

May 31-June 3
Central United Methodist Church

North Arkansas Conference to meet in Fayetteville

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will preside over the 136th session of the North Arkansas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, May 31-June 3 at Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville.

Bishop Roy H. Short, Resident Bishop of the Louisiana Area of the denomination, will be the guest preacher for the Conference. He will preach four times — at 7:30 a.m. on Monday, at 3:30 and 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, and at the Service of Ordination, 7:30 p.m., Wednesday.

The Conference will open at 3:30 p.m. Monday afternoon, the 31st, with the Communion Service.

The Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Conway, will be the preacher for the Service of Commemoration at 11:30 a.m., Tuesday, honoring the ministers and their wives and widows who have died during the year.

A major item of business on the agenda is the election of delegates to the 1972 General and Jurisdictional Conferences. Lay and ministerial delegates will each elect four delegates to General Conference and each will elect four additional delegates to complete the delegation to the South Central Jurisdictional Conference.

The Conference will act on a recommendation that it, along with the Little Rock and Oklahoma Annual Conferences merge with the Southwest Annual Conference composed of the Negro churches of the denomination in Arkansas and Oklahoma. This proposal will require the affirmative vote of all the conferences involved.

The Conference will also receive for study during the year and action in 1972 a report recommending that it merge with the Little Rock Annual Conference.

The North Arkansas Conference includes 213 pastoral charges in the northern half of Arkansas. These churches have a total membership of 98,523.

Bishop Short, the Conference preacher is a native of Louisville, and he received the A.B. degree from the University of Louisville and the B.D. and Th.M. degrees from Louisville Presbyterian Seminary. He served as pastor and district superintendent in Kentucky and was editor of *The Upper Room*, interdenominational devotional guide published by the Methodist Board of Evangelism at the time of his election as a bishop in 1948. He has served as Resident Bishop of the Jacksonville (Fla.) and Nashville (Tenn.) areas before going to his present assignment in Louisville in 1964.

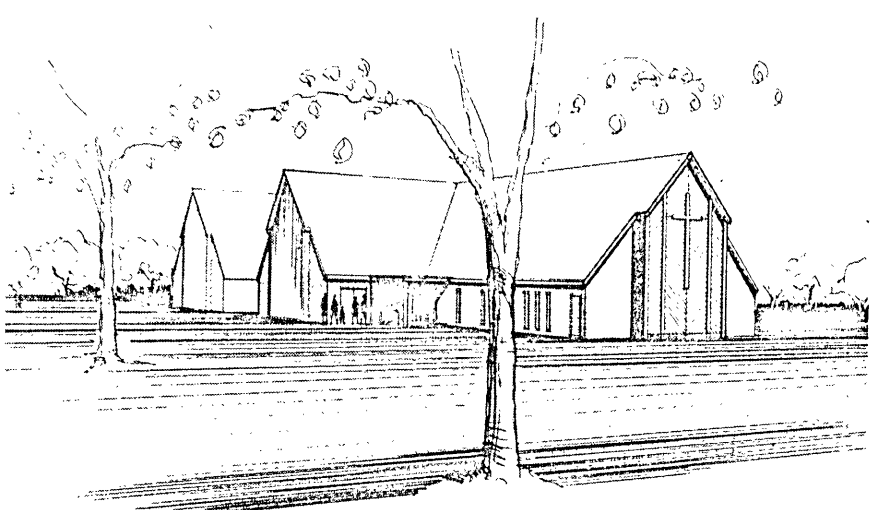
He has served as secretary of the Council of Bishops since 1956. He is president of the Commission on Archives and History, and is president of the Southeastern Jurisdictional Council. He serves his denomination as a member of the Program Council, the Commission on Ecumenical Relations, and the Board of Trustees of the United Methodist Church. He is a trustee of a number of United Methodist institutions including Lake Junaluska Methodist Assembly, Emory University, and Scarritt College. He served from 1964 to 1968 as president of the General Board of Missions. He is the author of a number of books in the fields of evangelism and missions.

The host pastor of the Conference is Dr. Joel A. Cooper, the host district superintendent is Dr. Myers B. Curtis, and the conference secretary is the Rev. James Meadors.

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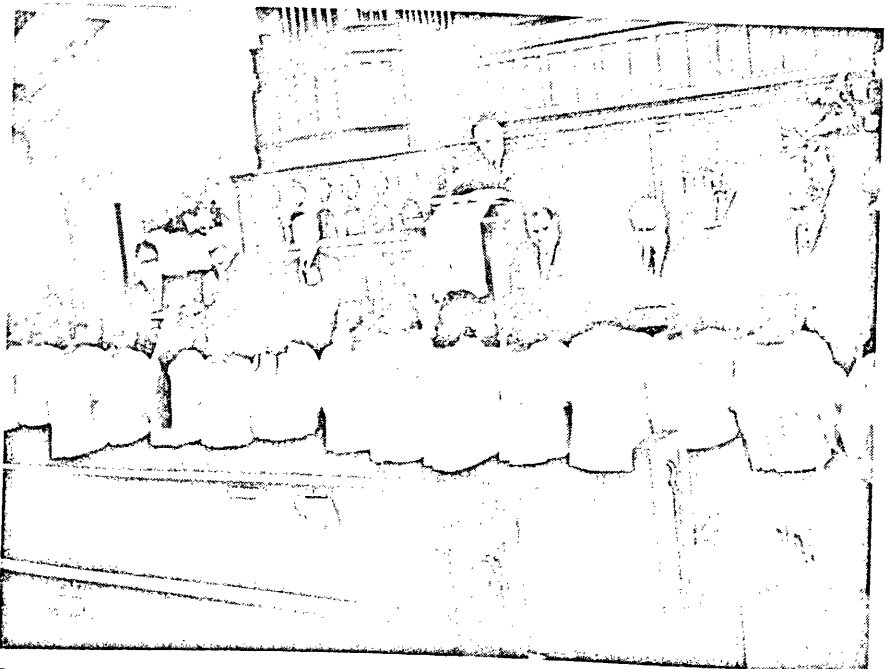
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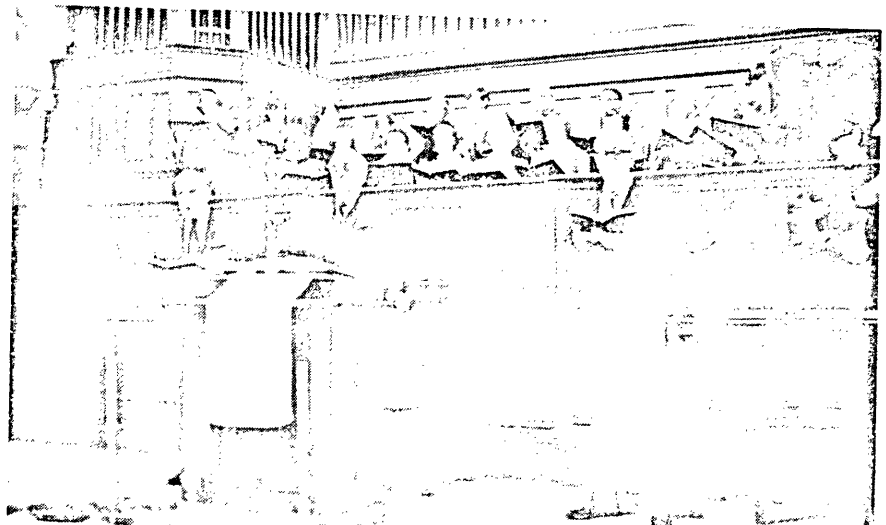


—Architects drawing
Construction for the sanctuary and classroom addition to Trinity United Methodist Church in Fayetteville began last week. Trinity was organized in 1959, and the present building, erected in 1960 contains a fellowship hall, kitchen and nine classrooms. The new addition will house a sanctuary to accommodate 400 persons, two administrative offices, a chapel, a parlor and six classrooms. The Rev. Dewey Dark is pastor. The architect is Raymond Branton of Little Rock and the Mark-K Construction Co. of North Little Rock is the major contractor.

Opening day at Little Rock Conference

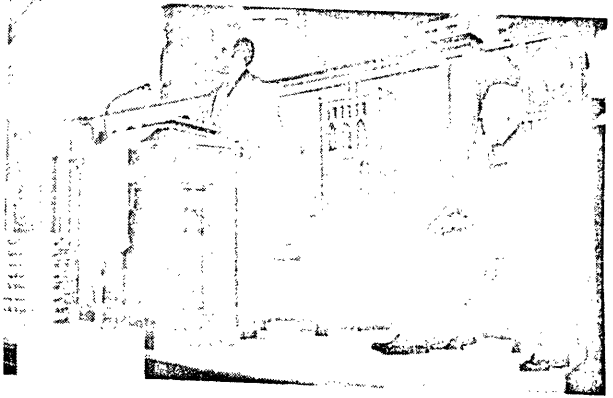


Bishop Galloway and the members of his cabinet administer the elements to the members of the Children's Choir of the host church who furnished the music for the opening Communion Service.



Bishop Ralph T. Alton, left, conference preacher; Bishop Paul V. Galloway, center; and Dr. George F. Ivey, host pastor in the Monday evening worship service at the Little Rock Conference. The choir is from Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs.

Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, brought the message at the opening Communion Service. Bishop Paul V. Galloway, right, listens intently.





