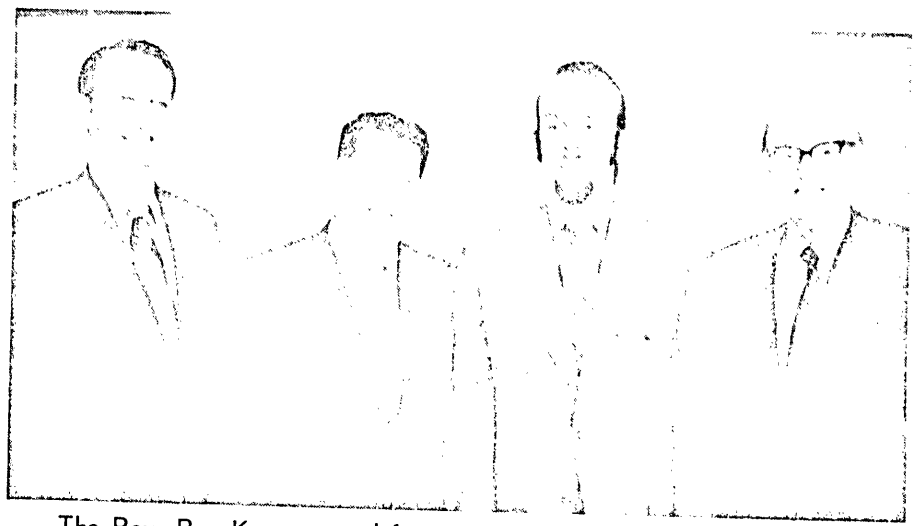


Bishop Paul V. Galloway is shown as he greeted the retiring members of the North Arkansas Conference and their families. In the group retiring were: the Rev. Marshall A. Bridwell, the Rev. Herchalle J. Couchman, the Rev. Clint W. Good, the Rev. E. J. Holifield, the Rev. Irl S. Lancaster, the Rev. T. B. Parmenter, Dr. S. B. Wilford and the Rev. J. C. Wright.



The Rev. Ron Kerr, second from right, staff member of the Board of Evangelism, was the speaker for the Evangelism Dinner at the North Arkansas Conference. Officers of the Conference Board with him are (from left): the Rev. Bob Orr, the Rev. W. Leonard Byers and the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

Four new District Superintendents named

North Arkansas joins in request for new Plan of Merger

The North Arkansas Annual Conference, meeting May 31-June 2 at Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, joined the Little Rock and Oklahoma Annual Conferences in asking that a new committee be named to develop a new plan of Merger with the Southwest Annual Conference. Reaffirming a previous action in which it had expressed itself as being in favor of merger, the resolution adopted by the Conference expressed the hope that such a Plan might be developed and implemented in a Special Session prior to the 1972 General Conference.

in the Little Rock Conference. He succeeds Dr. Myers B. Curtis, who was named pastor of Amboy United Methodist Church, North Little Rock.

The Rev. Charles P. McDonald, who has been pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Rogers, was appointed superintendent of the Fort Smith District. He succeeds the Rev. Archie N. Boyd, who was named pastor of Goddard Memorial United Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

The new superintendent of the Batesville District is the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., who has been pastor of Gardner Memorial United Methodist Church, North Little Rock. He succeeds the Rev. E. J. Holifield, who retired.

Named as superintendent of the Paragould District was the Rev. Elmo Thomason, who has been pastor of Lakeside United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff. He succeeds Dr. S. B. Wilford, who retired.

Elected as delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences of 1972 were: **GENERAL CONFERENCE:** Clerical: Joel A. Cooper, Earl B. Carter, Myers B. Curtis and Charles McDonald; Lay: H. H. Fulbright, Clay Bumpers, Henry Rainwater and Matt

Bishop Roy H. Short of the Louisville Area was the Conference Preacher. He preached four times during the session, bringing his final message at the Service of Ordination on Wednesday evening.

When the appointments were read by Bishop Galloway on Wednesday evening following the Service of Ordination, four new district superintendents were named and 74 other ministers were appointed to new charges.

