meeting of the Fort Smith District Society, April 21. Approximately 100 members from 20 churches attended.

The Rev. Archie Boyd, district superintendent, gave the invocation. Mrs. John Taylor, president of the host society, welcomed the guests.

Mrs. Hugh Hardin of Fort Smith, district president, conducted the business session. Reports were given by Mrs. Donald Poe, district secretary, and Mrs. Jim Lloyd, district treasurer.

The speaker, Mrs. Earl Hughes of Heber Springs, conference spiritual growth chairman addressed the group concerning "Joyous Ways of Serving."

Assisting with the program were Mrs. Joe Coker, Mrs. Clarence Wilcox, and Miss Marcelle Phillips. Miss Julia Lee, College of the Ozarks student, presented a vocal solo.

The Rev. J. Clarence Wilcox, host pastor, gave the closing prayer.

News in Brief

John Wesley is honored on the first of a new series of medals honoring the world's religions by the Presidential Art Medal Co., of Vandalia, Ohio. The project will continue during a two-year period.

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Textile Art in the Church, written by Mrs. Marion P. Ireland of Glendale, Calif., and published by Abingdon Press, has received an Award of Merit in the 1971 North American Graphic Arts Competition.

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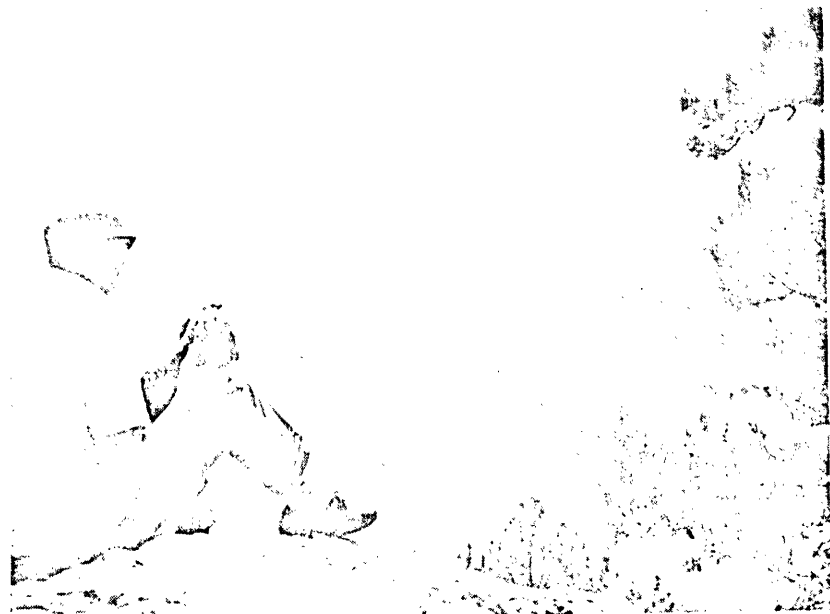
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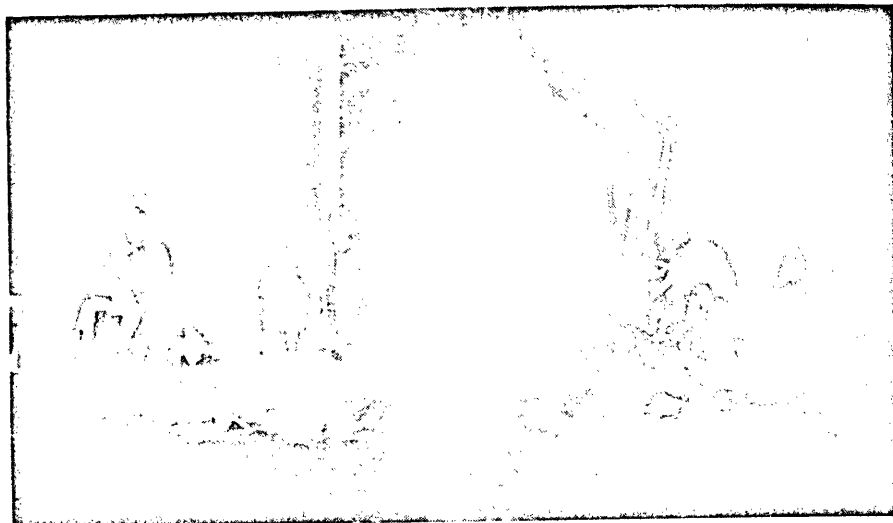
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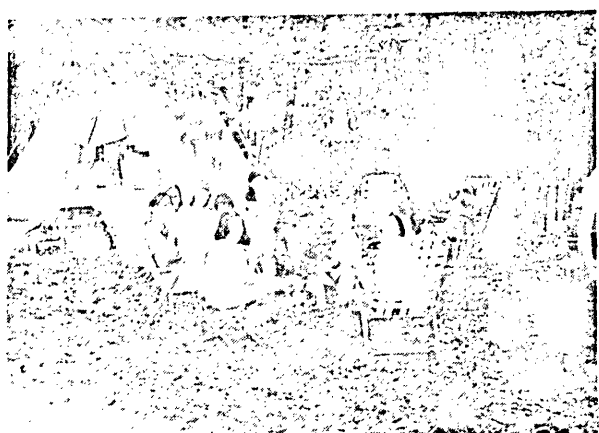
around the campfire



Vern Allen and his poodle at the Overlook



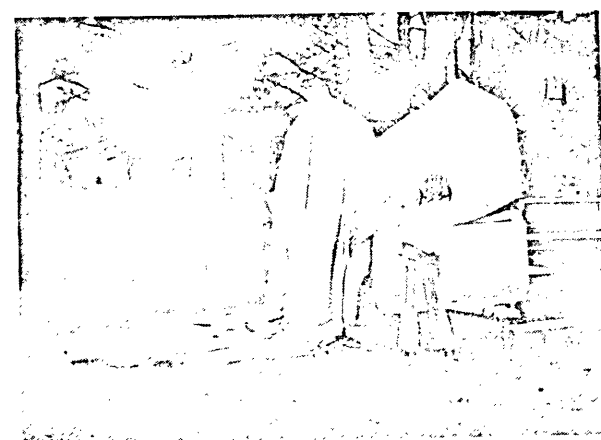
Twenty families/about 80 persons/from 11 churches in five districts took part in the fourth annual North Arkansas Family Camp at Myers Ranch in Stone County/This was by far the largest attendance yet, according to the Rev. William Wilder of Marked Tree. The pictures are by Vern Allen, Route 1, Fayetteville.



just relaxin'



two of the family camps



Jean Wilder helps to break camp

In the foreground of the panoramic view shown here is the staff for the May 7-9 retreat held by the youth of Central United Methodist Church of Fayetteville at White Rock Mountain in the Ozark National Forest—Associate Minister Vic Nixon—third from left (back row).



The Youth Retreat at White Rock Mountain included swimming.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

In giving his eight basic rules for daily living, Thomas A. Kepler concludes with this one . . . Work and co-operate with God, praying that God will do something through you rather than for you.

Then I Won't Care

If You can reach one
Human heart, my God,
With the words You
Speak through me,
Then I shall cease
To worry
As to whether they
Are poetry!
—by Deener W. Wardlow

No Special Words

I envy those who are more skilled than I
In the effective use of words and phrases —
Especially those of thanks for gifts received
At a thousand times and as many places.

And yet, I know the simplest speech may serve
To say my thankfulness unto my Lord —
For if true gratefulness lives in my heart,
He hears my every little tongue-tied word.

—by Etta Caldwell Harris