Tupper



Martin

Martin vesper speaker for Laboratory Enterprise

The Rev. George W. Martin, superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, will be the vesper speaker for the Little Rock Conference Laboratory Enterprise to be conducted at Camp Tanako near Hot Springs from June 21 to 25, according to Mrs. John L. Tucker, Conference director of Children's Work and director of the Enterprise. The Rev. Robert O. Tupper, minister of education at First United Methodist Church, Oklahoma City, Okla., will be present to lead the Elementary IV-VI group.

The Enterprise provides class sessions for leaders in training from local churches and in addition provides learning experiences for children in a

wholesome Christian atmosphere.

Other faculty personnel will include: Mrs. Virginia Lindley of Jonesboro, Nursery; Mrs. Robert Hunt of Oklahoma City, Kindergarten, and Miss Madge Franklin of Little Rock, Elementary I-III. Mrs. George W. Martin of Arkadelphia will serve as nurse for the camp; Mrs. Raymond Heien of Stuttgart will direct activities for the younger children, and college students who are members of the Summer staff at Tanako will direct activities for the elementary groups.

Registration for the Enterprise is scheduled for Monday, June 21 from 10-11:45 a.m. with activities to begin during the afternoon. The sessions will conclude with the noontime lunch on Friday, June 25. The cost for children with a \$2.50 registration fee and camp expense will total \$12.50. The total cost for adults is \$25.



Dr. Zimmerman

Town and Country Seminar June 14-17

Dr. Donald W. Zimmerman, director of the Ecumenical Center of Renewal and Planning, Indianapolis, Ind., will be the featured speaker for the Town and Country Church Seminar to be held June 14 to 17 at the University of Arkansas, Fayetteville. The theme of the seminar is "Diversified Patterns of Ministry and Mission."

Dr. Zimmerman will speak each evening at 7:30 p.m. on the following topics: "World, Where Are You?"; "In Addition To," and "Freedom to Ignore."

The seminar is sponsored annually by the Committee for Town and Church Seminar in cooperation with the University of Arkansas Division of Agriculture and Division of Continuing Education.

Other featured topics will include:

"Socio-economic Change and Church Ministry"; "Community Action and Community Development"; and "Implications for The Church."

Registration will be from 3 to 7 p.m. in the lobby of Pomfret Housing Center on the campus, and adjournment is slated for noon on Thursday, June 17.

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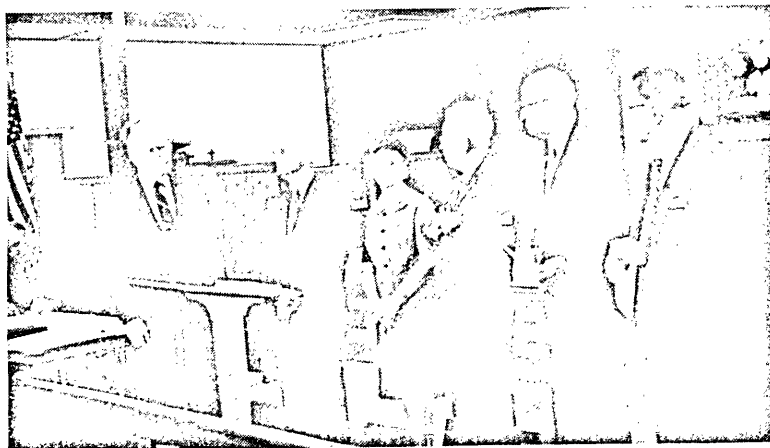
The Rev. John B. Ross, Waldo pastor, presents License to Preach to Richard Justice during May 16 Sunday morning worship.

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THE NEW HOPE United Methodist Church, near Van Buren, will hold a service of dedication for its new Baldwin Electric Organ on Sunday, May 30 at 11 a.m. The Rev. W. T. Watson of Conway, a former pastor and father of Mrs. Robert Daughtery, one of the organists, will deliver the dedicatory sermon. Following the service, dinner will be served in fellowship hall. The Rev. C. W. Good, pastor, invites all friends of the church.



Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, right, Conway District Superintendent, is shown with the three principal speakers at the Conway District Conference on May 18. They are (from left): the Rev. Charles Ramsay, Russellville First Church, conference preacher; Dr. Roy I. Bagley, Camden District Superintendent who interpreted the merger proposal; and Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger, Conference Program Director, who interpreted the Pre-Conference Digest.



The Conway District Conference recognized retired ministers and their wives present. The Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers, left, courtesy chairman, introduced: the Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Claud; Dr. E. T. Wayland, Dr. Ira A. Brumley and the Rev. Irl Bridenthal.

LR District Evangelism Committee sponsoring membership training series

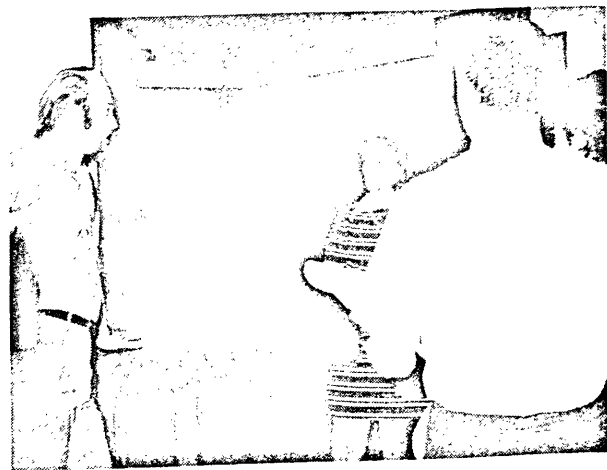
The Rev. Ron Kerr, a staff member of the General Board of Evangelism in Nashville, was the leader for a Coaching Conference held at Oak Forest United Methodist Church in Little Rock, on Sunday, May 16.

The Conference was designed to prepare laymen to lead a newly prepared study course entitled "A New Adventure," according to Dr. Joseph E. Taylor, District director of Evangelism, and a follow-up conference will be held in June to assist leaders in setting up study groups in local settings.

Teams of laymen were present from eight Little Rock churches preparing to offer this comprehensive course in the meaning of membership in the United Methodist Church. This was the second Sub-District training enterprise in evangelism in the Little Rock District this year.

The goal of the District Committee on Evangelism is to make this course on Methodist History, Beliefs, and Organizational System available at least once in every church in the District during the year 1971.

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The Rev. Ron Kerr, of General Board of Evangelism, in conversation with persons taking part in Coaching Conference at Oak Forest Church.

Editorial

COMMON CAUSES ON THE MIDDLE GROUND

Something is taking place in America that could well be the stabilizing influence that will slow up the process of polarization that tears away at the foundations of our land. This is the organization known as "Common Cause," which is being headed by John Gardner, formerly the head of the Department of Health, Education and Welfare and later chairman of the Urban Coalition.

A recent editorial in The New York Times said, "The aim of Mr. Gardner's effort is not to found a new party or win a particular campaign. It is to rally the moderates and stop the process of polarization. His hope is to freshen the springs of political life, to recruit new talent for both parties and at every level of government, to concentrate attention on the issues that are genuinely significant, to sponsor needed reforms. It is a bold and ambitious undertaking which Mr. Gardner and his colleagues are attempting. Self-government lives by that kind of boldness and ambition."

The prime goal of Common Cause is to revitalize government at every level, and this "people's lobby" seems to us to be projected in just such a manner as needed to reach this goal. Mr. Gardner has said, "Common Cause is not a third party, but a third force in American life which will uphold the public interest against all comers, particularly the special interests that dominate our national life today. Common Cause will not support candidates; it will confine itself to issues."

Mr. Gardner wrote recently concerning this new movement in an article entitled "No Time for Small Plans" in the United Methodist publication "Engage." He said: "As a nation we have never faced more ominous problems — the threat of war, irreversible destruction of the environment, a world population crisis, urban decay, civil disorder . . . Institutions don't overhaul themselves. They resist renewal. They find it painful. When an institution grows rigid and unresponsive, someone must shake it up. We want to bring about a renaissance in politics. We want to make it possible for

our ablest, most gifted individuals to be active in this part of our national life. We would like to see men of the greatest integrity, men of the greatest character and courage, turn to public life as a natural duty and a natural outlet for their talents. This is no time for small plans."

Many people today recognize that national priorities must be changed, but they don't know how to go about it. They are concerned about sound and logical approaches to the facts of poverty and pollution and inadequate housing, but they don't know what to do.

A recent newsletter from Mr. Gardner affirmed: "We take the phrase 'Common Cause' seriously. The things that unite us as a people are more important than the things that divide us. No particular interest group can prosper for long if the nation is disintegrating. Every group must have an overriding interest in the well-being of the whole society. It follows that our agenda must be the agenda for all Americans — for the poor, the comfortable and those in between, for old and young, for black and white, for city dweller and farmer, for man and women."

In the invitation to become a part of this "citizen's lobby," Mr. Gardner says: "In recent years we have seen altogether too much complacency, narrow self-interest, meanness of mind and spirit, irrational hatred and fear. But as I travel around the country, I see something else. I see great remaining strength in this nation. I see deeper reserves of devotion and community concern than are being tapped by present leadership. I see many Americans who

would like to help rebuild this nation but don't know where to begin."

We think you might be interested in some of the editorial comment concerning Common Cause. Here are what some of the editors have been saying:

—The Chattanooga Times: "It is concerned with the reordering of national priorities and with new solutions for the problems that beset this country. One of these is bringing the Vietnam War to an end on a scheduled timetable. Debatable and debated, as the wisdom of that timetable is, every word of this thoughtful statement of John Gardner's deserves serious consideration by every American."