Named superintendent of the Fayetteville District was Dr. Raymond L. Franks, who has been serving as superintendent of the Monticello District



Bishop Paul V. Galloway, left, and Bishop Roy H. Short of the Louisville Area, Conference Preacher for the North Arkansas Conference.

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Philander Smith Campaign exceeds Little Rock area goal

Officials of the Philander Smith College fund campaign announced last week that a \$2,000 gift from the Kroger Co. in Arkansas had put the Little Rock area campaign over its \$200,000 goal.

The announcement was made jointly by Dr. Walter R. Hazzard, president of the college, and William M. Shepherd, who has been directing the campaign.

Dr. Hazzard said that this brings to \$1,400,000 the amount pledged toward the goal of \$2 million which the college needs for the improvements that will assure its continued accreditation.

The remaining \$600,000 will be

raised in Arkansas outside the Little Rock area and in other states through foundation and alumni gifts, and through other sources.

Mr. Shepherd said that 360 contacts were made in the Little Rock business community and that 198 of them had contributed \$199,627 before the \$2,000 Kroger gift put the Little Rock drive over its goal.

The gift was made through R. F. Dietrich, personnel manager for the Little Rock and Arkansas Divisions of Kroger. It was presented to Dr. Hazzard by Arthur J. Wilson, a 1950 graduate of Philander Smith who recently completed the Kroger management training program.

L. Ellis; **JURISDICTIONAL CONFERENCE:** Clerical: Ethan W. Dodgen, Ben F. Jordan, John A. Bayliss and Jim Beal; Lay: Mrs. Howard Johnson, Clark McClinton, Carlos Smith and I. N. Barnett.

ALTERNATES: Clerical: J. William Watson, Clint Burleson and Charles Richards; Lay: Marvin Gaither, Drone Adams and Roy Weld.

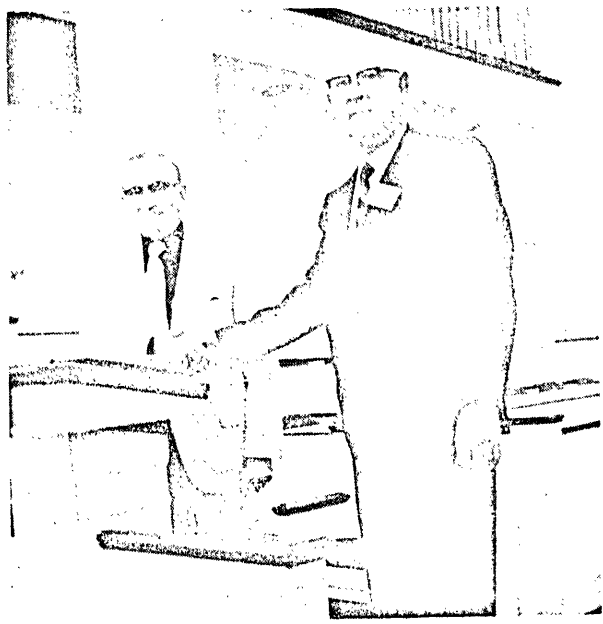
District Superintendents' Report: The composite report of the district superintendents was presented by the Rev. Archie N. Boyd, secretary of the Cabinet. The report expressed appreciation for the leadership of Bishop and Mrs. Paul V. Galloway. It said, "While this is called the district superintendents' report, in a larger sense it is the report of the laymen and ministers of the whole conference."

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BISHOP WALTON SUFFERS HEART ATTACK

Bishop Aubrey G. Walton suffered a heart attack on Thursday morning at Centenary College where he was presiding over the session of the Louisiana Annual Conference. He is in the coronary care unit of Physicians and Surgeons Hospital in Shreveport, where his physician, Dr. Keith Mason, reports that he is making satisfactory progress. He expects to place him in a private room about the middle of the week.

Bishop Paul E. Martin, who had been at the Conference to participate in the ceremony of merger of Louisiana Conference A and Louisiana Conference B, presided over the remaining sessions.



E. Clay Bumpers, left, lay leader of the North Arkansas Conference, recognized Joe S. Pierce of Searcy who has served 21 years as a district lay leader.

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North Arkansas Conference

The report showed that a new church has been organized at Fairfield Bay. Seven new sanctuaries have been completed during the year, and two are now under construction. Six new educational buildings have been completed, nine new parsonages have been completed, one is under construction, and two new parsonages have been purchased.

The report showed that 1,352 have been received into the church on profession of faith, 2,225 were received from other Methodist Churches and 455 from other denominations.

Special attention was paid to the fine progress being made in the Pension Endowment Program in which \$435,941.07, or 36% of the three-year goal of \$1,200,000 has been paid.

Evangelism Speaker: The Rev. Ron Kerr of the staff of the General Board of Evangelism was the speaker for the Evangelism Dinner at Mount Sequoyah on Monday evening. Mr. Kerr also spoke to the Conference on Tuesday morning.

Full Membership: Received into full membership in the conference were: Jack Skelton, Robert M. English, Andrew M. Hall, Jr., Ronald Perry Knight, John Anthony Holifield, DuBois M. Pettit and Powell Gladstone Williams, III.

Service of Commemoration: The Rev. Ben F. Jordan, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Conway, was the preacher for the Service of Commemoration on Tuesday morning. Honored in this service were the following who died during the year: **Ministers:** the Rev. John W. Glover, the Rev. Jason W. Moore, Dr. Claud M. Reves, the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Sr., the Rev. Alvis Raymond Brooks and the Rev. Milton B. Short; **Wives and Widows:** Mrs. Grace E. English, Mrs. Sallie L. Harris, Mrs. Grace Sneed Faulkner, Mrs. H. B. Fryar, Mrs. Maude L. Emrah and Mrs. Virgie Nichols.

Methodist Publishing House: Miss Irma Lou Smith, representing the Methodist Publishing House, was introduced to the Conference and presented a check for \$10,236.44 to Bishop Galloway for the use of the Board of Pensions.

Welcome: The Conference was welcomed to Fayetteville by Alcuin Eason, Jr. of the Administrative Board of the host church.

Board of Pensions: Dr. M. D. Denke and the Rev. Clyde Parsons presented the report of the Board of Pensions. Included in this action was the authorization for the observance of Retired Ministers' Sunday in November. Plans were also announced for the holding of district meetings in the Fall to stimulate "fair share" giving to the Pension Endowment Campaign.

North Arkansas District Superintendents



Raymond Franks



Charles McDonald



Elmo Thomason



Floyd Villines, Jr.

An annuity rate of between \$59 and \$61 was authorized, depending on the financial condition of the Board on January 1.

The Rev. Earl B. Carter, director of the Pension Campaign, told of the progress that was being made on payments to the Pension Endowment Campaign and awarded certificates to local churches that have paid their "fair share" for the entire three years of the campaign.

Treasurer's Report: Grafton Thomas, area treasurer, reported that giving in the churches is currently 13% ahead of the same period last year, and that giving on World Service was 10.4% better than at the same time a year ago.

Methodist Hospital: Henry Hottum, administrator of the Methodist Hospital in Memphis spoke to the Conference concerning the expansion plans for that institution.

Minimum Salary: Dr. W. Henry Goodloe and the Rev. Thomas E. Weir presented the report of the Commission on Minimum Salary. Also presented was the report of the Special Study Committee on Minimum Salary. Both of these reports outline programs of cultivation and training through which minimum salary charges might move in the direction of becoming self-sustaining.

Mount Sequoyah: The Rev. N. Lee Cate, superintendent of Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly, reported on that institution tracing its history to action taken by the North Arkansas Conference in 1920.

Arkansas Methodist: The report of the Joint Commission for the Arkansas Methodist and The Louisiana Methodist was presented by the Rev. Lloyd M. Conyers and Editor Alfred A. Knox. The adoption of this report

authorized the increase of the subscription price to \$3.00 for 1972.

Interconference Merger Report: Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen presented the plan recommending merger of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. This report is filed for study during the year and for action at the 1972 Annual Conference.