—Muscatine, Iowa Journal: "Many Americans want something different in political pressure. They want direct attention to their concerns, about race, poverty, pollution, drugs, crime, all of which receive lip service from the two major political parties, and not much else . . . Political parties pay more attention to votes than to ideologies or goals. We thus lose sight of our common purpose. Common Cause can only help us regain our vision."

Whether each of us is in accord with the aims of Common Cause or not is immaterial. Surely we can see a deep spiritual base in a movement such as this which is trying to bring together the people who stand on the middle ground.

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the Editor's Corner



The First Summer at Mount Sequoyah

The season at Mount Sequoyah will be getting under way soon, and hundreds of United Methodists will be heading toward Fayetteville for the training and fellowship that have enriched the life of the church in this section for so many years. One who does not have an opportunity for an annual pilgrimage to "the mountain" is poorer for it.

Each time I visit Sequoyah I am reminded of that first wonderful experience there the summer after I had been elected president of the North Arkansas Youth organization. One by one the landmarks of those days have been replaced by more modern structures, but there are still enough of the recognizable spots to stir the nostalgia.

Just recently I took a look at the picture of that group of conference presidents as a reminder of that happy summer. The president of the Sequoyah youth conference was Monk Bryan who is now pastor of Missouri Methodist Church in Columbia. Bob Bearden was the representative from the Little Rock Conference, and Lydel Sims, who is now postmaster in Memphis, Tenn. was there from the Louisiana Conference.

Among the other faces I recognize are Finis Crutchfield, Sterling Wheeler and Woodrow Adcock — all from Texas then, but now important names throughout the church.

The guiding force of that conference was Dr. Walter Towner who headed the youth work for the Methodist Episcopal Church, South. His was such a winsome personality that his influence was felt by all who came close to him. He had such a fine way of outlining regulations which needed to be announced that he made you want to do just what he was suggesting.

E. O. Harbin was still the name that was synonymous with recreation in the church, and under his leadership we learned so many of the folk games that were just beginning to be a part of the recreational program of the church.

Don't miss your chance to let Mount Sequoyah be an influence in your Christian life!

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The Rev. Howell O. Wilkins, Wilmington District superintendent of the United Methodist Church's Peninsula Conference, lashed out at a proposed lottery for Delaware. He called lotteries and legalized gambling a "risking of money or property for quick gain without work" and described approval of such "easy money" methods for financing needed public services as "irresponsible" stewardship. While acknowledging that farmers run risks each year as they plant their crops and that businessmen run risks to stay in business, the clergyman emphasized that "they work" nevertheless, and expressed his opposition to a philosophy in which one expects to get something for nothing.

Father Joseph P. Locigno, a professor at Manhattan College in New York says that "religious illiteracy" is spreading among public school youth of all faiths. "Far too many American children are receiving little or no religious instruction," he says in an article published in Chalk Dust, the official journal of Manhattan's School of Teacher Preparation. "As a result the nation suffers because of this rise of irreligion. The American democratic way of life depends upon the acceptance of certain fundamental religious truths and values."

All cadets at the Air Force Academy at Colorado Springs, will be allowed to attend churches of their choice and no longer be required to attend Cadet Chapel services, as the result of a new ruling which alleviates the long-standing controversy over compulsory chapel attendance at the academy. Lt. Gen. Albert P. Clark, academy superintendent, said cadet attendance at any church will fulfill the chapel attendance obligation. The Cadet Chapel will continue to hold services for those who wish to attend. Cadets must provide their own transportation to attend "civilian" services in town.

McCandlish Phillips, a reporter for The New York Times, told the Evangelical Press Assn. meeting in Chicago that evangelicals must bust out of the "Christian ghetto" and reach into the places of power and influence in America. "We have allowed a kind of Christian ghetto called the "evangelical ghetto" to be established in America," Phillips said. He said the evangelical realm "should be a base for a godly assault upon the power and influence centers of the nation, not a temporarily safe and comfortable abode."

The president of the Christian and Missionary Alliance charged in Houston that Vietnam war demonstrators—both of the "left" and of the "right"—have had an adverse effect on pleas for better treatment of U.S. prisoners of war held in North Vietnam. Speaking at a press conference, the Rev. Nathan Bailey, one of a group of clergymen which visited Vietnam in April seeking unsuccessfully to visit Hanoi on behalf of U.S. prisoners of war, said American anti-war demonstrators "confuse the issue" of the prisoners of war. "North Vietnam reads more into anti-war demonstrations in the U.S. than is actually there. The 200,000 persons who demonstrated recently in Washington D.C. represent only a small segment of the population." He said this statement applied equally to the estimated 15,000 demonstrators in Washington under the direction of preacher Dr. Carl McIntire, who wants a military victory in Vietnam.

Participating in an ecumenical lectureship in Portland, Ore., a leading theologian predicted little future for the Consultation on Church Union (COCU) and its proposed 25 million-member denomination. Dr. Martin E. Marty, associate editor of Christian Century and a teacher at the University of Chicago divinity school, said "I am not against it, but . . . I'd much rather see the renewal of each denomination in it . . . the COCU leaders are people of goodwill, . . . but I'd much rather see a heated up Presbyterian Church, for instance, active in the world, than to see a big church merger."

The Committee for Public Education and Religious Liberty has sent an open letter to Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller urging him to reject "any legislation giving tax dollars to private religious institutions." Signers of the letter included 200 prominent New Yorkers—Congressmen and other elected officials, union heads, clergymen, educators, parent leaders and officers of civil liberties groups—according to William Haddad, executive co-chairman of PEARL. The Rev. John Collins, associate program director of the N.Y. Conference of the United Methodist Church, was one of the signers.

CROP, the community hunger appeal of Church World Service, completed shipments of food and other commodities valued at \$2.5 million to 31 nations in 1970. Shipments ranged from Chicken a la king to Hong Kong, to more than four million packets of vegetable seeds distributed in 20 nations. "The Chicken a la king worked wonderfully in the child feeding institutes in Hong Kong," said CROP director Albert W. Farmer, "Now if we had sent them bologna, they might not have known what to do with it. But they made a sauce out of the Chicken a la king and served it on rice." Approximately one-half of all CROP donated materials are utilized in programs emphasizing self-help, according to spokesmen.

The Indonesian Council of Churches has invited American evangelist Billy Graham to hold mass revivals in the cities of Djakarta, Surabaya and Medan in September of 1972. Approving the invitation during its triennial assembly, the Council requested that the term "crusade" not be used in publicizing the event. Such a phrase might be interpreted by Indonesia's Muslim majority as a demonstration of force by the Christian Churches, thus provoking simmering tensions between the religious groups. The Council desires that the emphasis of the "Great Revival" be on spiritual renewal which it hopes will result in the Christians' vigorous participation in the development of the nation, economically and socially, thus bringing a new sense of human dignity to all Indonesians.

An estimated 750,000 U.S. youths in 160 cities, sponsored by the American Freedom from Hunger Foundation, are reported to have collectively hiked hundreds of thousands of miles during the weekend of May 8-9 to raise funds to combat hunger and direct attention to the poor. Under the direction of the United Nations Freedom from Hunger Campaign walks were also held in at least 50 other countries. Theme of the fund-raising endeavor was "Development Is the New Word for Peace." The Rev. David Brown—an American Lutheran clergyman, is director of the non-sectarian and non-partisan foundation; officials of several church-related relief agencies sit on its board of directors.

Modern youth counter-culture "will burn out like a fallen meteor unless it finds intellectual coherence, moral stability and adequate spiritual anchorage," said Dr. Carl F. H. Henry, Christianity Today editor-at-large, as he addressed the American Baptist Fellowship, meeting in Minneapolis. Dr. Henry is reported to have said "Jesus-freaks" have a limited future "unless their evangelical faith is theologically informed."

Dr. Grady C. Cothen, in his inauguration address as president of the New Orleans Baptist Seminary urged the six Southern Baptist seminaries to quit competing and to emphasize cooperative planning. "In a time of polarizing around issues when name calling is easier than problem solving, in a time when it is obvious that financial support may shortly diminish, we have a remarkable opportunity to demonstrate to Southern Baptists and to the world a genuinely cooperative effort in theological education," said the former president of Oklahoma Baptist University.

Dr. William A. Visser't Hooft, honorary president of the World Council of Churches, has been elected as president of the Conference of European Churches. More than 150 delegates representing Protestant, Anglican, Orthodox and Old Catholic Churches in 23 Eastern and Western European nations gathered to discuss and reflect on the conference theme, "In the Service of God and Man."

Delegates of three denominations in the Pacific Northwest are scheduled to meet in Seattle June 4-5 to consider a proposal to unite their ministries in common program at the regional level for at least three years. The United Church of Christ and the Disciples of Christ have shared headquarters offices in Seattle for several months with the expectation that the Church of the Brethren will join them. A Disciples spokesman said that during an increasingly closer relationship the denominations have discovered they have priorities which are almost identical.



MINNEAPOLIS — Mrs. Marcus Rohlf of Seattle was elected president of the American Baptist Convention at the ABC annual meeting in Minneapolis. Elected without opposition, she is the fifth woman to head the 1.5 million-member denomination, the first having been elected in 1922. She succeeds Dr. Roger L. Fredrikson, a Sioux Falls, S.D., pastor, and will serve a one-year term. (RNS Photo)

NEWS and NOTES

PHIL HATHCOCK of Fayetteville has accepted the position of director of Youth Ministries in Boston Avenue United Methodist Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma. Phil graduated in January from the University of Arkansas and plans to enter seminary in September. He served as summer youth worker at Asbury Church, Little Rock, last summer.