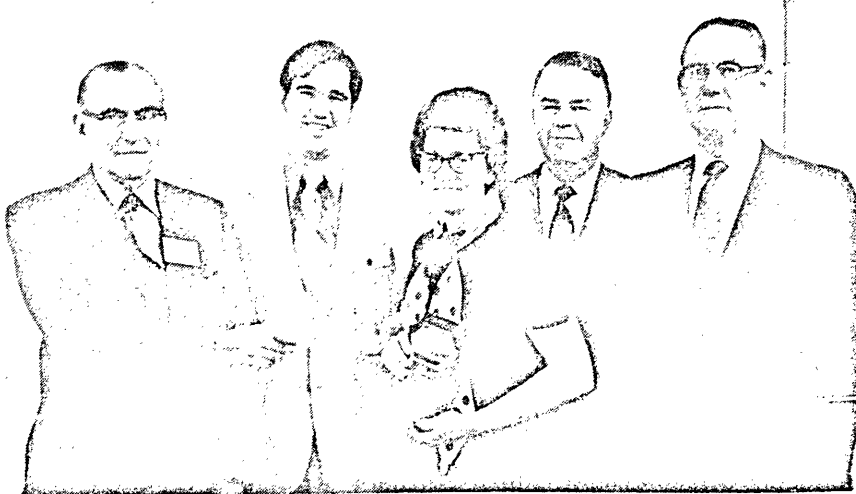
Christian Social Concerns: The report of the Board of Christian Social Concerns was presented by Dr. Earl Hughes and the Rev. Wayne Jarvis. A major emphasis of the report is the promotion of attendance at the Mount Sequoyah seminar this summer. Travel, room and board is to be provided for three persons from each district for this period of training.

Ecumenical Affairs: The Commission on Ecumenical Affairs filed a Supplemental Report which proposed wide participation in the Arkansas Council of Churches and the election of additional persons to represent the Conference on the Board of that organization. The report also called for continued support of the Ecumenical Clergy Conference and for wide study of A Plan of Union proposed by the Consultation on Church Union.

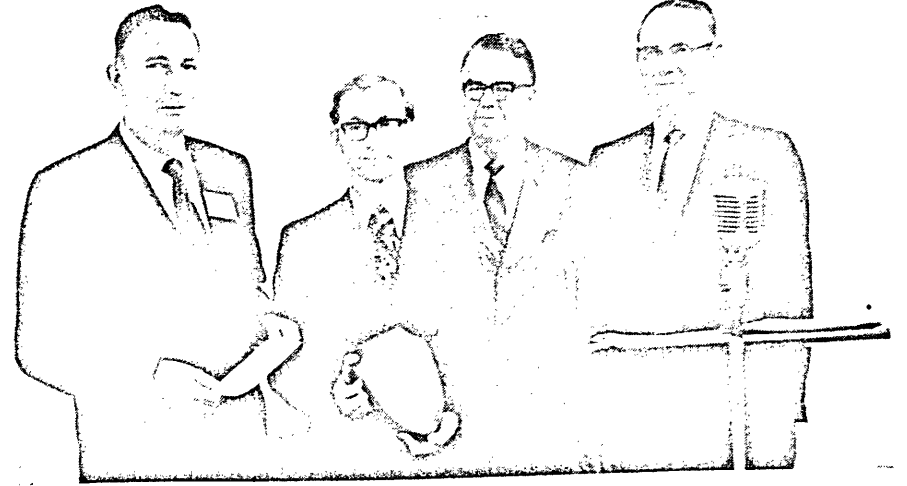
Health and Welfare Ministries: The report of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries included the recommendation for a change in the charter of the Arkansas Methodist Children's Home permitting the naming of "three members at large from each Conference" to its Board of Trustees. The Rev. J. Edwin Keith and the Rev. George Stewart spoke to the report.

Retirements: On recommendation of the Board of the Ministry, the retired relationship was granted to the Rev. Marshall A. Bridwell, the Rev.

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The Oppelo Church, Conway District, was cited as the "Open Country Church of the Year" in the North Arkansas Conference. E. Clay Bumpers is shown presenting a check to Mrs. Leon Thompson as a gift from the Board of Laity. Looking on are the Rev. Carroll Jackson, pastor, Dr. Charles Richards, chairman of the Conference Board of Missions, and the Rev. Braska Savage, chairman of the Town and Country Committee.



The Mountain View Church, Batesville District, was chosen the Small Town Church of the Year. Shown are the pastor, the Rev. Raymond Hawkins, and Charles Whitfield, a layman from the Mountain View Church, along with Dr. Richards and Mr. Savage.

CHURCH GROUPS AND THE MOVIE RATINGS

For some time church people have been concerned about the rating system used for the classification of motion pictures, wondering if they were not giving some aid and comfort to the exploiters in this industry. Although the plan had come into existence through the cooperation of some of our leaders in religious communications, there have been a number of questions raised in recent months. Now Protestant and Catholic communications organizations have announced that they can no longer give their endorsement to the ratings.

The action was announced in a joint press conference statement on May 18 by the National Council of Churches' Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) and the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (NCOMP). Spokesmen who joined in the statement were the Rev. William F. Fore, a United Methodist minister who serves as director of BFC, and the Rev. Patrick J. Sullivan, director of NCOMP.

"The basic criterion for evaluating the rating program," the statement said, "is whether it protects the young from material beyond their ability to cope. We believe that the ratings at the present do not take into account sufficiently the total context of a given film, that they place too much weight on overt visual sex, and not enough on the implicit exploitation of sex and the overall impact of violence and other anti-social aspects of the film on the child."

The statement went on to say, "In addition, overt visual sex is now finding its way into the 'GP' (All ages admitted, Parental Guidance Suggested) films. This pivotal rating thus has become worse than useless because, a parent having once been misled, had no way of knowing whether other 'GP' rated films contain similar material."

In releasing their statement, the two groups cited examples of "GP" films which they felt should have been rated "R" (restricted to persons over 16 unless accompanied by parent or guardian). Among these were: "Bananas" (said to be primarily "adult humor"), "Ryan's Daughter" (containing "explicit" love scenes), "Valdez is Coming" (grim violence) and "10 Rillington Place" ("mass murder").

As we pointed out, the two groups had endorsed the system when it was introduced in October, 1968 as being "consistent with the rights and obligations of free speech and artistic expression, as well as with the duty of parents and society to safeguard the young in their growth to responsible adulthood." At that time they promised to work with the plan to help its implementation and to report back to the public on their estimate of its success. We joined at that time with the editors of many other religious periodicals in publicizing the rating system and in issuing a challenge to parents to familiarize themselves with the ratings and use them in their family experiences.

In May of last year, BFC and NCOMP warned parents and the film industry that the rating system was not working well. They said that it was in danger of failure unless immediate steps were taken to improve the system in these areas: more reliability in the ratings themselves, and especially in the "GP" rating; better theater compliance, more honesty in advertising, and elimination of "R" and "X" trailers shown with "G" and "GP" films.

The two groups believe that their lack of confidence in the rating system is in the interest of the moviegoing public and the industry as a whole. The statement affirmed, "It is essential that the motion picture industry itself realize that it must develop a workable, dependable and credible system of self-regulation as an alternative to governmental censorship."

BFC and NCOMP have pledged themselves to continue to periodically re-examine the performance of the rating system and to make further reports to the public.

The action of the Broadcasting and Film Commission to withdraw support was taken at an Executive Committee meeting on May 13. United Methodist members at the meeting and who supported the action were Dr. Gene W. Carter and Nelson Price of the staff of TRAFCO. Dr. Carter said that the only way the rating system can be saved is for the ratings to be set by a panel of persons unrelated to the movie industry.

Jack Valenti, president of Motion Picture Association of America, has called the action of the church groups unfair. He says that the latest opinion research shows that a majority of parents find the rating system helpful.

It is our opinion that the actions taken by the Protestant and Catholic communications leaders represent responsible stewardship on their part. Having played such a large part in the creation of the rating system, and having worked so hard to make people aware of it, they do now have every right to call the attention of the American public to inadequacies which they feel have crept into it. The film industry had agreed that there would be responsible self-regulation, and there are now many evidences that this is not taking place. We had high hopes for the rating system, and we believe it is still possible for it to succeed through a sound response to the challenge of the Protestant and Catholic groups.

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"Media and Democracy"

One of the finest analyses of the part played by the mass media in American politics is found in an article by Dr. William F. Fore in the May 17 issue of *Christianity and Crisis* under the title "Media and Democracy."