DR. DON CORLEY, director of pastoral care at the Baptist Medical Center, Little Rock, was the speaker in Crossett for the Festival of the Christian Home, on Sunday, May 9. Dr. Corley led a combined class of youth and adults at 9:30 a.m., and brought the sermon at the 10:50 a.m. worship hour. The Rev. Ferris A. Norton is pastor of the Crossett United Methodist Church.

THE REV. MERLE A. JOHNSON, Jr., pastor of Scott Memorial United Methodist Church in Eudora, spoke in Texarkana, May 12. He was guest speaker at the Noon Kiwanis Club, and then spoke in First United Methodist Church on Wednesday night.

THE JONESBORO "Sunday at Six" program in First United Methodist Church had as guest speaker, May 16, the Rev. Gene Efird, director of the Arkansas Release Guidance Foundation. Speaker at the morning worship service was Robert Lewis, president of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at the University of Arkansas. The Rev. Worth Gibson is pastor.

THE LAKEWOOD WSCS of North Little Rock presented Special Memberships to Mrs. W. E. Arnold, Jr., and Mrs. Don Martin.

THE FORTY PLUS CLUB of Geyer Springs United Methodist Church, Little Rock, had a trip on the excursion paddle wheel boat "Border Star" Sunday afternoon, May 23. The trip was sponsored by the Women's Society of Christian Service.

MRS. HARRIET DELANO reviewed the book "New Moon Rising" by Eugenia Price at the WSCS tea held at the Asbury Church parsonage in Little Rock, May 11.

THE ARKADELPHIA HIGH School Baccalaureate sermon was preached by Dr. John P. Miles, pastor of the First United Methodist Church. The service was held in the First Baptist Church, May 16.

P. K. KORNER

BRENDA ANN BREWER, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Lon W. Brewer, of McCrory, and David Martin Barber, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Martin Barber of Hope, were married May 15 in the McCrory United Methodist Church, where the father of the bride serves as pastor. The Rev. David Conyers of Newport officiated.

MAY 27, 1971

CENTRAL CHURCH ORGAN TO BE DEDICATED

Formal dedication of the new organ in Central United Methodist Church of Fayetteville is scheduled for Sunday, May 30, at the 10:50 service. Kenneth Osborne, organist, will give a recital the same day at 7:30 p.m.

Other organists will be presented later by Paul D. Schultz, director of music at Central Church, in a series of dedicatory recitals. Kenton W. Stellwagen, organist at First Presbyterian Church, Tulsa, Oklahoma, will play on October 3. Dr. Harry Gay of Memphis State University, and Robert Anderson of SMU, Dallas, have been invited to play recitals in early spring, 1972.

THE REV. FRED W. HUNTER, pastor of the Delight United Methodist Charge, was the Baccalaureate speaker for the graduating class of Delight High School, May 9.

DR. EDWARD B. HOLLENBECK, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Benton was the speaker for Baccalaureate services for the Bauxite High School graduate on May 16.

MARION HIGH SCHOOL Seniors had as their Baccalaureate speaker, Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor of First United Methodist Church, West Memphis.

THIRTY-ONE CONWAY seniors who are members of First United Methodist were honored at breakfast in fellowship hall on Saturday, May 22. The Rev. Von Dell Mooney, Wesley Foundation director at State College of Arkansas, Conway, was the speaker.

WEST MEMPHIS FIRST Church honored 21 graduates from four high schools at the breakfast held in the church Sunday, May 16. Mrs. James Bledsoe was chairman of arrangements. A. K. Minter was speaker. Others on the program were Bill Weaver, Mrs. T. M. Ferguson and Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor.

N. ARKANSAS CONFERENCE MINISTERS' WIVES, PLEASE NOTE:

The annual luncheon is scheduled for an earlier hour this year. It will be held in Fayetteville at 11 a.m. in the Fireside Inn.

BEARDEN SPEAKER FOR MISSOURI EAST CONFERENCE

Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Little Rock, will be the Conference speaker at the Missouri East Annual Conference which meets at Central College in Fayette, Mo. next week.

Bearden will preach the ordination sermon on Tuesday night and will present other messages on Wednesday and Thursday. On Sunday morning, June 6, he will preach at the Missouri Methodist Church, Columbia, Mo., near the University of Missouri campus. This is the church which serves the University students and faculty as well as the residents of Columbia.

The Little Rock pastor expects to leave for Fayette on June 1st and will return Sunday evening, June 6.

THE ANTOINE United Methodist Church, Delight Charge, held a revival from May 17 through 21 with the Rev. Ralph Hemund of the Amity United Methodist Church as guest evangelist. The Rev. Fred W. Hunter is pastor of the Delight Charge.

THE PRESCOTT YOUTH Singers presented the folk musical, "Tell It Like It Is" to capacity audiences at Prescott and Hope. On May 30, they will present the program in the St. Luke United Methodist Church in Little Rock. The musical will begin at 7:30 p.m. The Singers are under the direction of Mrs. Jim McKenzie. Pastor of the church is the Rev. Gerald Fincher.

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.

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| May 30—Sunday | I Pet. 2:11-13 |
| May 31 | I John 4:13-19 |
| June 1 | Psalms 45:1-7 |
| June 2 | Psalms 51:6-17 |
| June 3 | Isaiah 44:1-3 |
| June 4 | Isaiah 61:1-3 |
| June 5 | Isaiah 63:7-14 |
| June 6—Sunday | Mal. 3:7-12 |



Holly Springs United Methodist Church, Hope District, where the annual homecoming was held May 23.

HOLLY SPRINGS HOMECOMING HELD

Holly Springs United Methodist Church held its annual Homecoming Sunday, May 23. The church is one of the oldest in Miller County. Established in 1852, it is now 119 years old. The Homecoming is an annual affair and was well attended. Basket lunches were served at the noon hour and afternoon singing was held immediately following lunch.

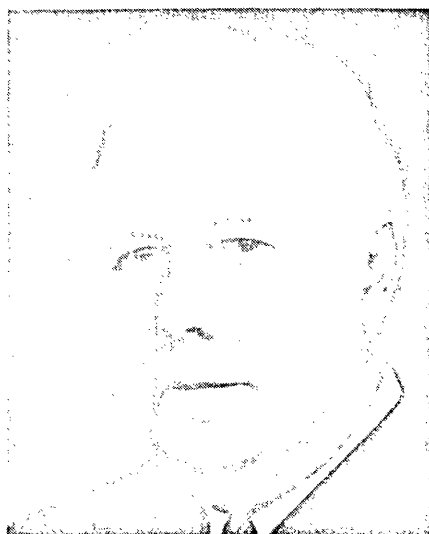
A special program was arranged for the Homecoming celebration. The Rev. A. V. Smith, a Baptist minister who has long been associated with Holly Springs, delivered the sermon at the worship service. W. F. Covington served as song director and Weaver J. Barkman served as organist. Mr. Covington and Mr. Barkman are residents of Texarkana and they have been delivering the special music at the annual Homecoming for the past few years. Miss Bernedean Bellew, the church's pianist, also helped during the services. The Rev. Dorsie Caldwell is pastor of the church, which is located between Genoa and Fouke in the Hope District on the Rondo Circuit.

MRS. JAMES H. RICE, Jr., and Mrs. Grafton Thomas, both of Little Rock, attended a regional workshop concerning the United Nations Children's Emergency Fund which was held in Atlanta, Georgia, on Tuesday and Wednesday, May 18 and 19.

LONOKE UNITED METHODIST MEN have elected these officers for the year beginning June 1: Robert H. Smith, president; Paul Arneson, vice president; and Walter Jones, secretary-treasurer. Out-going officers are Bill Holland and Frank Newsham. The Rev. Mike Clayton is pastor.