After tracing the manner in which the media have influenced political campaigns through the years, Dr. Fore points out that a number of factors are contributing to the decline of radio and television. He says, "However, at the moment of its greatest power, broadcasting (and television in particular) is becoming less rather than more responsive to the needs of society."

This article advances the prediction that in the next decade television will slowly cease to play the centralized, unifying information role it has played for the past two decades. He feels that cable television, video cartridges and other innovations in the field will bring about a radical demonopolizing of communications. It is his opinion that this will apply to the entertainment part of television as well as to the new and public service programs. All of this seems to indicate that there will be a growing centralization of local control over the news. With changes such as these, Dr. Fore is of the opinion that there will be a decline in the number of issues that are debated nationally in political campaigns and that "political campaigns will become increasingly personality-package-oriented."

Because this becomes a moral issue concerning the evil effects of the breakdown in our systems of communication, he feels that the churches have a great responsibility to help develop community groups that will give voice to the public interest in the communications field. Another challenge to the churches is that to help develop a strong national public broadcasting system.

The concluding sentence of this fine article says: "The churches, more than any other institution, have a stake in the development of an effective nationwide communication system, since it will have a fundamental impact on what men become."

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NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Twelve thousand young Methodists swarmed into London from all parts of the country on a recent weekend combining fun and serious discussion. Some came by plane from as far away as Ireland and the Channel Islands. Others came by train, bus and car. All were taking part in what is known as their "London Weekend," organized by the Methodist Assn. of Youth Clubs. According to an Assn. spokesman, this year's event captured more headlines and attracted more participants than before. Perhaps in part because of two or three "older people" who were on the program. They included Cliff Richard, 30, a nationally known pop singer often seen at Church musical events, Lord Soper, former Methodist Conference president and Des Wilson, leader of Shelter, a national campaign for homeless people. The men appeared individually at a massive debate on "People" interspersed with intermittent "singsongs."

An Anglican clergyman has been appointed religion editor of Canada's largest newspaper. The Rev. Tom Harpur, 42, former Rhodes scholar and theology professor at Toronto's Wycliffe College, is the new religion editor of the Toronto Daily Star. Editor Harpur says, "I think we are on the edge of a great religious revival which will make the Reformation look small by comparison."

The Western Catholic Reporter, archdiocesan weekly based in Edmonton, Alberta (Can.) will change its format and initiate a parish coverage plan aimed at putting the newspaper into every Catholic home, according to Archbishop Anthony Jordan, disclosing a five-year development plan. It is precisely because of declining Church attendance that religious publications must be maintained, he noted. "In my opinion the best service that members of a parish council can make to their parish is to support this development plan," he said. Editor Douglas Roche commented, "Our paper will . . . continue its blend of world and local news that helps the Christian cope with the changing world."

More than 100 members of the Mennonite Disaster Service, a relief agency, came from Pennsylvania, Virginia and Delaware to clean up West Potomac Park and the Washington Monument grounds following May Day anti-war demonstrations during which the throngs left debris and destruction. The group worked without compensation, emphasizing that the "clean up" was their way of "showing we're for peace" and that Mennonites, as pacifists, "want to be constructive, not destructive." The group said their "policy is to pray for, pay and obey the government."

Speaking before mission executives at the Interchurch Center in New York, the Rev. Faud Bahnan of the Nat'l. Evangelical Church of Beirut and Halim Saba, a Jordanian and Greek Orthodox layman, appealed for U.S. church support of Arab Christian schools in Jerusalem. They said Arab Christians support six schools in Israel-occupied Jerusalem, and added that the institutions are being "overburdened" by an influx of Muslim newcomers whose parents fear their children will lose their Arab cultural identity if they go to public school. The "Old City" of Jerusalem was under Jordanian control until the Six-Day War of 1967, when it came into Israeli hands.

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Dr. Harold Roberts, a former president of the British Methodist Conference, issued a blunt warning that "there is no future for a divided Church." He said, "There are those within and without the Church who are anxious to hasten its decline and to repudiate institutional religion with its buildings, historic ministry and traditional worship." He continued, "Before the demolition squads complete their task, they might well pause to consider the question: What is the Church? . . . Primarily the Church is not an institution, nor is it to be exclusively identified with the hierarchy or the ministry or the laity. The Church is the people of God created by God on the stage of history through the life, death and resurrection of Christ."