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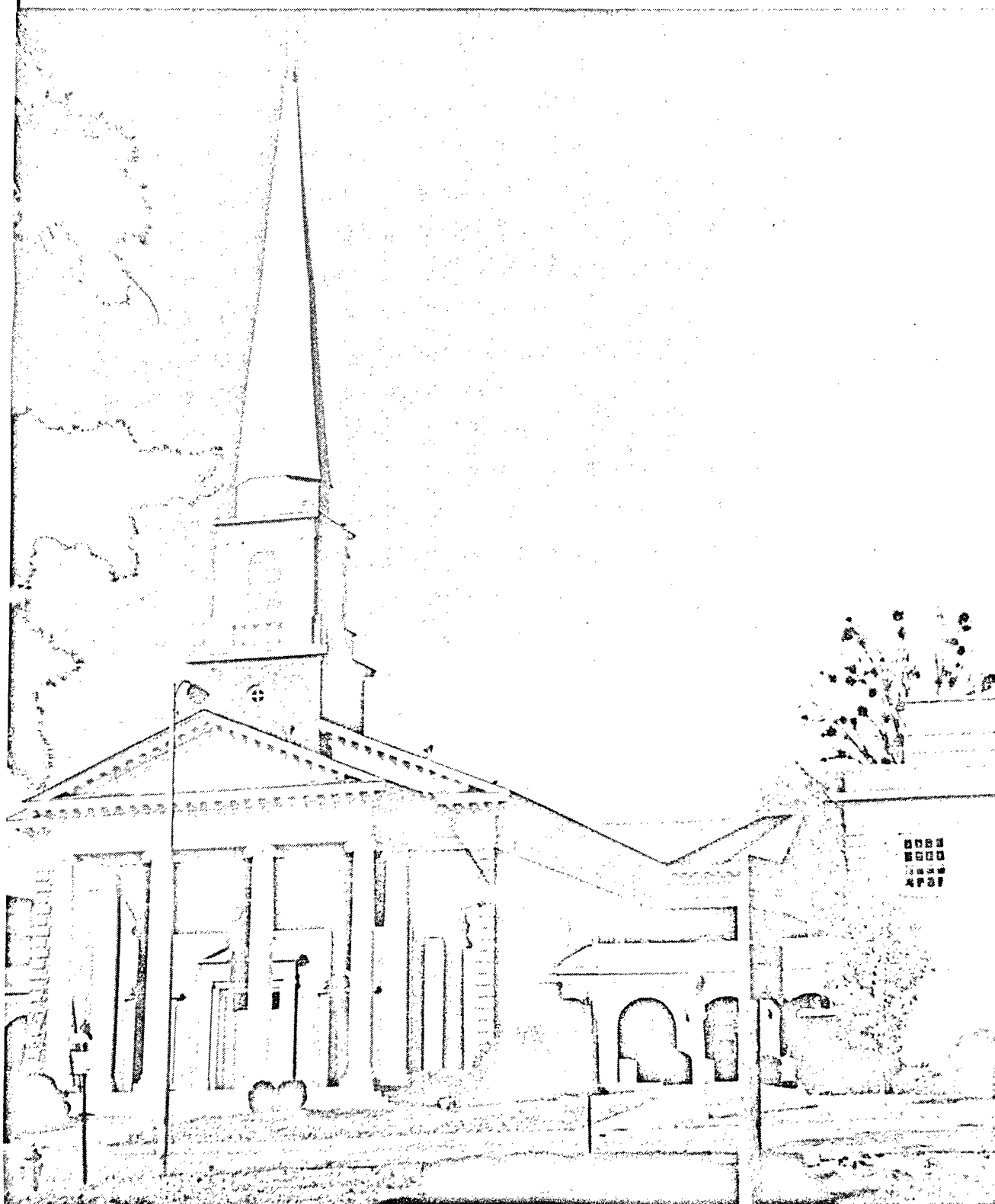
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- Monday, May 31, 1971
- 3:30 p.m. Service of Holy Communion
Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Presiding
Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, Preaching
 - 7:30 p.m. Opening of Conference
Evening Worship
Report of the District Superintendents
Bishop Roy H. Short, Preacher
- Tuesday, June 1
- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service
Business Session
Beginning of voting for delegates
 - 11:00 a.m. Service of Commemoration
The Rev. Ben F. Jordan, Preacher
 - 3:30 p.m. Worship Service Bishop Short, Preacher
 - 7:30 p.m. Worship Service Bishop Short, Preacher
- Wednesday, June 2
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
Business Session
 - 7:30 p.m. Ordination Service Bishop Short, Preacher
- Thursday, June 3
- 8:30 a.m. Worship
Business Session
Reading of the appointments

- Special Luncheons and Dinners
- Board of Evangelism Dinner 5:30 p.m. Monday Mt. Sequoyah
 - Retired Ministers' Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Tuesday Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church
 - Town and Country Dinner 5:30 p.m. Tuesday Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church
 - Laymen's Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Wednesday Mt. Sequoyah
 - Ministers' Wives' Luncheon 11:00 a.m. Wednesday Fireside Inn



The Rev. Ben F. Jordan
Memorial Preacher



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Host Pastor



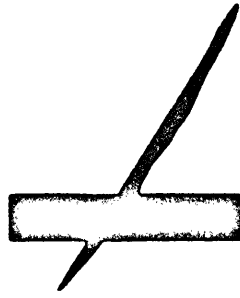
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The Rev. James M. Meadors, Jr.
Conference Secretary

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JUNE 6: God's Call to Faith

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 30 and 31; 32:16-18; 37:5-7

MEMORY SELECTION: In returning and rest you shall be saved; in quietness and in trust shall be your strength. (Isaiah 30:15)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help class members realize that God alone is worthy of their trust and so turn to him for salvation and help in all circumstances of life; to learn that the anxieties which keep us from reaching our full potential can best be resolved in faith.

Isaiah has sometimes been called "the prophet of faith" and "the evangelical prophet" because he repeatedly called for faith in God. He tried to tell his king that even in the midst of grave military threats the ally on whom to lean was God and not the neighbor who had the strongest army. We will be seeing in this lesson why Isaiah was opposed to all international treaties for his land. Some of the scholars imply that he knew the neighboring armies were doomed for defeat, but the main thrust of today's lesson is the affirmation of the memory selection: "In quietness and trust shall be your strength."

In these anxious days I am often reminded of two events that took place in the days just after World War II. It was my privilege to hear General Dwight D. Eisenhower speak in Little Rock. Caught up as many world leaders were in the fears and anxieties of the atomic age that was beginning at that time, he appealed to the audience to use all of their spiritual resources to unite to see that military force was never again exerted in the solution of world problems. How far in the distant past those words seem now to echo!

The second event was the organized effort of the scientists who had produced the atom bomb to launch the equivalent of a religious revival which they felt was needed to counterbalance the new weapon that had been let loose in the world. At their own expense hundreds of these men went across America urging our citizens to seek national strength in a new religious undergirding and not in the "horses and chariots" of the bomb. Can we deny that many of the fears and anxieties that now tear our land apart might have been averted if those prophetic voices had been heard?

Isaiah 30 and 31 contain a series of statements against an Egyptian alliance for Judah. They contrast the emptiness of power as symbolized by the Pharaohs with the deeper help that can be expected when God becomes a nation's ally. Fundamentally the lesson is one that concerns itself more with the religious approach to handling anxiety, and should not focus too much on the military and international crises of our time. We will be seeing how Isaiah, at a time of national decline and impending disaster, summoned the people to repentance and trust in God, consistently warning them of the consequences of placing their confidence elsewhere. But all the while let us listen as he speaks to 1971 America just as much as to Judah in the eighth century B.C.

MANY WANTED TO TURN TO EGYPT FOR HELP

Early in Isaiah's prophetic career his country felt serious military pressure from two directions. The armies of the Assyrian king were engaged in

campaigns in Syria and Israel. Although they did not have our instant forms of communication which keep us in the middle of military operations around the world, word did get to Jerusalem that sooner or later they would have to arrive at some kind of bargain with the Assyrians. The alternative was to find help from the outside that would be stronger than the armies of Assyria.

Isaiah made it his business to try to keep King Hezekiah, from entering into any kind of bargain with the outsiders. The prophet was quite dramatic sometimes, walking through the streets unclothed on one occasion to protest a military alliance which he interpreted as contrary to the will of God.

At the time of our lesson today he was speaking directly to a pro-Egypt party which was quite strong in the land. He said in 31:1, "Woe to those who go down to Egypt for help and rely on horses, who trust in chariots because they are many." There may be some question as to whether Isaiah would have been a "dove" in our time, but there can be no doubt that he was opposed to Judah's proposed alliance with Egypt. He went on to say, "The Egyptians are men, and not God." It was commonly believed that the Egyptian Pharaoh was divine and that his armies and weapons must be endowed with some supernatural force. Dr. Walter G. Williams says: "Isaiah goes on to indicate that the Egyptian horses are plain flesh and blood, just as their own beasts. The climax of the message comes when the prophet says that such supposed strength will crumble and fall when God acts in history."

A PLEA FOR TRUST IN GOD

Isaiah's protest against this pro-Egyptian policy was not based on his inside military information concerning the armies from the south. It was founded on his intimate knowledge of God. He said to his king and to his people that nothing but disaster lay ahead for them unless they realized that their hope was in God.

Using the strongest descriptive language concerning God — "the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel" — which suggests his infinite power and authority, the prophet called on the people to exercise faith. His words were full of promise — by returning to God and submitting to him they would find deliverance. He said that their strength would come out of their quietness and reliance on God.

Dr. G. G. D. Kilpatrick says in *Interpreter's Bible*: "In God's name Isaiah reiterates the only policy of security and strength — trust in the power and purpose of God. It is the statesmanship of faith and obedience. To make light of it, to devise something better, like this Egyptian alliance, means but one thing — defeat."

Many of us are aware that movements are at work within the church and the world that indicate man's impatience with dependence on force. We are being pointed in the direction of new definitions of faith and a renewal of dependence on God. Many are discouraged with the church and pessimistic about its future. Do you agree with me that there are some very promising spiritual signs in our times?

FEARS AND ANXIETIES THAT DISTURB US

The prophet Isaiah was speaking to the fears and anxieties that were paralyzing his own nation. When there is no peace there are bound to be such anxieties. Jerusalem was surrounded by the Assyrian forces of Sennacherib. Defeat seemed inevitable and the king was almost insane. We read that "he rent his clothes and covered himself with sackcloth, and went into the house of the Lord." (37:1)

Some of us can recall the first inaugural address of Franklin Delano Roosevelt in 1933, the theme line of which was, "The only thing we have to fear is fear itself." Whatever one may think of the politics of FDR, those who went through those days with him will remember that he gave priority to actions that would restore faith in America.

What Isaiah was saying to the national leaders in his own time was that they were putting their first emphasis on the wrong things. He was telling them that in their feverish efforts to win a military alliance they were acting as though God did not exist. He told them they were forgetting that God was in history and that man does not have to work out his own salvation.

Our century has witnessed anxiety in more parts of the earth than any other period. So many nations have heard the sound of marching feet and felt the impact of falling bombs. Refugees have fled their homes in search of sanctuary, and in some instances a second generation has grown up in fear and anxiety. We have not known that kind of physical danger, but we cannot deny that fear and anxiety are as rampant in America today as anywhere on earth. Many have proposed solutions — many coalitions have been established. All will fail unless there is more of an emphasis on the leadership of God and the place of faith.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE TO THE KING

King Hezekiah was naturally torn by anxieties and fears as he faced the possibilities of what could happen to his country. He went to the Temple to pray, but he also sent for Isaiah. By both of these actions he indicated his willingness to put himself in the hands of God.

He was not sorry that he made such a move because Isaiah had a word for him. He sent word back to the king: "Say to your master, Thus says the Lord: Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the servants of the King of Assyria have reviled you."

Hezekiah had been sent on this spiritual quest by the taunts which might be considered an ancient form of psychological warfare. He reminded the Hebrews that they were claiming to trust in a God whom they had almost banished from their national life. He said to them, "You are not fooling anyone by this action. You are parading a faith in a God whom by your action you have disowned."

These words speak directly to our condition. Have we not claimed to be a Christian civilization, and yet wandered so far away from Christian ideals? Has anything characteristic of the Christian faith marked our proposals for the solutions of international strife and tension? Are we any closer to the Sermon on the Mount in the approaches we are taking to the calming of the turbulent domestic storms? The echo of this taunt echoes across the centuries: "You have made your boast in God, but have denied him in what you have tolerated or accepted. You have your shrines, but what relation is there between what is said and sung in them and your conduct of life?"

THE NEED FOR REASSURANCE IN OUR TIME

Recalling how Hezekiah sought undergirding against the pressures of his time, we need to be reminded that this is the route we should take in the presence of the anxieties surrounding us. The pressure of living in a materialistic, pleasure-oriented, strife-torn, and spiritually indifferent society is greater than many of us can bear.

We have been reminded that in 1487, Bartholomew Diaz sailed around the southern tip of Africa during a tremendous storm, so he named it the Cape of Storms. Ten years later Vasco de Gama sailed around that same cape. This time the sun was shining and the sea was balmy and he gave it the name of Cape of Good Hope. It all depends on the circumstances surrounding us in times of stress and strain. We have much to do with those circumstances if we learn to lean in faith on our God and not feel that we must solve our own problems. We have heard Isaiah speak again, and we cannot deny that he was speaking to our situation as well as to his own king.

United Methodist Women take action

BUFFALO, N.Y. (UMI) — Continuing a concern for leadership of women in the Church, the national policy-making body for 1,700,000 United Methodist Church women in 36,500 local units has outlined plans for promoting women delegates to the denomination's highest legislative body.

On recommendation of its Ad Hoc Committee on Churchwomen's Liberation, the Women's Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions voted at its meeting here April 27-30 that "efforts be made to encourage the election of women delegates to General Conference in (April) 1972 (in Atlanta)." The Division asked its president, Mrs. Wayne W. Harrington, Omaha, Nebr., and associate general secretary, Miss Theresa Hoover, New York, to write approximately 650 conference and district Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild presidents and chairmen. The letter is to suggest that they meet with other women delegates at 1971 annual conference sessions "to mobilize and strategize for nomination /election of qualified women delegates to the 1972 General Conference."

WOMEN INCREASE GIVING

In contrast to a downward trend in the last two years, giving by United Methodist women through their national organizations in the first three months of 1971 has shown a sharp upturn, it was reported. An increase of 70 per cent in giving during the first quarter is an encouraging sign, according to Miss Florence Little, New York, treasurer of the Women's Division.

After a 29-year period in which giving had moved steadily upward, the Women's Division experienced a decline in giving in 1969, and saw income reduced by 5 per cent in 1970. Then came 1971's first quarter upturn.

Giving by Society and Guild members January 1-March 31 totaled \$1,572,805.38, an increase of \$649,843.25, or 70.4 per cent, over the comparable period of 1970, Miss Little reported. By far the largest proportion of the increase was in the members' undesignated "pledge to missions" giving, which accounted for \$640,790.57, she added.

STOCKHOLDER RESOLUTIONS APPROVED

The Women's Division affirmed that church investments are an opportunity for missional involvement, and approved stockholder resolutions relating to what is termed social responsibility of three corporations.

The Division supported proxy resolutions in regard to social function, ecological awareness, consumer protection and employment of minority groups.

Eight stockholder resolutions are scheduled to be presented at the May 21 annual meeting of General Motors Corp. and the Women's Division will support five of them. Resolutions supported by the Division, which owns 7,047 shares of GM stock, would require GM to report each year what it is doing in air pollution control and motor vehicle safety, employment of minority group members, details of recall campaigns, and also would require

GM to list on its proxy ballot candidates for the board who have been nominated by shareholder petition. The Division approved support of an Episcopal Church proxy resolution which calls on GM to withdraw its manufacturing operations from South Africa.

The Division also acted to help implement a policy favoring legalized abortion, voted to fund projects in development education and "Third World" awareness, and appointed members to a new "Interboard Task Force on Repression of Dissent."

In other financial actions in Christian Social Relations, the Women's Division voted \$20,000 to fund a new ecumenical development education program at the Church Center for the United Nations in New York, and to make a grant of \$5,000 to the Emergency Ministry to U.S. Draft-Age Emigrants in Canada, an ecumenical program related to the National Council of Churches.

The Women's Division authorized a National Legislative Training Event to be held in five sessions in Washington, D.C., in early 1972. One session is to be offered for annual conference society and Guild leaders in each of five geographical regions. Planners said the Training Event will focus on current issues, with special reference to the 1972 Presidential election. About 200 persons are expected to attend the Training Event, about 40 at each session.

TEAM OF SIX WOMEN VISITS AFRICAN WOMEN

NEW YORK (UMI) — A team of United Methodist women leaders is scheduled to go to Africa in May for a month's study-visitation with churchwomen in several countries, particularly the Congo. Sponsored by the Women's Division and World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, the team anticipates what are called "women-to-women" experiences, with focus on common concerns of African and American women.

According to travel plans, the team is to spend 14 days in the Congo, which will be the principal part of their study-visitation. On their schedule are attendance and participation in annual meetings of Women's Societies, visits to five training centers for women and girls, conferences with government and church leaders in the capital of Kinshasa, observation of women's handcraft projects, and visits to a Women's Division-supported leadership training program for women and girls in Lubumbashi and to the Free University of the Congo (Protestant-initiated) in Kisangani.

The whole team is also scheduled to visit Liberia and Zambia.

After leaving Zambia, the team will divide, one group visiting Sierra Leone, Nigeria and Ghana, and another group going to South Africa, Rhodesia, Botswana and Kenya. All members are scheduled to return to the U.S. early in June, and have set an evaluation/follow-up session for June 7 in New York.

Rural churches, like individual Christians, accomplish more when they work together.

Church Women United elect Mississippian

Clarie Collins (Mrs. Martin) Harvey of Jackson, Mississippi, was elected national president of Church Women United at its triennial Ecumenical Assembly held in Wichita, Kansas, in April. Mrs. Harvey, a Jackson mortician, is the first black woman, the first southern woman and the first employed woman to head the ecumenical movement of church women of all faiths.

A fourth generation Mississippian, she is the granddaughter of a slave. She is active in ecumenical affairs and in the field of human rights. Her husband, the Dean of Student Affairs at Southern University, is an A.M.E. Zion minister.

Mrs. Harvey was invited by Presidents Kennedy and Johnson to participate in different White House Conferences on Human Relations.

Mrs. Harvey is a member of the executive committee of the Committee on Structure of the United Methodist Church and has served on the Methodist Committee on Overseas Relief (MCOR), and on the General Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The new president's commitment to international affairs started as early as 1939 when she was a student YWCA delegate to the World Conference of Christian Youth, Amsterdam, Holland. In 1962 she joined women from ten countries at the 17th National Disarmament Conference in Geneva.

1963 brought her to a peace pilgrimage to Rome and an audience with Pope John XXIII. In March 1971 she was among 30 Protestant leaders who went to Paris to discuss issues with the delegation at the Peace Talks.



Mrs. Clarie Collins Harvey was recently elected president of Church Women United.

Deeply committed to the economic development in her community, in 1958, Mrs. Harvey was a founder and director of the State Mutual Savings and Loan Association of Jackson, now a multi-million dollar, all black institution.

A white Episcopalian from Jackson, Mississippi, Mrs. Jane Schutte, submitted Mrs. Harvey's name for nomination to the office.

Speaking at the final 30th anniversary celebration, Mrs. Harvey quoted Matthew Arnold's words: "If ever the world sees a time when women shall come together purely and simply for the good of mankind, it will be a power such as the world has never known." She closed her speech with the words, "We must plan with our minds but start from our hearts."

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Personnel for Program Council's Advisory Committee on Planning announced

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Dr. Jameson Jones, president of Iliff Theological Seminary, Denver, Colo., has been elected chairman of the recently organized Advisory Committee on Planning related to the United Methodist Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning.

Secretary of the committee is Miss Donna Behnke, a graduate student at Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Ill.