Twin Circle—a national Catholic publication paid a tribute to the Mormon way of life in its May 23rd issue. "Amid today's frequent flux and sometimes downright disintegration of religious values," the publication said, "the tremendous growth of the Mormon Church—which has doubled its membership in the past 10 years and now numbers 3 million—is an impressive phenomenon." The newspaper noted that the growth is more remarkable because of the strict requirements of the Mormon faith—"Mormons abstain from alcohol and stimulants such as tea, coffee and tobacco; contribute 10 per cent of their income to the Church; and finance their youth through two years of voluntary missionary activity."

Reformed Church of American Women, convening in Cleveland, O., were challenged to fulfill their roles as "the traditional keepers of the moral values" by becoming more involved in politics and government. Mrs. Lois Joice, an editor of the denomination and a member of the New Jersey Comm. on Women said "There is a real need for our special point of view in politics, the whole field of government needs women with a Christian outlook . . . we do think differently from men."

Sen. John G. Tower of Texas speaking concerning a mounting number of co-sponsored bills in both the Senate and the House which would authorize acceptance into this country of an additional 30,000 Russian Jewish refugees each year said the idea behind the bill is "very simple." It is the welcoming of people from another country where they are persecuted "simply because of their religious belief." Noting that "America has always been a haven for those who are religiously oppressed," the Senator said supporting this bill "will reaffirm our support for the most basic principle of freedom of religion."

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DALLAS — Paul Eshleman, 28-year-old director of the International Student Congress on Evangelism (EXPLO '72), has been given the task of coordinating an effort to bring 100,000 students and laymen to the Dallas Cotton Bowl during June 12-17, for the congress. Sponsored by the Campus Crusade for Christ International, EXPLO '72 will "launch a strategy to train 500,000 people during 1972 for a spiritual explosion across America and around the world." Eshleman, a staff member of the Campus Crusade since 1966, will be heading up a staff of some 35 people—all headquartered in Dallas.

JUNE 10, 1971

NORTH ARKANSAS
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General and Jurisdictional Conference Delegates

Herchalle Jacob Couchman, Dr. Sewell B. Wilford, the Rev. Elmer J. Holifield, the Rev. Irl S. Lancaster, the Rev. Clint W. Good, the Rev. J. C. Wright, and the Rev. T. B. Parmenter. Those who were present made statements to the Conference and the members of their families were introduced.

Probationary Members: Received as probationary members of the Conference were: Thomas Winburn Barnett, James David Harrison, Carol Ann Newcombe Lascaro, Joe Morrow Sherman, Jimmie Maxwell West and James Claude Sutherland, Jr.

Evangelism: The report of the Board of Evangelism was presented by the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr. and the Rev. W. Leonard Byers. The program as adopted included an emphasis on the Mission to the World to be administered by the World Methodist Council, and workshops for the training of ministers in evangelism. Also recommended was the holding of "Discipline and Discovery" programs in churches that have had Lay Witness Missions. The Rev. Allan Hilliard called attention to three "Discipline and Discovery" Conferences scheduled for this summer.

Continuing Education: In adopting the report of the Board of the Ministry the Conference challenged local churches to make it possible for their ministers to avail themselves of periodic opportunities for continuing study.

Board of the Laity: In making the report of the Board of the Laity, E. Clay Bumpers presented the list of District Lay Leaders to be elected by the Conference. Re-elected as officers of the Board were: Conference Lay Leader: E. Clay Bumpers; Associates: Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Joe S. Pierce and Warren Blaylock; and Conference Director of Lay Speaking, Jim Wiseman.

The Conference paid tribute to Joe S. Pierce of Searcy who has completed 21 years of service as a District Lay Leader.

Board of Education: Dr. Charles Casteel presented the report of the Board of Education which placed an accent on ministry to small churches through hearing/listening sessions in at least two districts, the involvement of the Program Council directors in leadership training activities, and an accent on youth ministries declaring this to be a priority ministry through December 31, 1972.