Dr. Virgil W. Sexton of Dayton, assistant general secretary in charge of the Section of Planning for the Program Council, in announcing the personnel of the advisory committee, called attention to the fact that it is a group mandated by the General Conference "to advise the section and the division concerning long-range plans of the boards and agencies of the United Methodist Church."

The Book of Discipline provides that the committee may include theologians, social and physical scientists, economists and other qualified personnel "in order to develop and test assumptions concerning trends in American life and to assess the implications of these trends for the church."

In addition to the officers and Dr. Sexton, other members of the committee are: Dr. Finis Crutchfield, minister of Boston Avenue Church, Tulsa, Okla.; Dr. Walter Dawson, management consultant, Silver Spring, Maryland; Dr. Neiland Douglas of the National Council of Churches staff, New York; Dr. Vivian Henderson, president of Clark College, Atlanta, Ga.; Professor Marvin Judy, Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas; Dr. Willa Play-

er, Division of College Support, U. S. Office of Education, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Lyle Schaller, Center for Parish Development, Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Ill.; Professor David C. Shipley, Methodist Theological School in Ohio, Delaware.

Ex officio members include: Dr. Paul V. Church, general secretary of the Program Council, Dayton; Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle, associate general secretary, Division of Coordination, Research and Planning, Dayton, Ohio, and Dr. John B. Warman, Pittsburgh, Pa., chairman of the Section on Planning.

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Possibility of biennial General Conference sessions to be studied

CHICAGO, Ill. (UMI) — A study of the possible effect of a General Conference of the United Methodist Church every two years on the organizational pattern of denominational boards and agencies was approved here May 10 by the commission conducting a four-year study of the church's structure.

Holding an abbreviated session because of the absence of a number of members, and the hospitalization of its chairman, the Rev. Dow Kirkpatrick, the Structure Study Commission also reviewed hearings conducted at the local level recently in several sections of the country, as well as sessions with board and agency representatives and bishops of the church.

In asking for the study of a possible biennial session for the church's top law-making body, the commission said

Rhodesian Church considers mining operation

NEW YORK (UMI) — A United Methodist mission official has confirmed reports that the denomination's conference in Rhodesia has staked a claim to mine copper under a church-owned 2400 acre-tract which Rhodesian churchmen fear is threatened by large metal companies.

Dr. Juel Nordby, executive secretary for Central and Southern African affairs for the Board of Missions, stressed, however, that past and future decisions on the matter are in the hands of the church in Rhodesia.

The vein of copper ore was discov-

ered during the past two years under the Arnoldine mission station. Under Rhodesian law, there is nothing to prevent a mine operator from tunneling under property adjacent to his mine and extracting the minerals, with or without the permission of the property owner. The only way to prevent this from happening is for the owner of the adjacent property to register a claim on his own property and thus give indication that he himself intends to extract the minerals.

This is what the Rhodesian church has done with the Arnoldine property, and negotiations are underway which might lead to leasing of the mineral rights.

Officials of the World Division have emphasized that basic decisions about Arnoldine land and its potential for copper-mining are to be made by United Methodists in Rhodesia and that any income from the operation will remain in that country.

Although the Rhodesia church has the status of a full annual conference and full decision-making power, the title to the Arnoldine land is still held by the Board of Missions in New York because of extremely high legal costs involved in the transfer of titles in that country.

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SEVENTEEN HEALTH AND WELFARE AGENCIES RECEIVE CERTIFICATION

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — A group of 17 United Methodist-related health and welfare agencies have received full certification by the denomination's Certification Council, it was announced here May 10.

Another ten facilities have achieved "affiliation" status, the first of three steps in the certification process. The latest additions bring to 250, or 75 per cent, the number of such agencies to have received either affiliation, provisional certification, or full certification.

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TRANSLATION OF GERMAN VOLUMES SPEEDED UP BY METHODIST PRESS

NASHVILLE (RNS) — Abingdon Press, a United Methodist agency here, has undertaken an experimental project to speed up the process of translating the writings of younger German theologians into English.

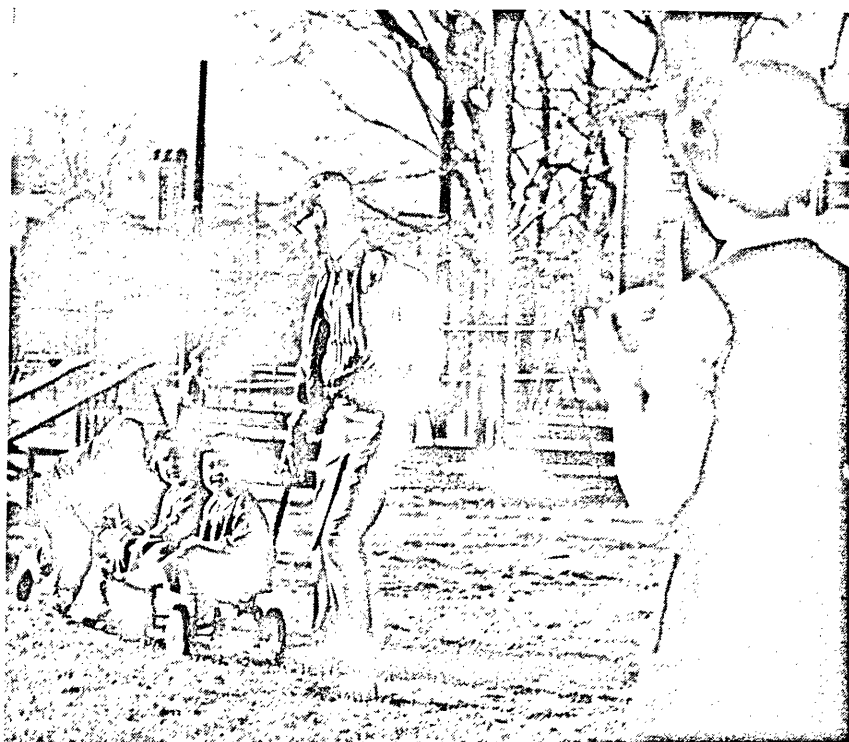
The publisher has arranged for the translation of essays from Evangelische Theologie, a 30-year-old periodical having an international reputation.

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CUBAN REUNION

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — Bishop and Mrs. Roy H. Short of the Louisville Area of the United Methodist Church served as hosts at a recent gathering of Cuban friends now living in the United States. The meeting was held at the Louisville Conference youth camp, Camp Loucon, April 27-29.

Twenty-three years ago as a new episcopal leader, Bishop Short was assigned to administer the work of the Methodist Church in Florida and Cuba. He held that assignment for four years and took it up again following the death of Bishop John Branscomb in January, 1959.



Scarritt College for Christian Workers, located in Nashville, Tenn., has been singled out as one of two schools to receive grants from the World Service Fund. Owned by the General Conference of the United Methodist Church, Scarritt is commissioned to prepare lay men and women for church and community related vocations. Nearly half of all United Methodist foreign missionaries have been trained at Scarritt and more directors of Christian education for the denomination have graduated from Scarritt than from any other college. Students at Scarritt spend a great deal of time working with members of the local community, as does this young man who entertains children at a day care center.

PROGRAM COUNCIL'S EXECUTIVE SECRETARY ON SABBATICAL STUDY LEAVE

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Dr. Gerald L. Clapsaddle of Dayton, associate general secretary of the United Methodist Church's Program Council, is currently on sabbatical leave for a three-month period of study and travel. Dr. Clapsaddle heads the Program Council's Division of Coordination, Research and Planning.

Beginning the first day of May, Dr. Clapsaddle entered upon the Executive Sabbatical Program of the School of Business Administration at the University of Michigan at Ann Arbor.

His fields of study during this period will be primarily management and the behavioral sciences, program planning and budgeting, and new frontiers of management.

During the second half of his sabbatical, Dr. Clapsaddle will be enrolled at Mansfield College, Oxford University, England, studying New Testament interpretation and theology.

His sabbatical was authorized at an earlier meeting of the Program Council.

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Recruitment of campers is the emphasis at Aldersgate these days. Much is offered for the summer of 1971 which could directly undergird and strengthen the youth, children's and family assistance programs in local churches, and character building organizations throughout the state.

Ray Tribble, camp director, urges that such organizations in Arkansas examine the opportunities and possibilities of sending groups or individuals to Aldersgate for the enriching experience of fellowship and guidance in this outdoor setting.

Carrying out the theme "Living and Learning in God's World," there will be youth and adult retreats; guidance for youth and adults in conflict; programs for disadvantaged children, exceptional children and youth, retarded adults, the blind and the deaf. In addition, there will be a six-week progressive camp for ages 7-12 from June 21 until July 30, an interfaith experimental project which offers fun, trips, and environmental study.

Evening day camps for junior highs (July 5-16) and senior highs (July 19-30), from 5-9 p.m., are a new addition to the program this year.

Dr. Tom Collingwood from the Arkansas Rehabilitation Center will guide frontier camping experiences for young men, ages 16-20, who are in conflict with their environment and/or need information and guidance about drugs and rehabilitation.

The facilities of the 160 acres of woodland, including its cabins, dining room services, class rooms, auditorium, its lake and beach are offered to families, choirs, church school classes, business firms, youth and children's groups of any faith or race.

It is urged, however, that churches and social agencies plan now and contact the camp about their plans. If camperships are needed, some are available. Mr. Tribble and Rush Holt, program director, will be glad to discuss these possibilities with prospective groups. Explanatory brochures and application blanks are available by writing the camp.

Friendly Couples Class, First Church Little Rock
WSCS, First Church, Morrilton
WSCS, First Church, Van Buren
Wm. P. Scarlett, M.D.
WSCS, Asbury Church, Little Rock
WSCS, England, Ark.
WSCS, Wynne
Mrs. Clarence Gardiner
Smith Booth Class, Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock
WSCS, First Church, Batesville
Mr. & Mrs. E. W. Dodgen
Dr. & Mrs. Alan Cazort
Mrs. H. King Wade, Sr.
WSG, Des Arc
Grady WSCS, Gould
WSG, First Church, Harrison
Roundtable Class, St. Luke Church, Little Rock
The Happy Hour Club
WSCS, First Church, Benton
Mrs. O. T. Ward
WSCS, Mountain View
Gardner Memorial WSCS, North Little Rock
WSCS, Waldron Church, Waldron.

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WOMEN HOLD RETREAT AT BEAR CREEK CAMP

The Forrest City District Women's Society of Christian Service held a spiritual growth retreat at Bear Creek Methodist Camp on April 25.

Mrs. Lucile Nix of Brinkley, district spiritual growth chairman, was in charge of the meeting. Mrs. Carlos Smith of Helena gave the devotional on "Fill My Cup", using several kinds of cups to illustrate the various kinds used in Jesus' time. Mrs. Arlene Horne sang a solo, "Fill My Cup."

Mrs. Nix led the Bible study on "faith, hope, love, and fidelity" from Bible references.

Mrs. H. E. Wright, district president, introduced Mrs. Christy Shope, member of Trinity United Methodist in Little Rock, who gave an inspirational message.

JONESBORO DISTRICT GUILDS HONOR MISS OSMENT

The Jonesboro District Wesleyan Service Guild held a district meeting at the Monette United Methodist Church in April. Mrs. Tom Watson, vice-president of the local unit, extended a welcome to members and guests.

Mrs. George Disinger, district chairman from Jonesboro, introduced the speaker, Mrs. Truman Stephens from Fort Smith who is conference chairman of Guilds.

After a routine business session, Mrs. Stephens presented Miss Mildred Osmont of Jonesboro with a Special Membership pin. This tribute was paid to Miss Osmont for her many years of service to the Wesleyan Service Guild and the Women's Society of Christian Service, and other phases of church work.

"WIVES" REVIEW YEAR

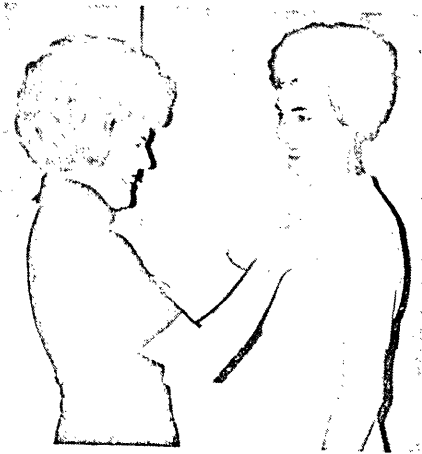
Programs held by Little Rock District Ministers' Wives this year were planned under the leadership of Marion Dunlap. Carol Ann Nolley served as president of the group which held meetings on second Thursdays.

The traditional June picnic welcoming new ministers' families to the district was held at Aldersgate Camp. The October program featured "Getting to Know You" at a patio potluck held at "Edswood", home of Sarah and Ed Galloway. Kay Hollenbeck was hostess to the November meeting at her Benton parsonage, with Mary Lillian Moore presenting the program on a "thankful" theme.

The Christmas dinner for families was hosted by District Superintendents Ray Hozendorf and wife, and held in Asbury Church. Esther Hozendorf was hostess in the district parsonage to the January meeting. "A Funny Thing Happened to Me at Church" provoked a riot of laughter as all participated.

A tasting luncheon at Jerrine Hart's in February delved into the "Way to a Man's Heart." "Wesleyana" was on display in slides and exhibits and food as each shared collections from early Methodism at the "Wesley Tea Party" in the home of Mabel Harris in March.

"Show and Tell" was the theme at the April meeting held with Marie Thomas as wives displayed items having some special significance.



During their annual luncheon May 10, the women of First United Methodist Church, De Queen, presented Mrs. David B. Wilson, at right, with a WSCS Special Membership Pin. Mrs. Lee Chaddburn is making the presentation. Mrs. Wilson is the wife of the De Queen pastor.

SOUTHWEST CONFERENCE WSCS

Miss Thelma Stevens, former executive secretary of Christian Social Relations of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, was the speaker in Little Rock when the Little Rock District, Southwest Conference, held the third annual spring meeting of the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild.

Mark's Chapel United Methodist Church, Pankey's Addition, Highway 10, was host to the event, April 30 and May 1. Mrs. Ida Bell Douglas is president of the host society and the Rev. W. M. Robinson is pastor at Mark's Chapel.

"Listen Christian" was the theme of the meeting.

Mrs. Marie Watkins, president, presided over business sessions and presented the "President's Message" on Saturday morning.

Officers giving reports included: Mrs. Vida Thompson, vice president; Mrs. Queen E. Brown, secretary; Mrs. Ruth Johnson, assistant secretary; Mrs. Janie Bledsoe, treasurer; Mrs. Clifton Mitchell, missionary education; Mrs. Perantha Barber, Christian social relations; Mrs. Lula Brown, spiritual growth; Mrs. Pearl Miller, program materials; and Mrs. E. M. Johnson, chairman of nominations. Mrs. Brown led the Memorial Service, and Mrs. Bledsoe led the Pledge Service.

Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro, Southwest Conference WSCS president, was a resource person throughout the meeting.

MONTICELLO DISTRICT Parsonettes met in the home of Mrs. Herman Bonds of Portland on April 22. Mrs. Norman Kirkwood of Wilmot gave a demonstration on flower arranging. Mrs. Kirkwood is a nationally accredited flower show judge. The host and hostess served a delicious meal to those present.

FORREST CITY DISTRICT Parsonettes met May 8 with Mrs. Charles Nance at Vannale with 11 members present. The business meeting was conducted by the vice-president, Mrs. Lowell Eaton, who also presented the program for the day.



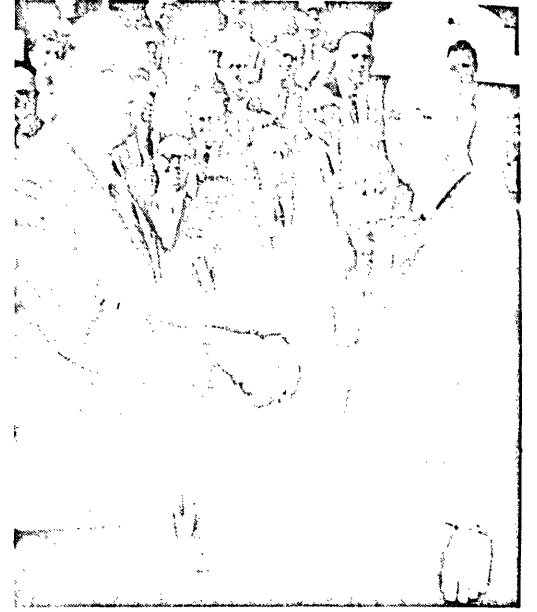
The Century Bible Class of First United Methodist Church in Hope, organized in 1946 and one of the largest in the South with a current membership of over 200 and a regular attendance of 125, recently honored its past-presidents. The thirty-eight churchmen pictured here have had this distinction.



The Men's Club at First Church, Helena hosted 150 Forrest City District United Methodist Men at a steak supper on May 13. Part of the cooking crew and the 12 grills used are pictured here. The Rev. Merle Johnson, Eudora pastor, was speaker for the occasion. Dr. John Matthew is president of the Helena group; the Rev. Jim Beal is pastor.



The youth of Oaklawn United Methodist Church in Hot Springs presented "Tell It Like It Is," a folk musical about God, at their church on Sunday evening, May 9 under the direction of their pastor, the Rev. Fred Arnold. A 20-voice choir, guitars, drums, piano, organ and tambourine provided the contemporary musical setting.



Leland Warmack, with 25 years perfect attendance in the Century Bible Class of Hope First Church, receives the congratulations of Don Worthey, present class president. Warmack has served as class secretary for the past 15 years. The Rev. Norris Steele is minister at Hope.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

Christianity is not the word become idea, but the word become flesh, and therefore, according to E. Stanley Jones, the Sermon on the Mount is not idealism, but realism, and first of all, a portrait of Jesus himself. To live some way other than the Sermon on the Mount turns out badly — turns out to be the kind of mess we are now in, individually and collectively.

BEATITUDES

When Christ taught truth with
Sermon on the Mount
The multitude He fed and also blest,
Beatitudes He gave and did account
Them rules for life for us the very best.
"The poor in ego have the Kingdom now,
Those meek before God own Earth by His will.
The mourners for truth He comforts somehow,
Those hungry for right His judgment says fill.
The merciful will His mercy receive,
The pure in heart his God is sure to see.
Make peace and His child you're called
by His leave.
Fear not if for these they persecute thee."
To us is given just one life to live,
Our share of Heaven the measure we give.

—by Gordon E. McCarty

RENDERING

You can read in books
How you should act,
How to conquer your mind.
But the measure that counts
In the fullest amount
Is how you regard mankind.
It's lending a hand
Or giving a smile
Regardless of color or creed.
To those who need help
Give a lot of yourself;
These are the things men need.

—by Austin Cravens