Also approved by the Conference was the recommendation for the establishment of the Ira A. Brumley Scholarship Fund to be used for scholarships to persons to attend the Laboratory Leadership School at Mt. Sequoyah.

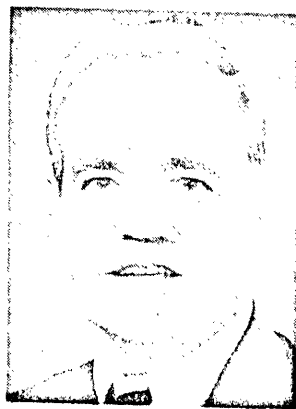
Missions: Dr. Charles W. Richards and the Rev. David P. Conyers presented the report of the Board of Missions including recommendations looking toward uniform salary supplement policies in cooperation with the Commission on Minimum Salary, and new policies regarding church extension and building grants to take the place of the former Building Shares program of the Conference. New guidelines for the making of such grants are included



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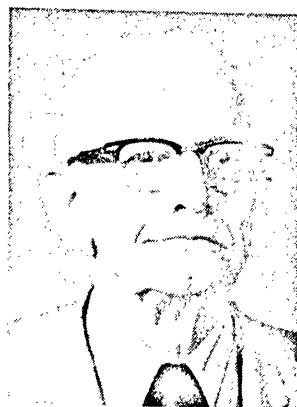
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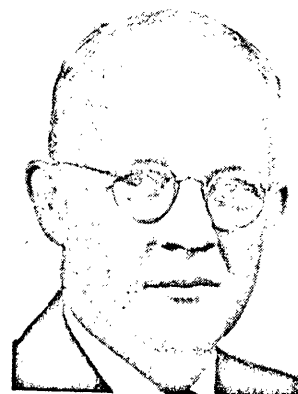
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in the report adopted by the Conference.

Town and Country Churches of the Year: At the Town and Country Dinner held at Wiggins Memorial Church on Tuesday evening the Town and Country Churches of the Year were announced. They were: Open Country Church of the Year — Oppelo United Methodist Church, Conway District, and Small Town Church of the Year — Mountain View United Methodist Church, Batesville District.

Program Council: The report of the Program Council was presented by Dr. Joel A. Cooper and the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr., Dr. Harold O. Eggensperger and the Rev. Earl B. Carter, Program Directors, spoke to the report. Emphasis was placed on the Planning Retreat held at Cherokee Village and the needs of the churches revealed in a recent survey. Included in the presentation were the reports of the Committee on Interpretation, the Committee on Television, Radio and Film Communications, and the Committee on Publishing Interests.

Women's Society: Mrs. Howard Johnson, president of the conference Women's Society of Christian Service made the report for that organization.

Public Relations and Methodist Information: The Rev. Ben F. Jordan and the Rev. James A. Barton presented the report of the Commission on Public Relations and Methodist Information. A report was made on the Conference Workshop on Training in Communications held in April in Conway, and the recommendation was adopted that there be similar district workshops during the coming year.

Enlistment for Church Occupations: The Rev. James T. Randle, Jr. and the Rev. David N. Moose presented the report urging a "District Day Apart on the Parish Ministry" to be held in each district during the fall. A report was also made on the training enter-



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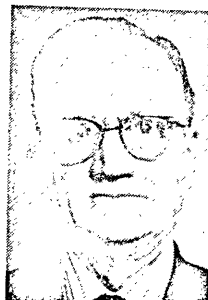
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prise which brought together the summer workers and the pastors of local churches in order that this program might be made more meaningful.

Service of Ordination: Bishop Roy H. Short brought the message for the Service of Ordination held on Wednesday evening. Ordained were: **Deacons:** Thomas Winborn Barnett, James David Harrison, Carol Ann Newcombe Lascaro, Joe Morrow Sherman, Jimmie Maxwell West, Robert Wendell Lee and William Woodrow Waits; **Elders:** Jack Skelton, Robert Norton English, Andrew Martin Hall, Jr., John Anthony Holifield, DuBois Morton Pettit, Powell Gladstone Williams, II, and Ronald Perry Knight.

Meeting Place for 1972: The Conference voted to accept the invitation of First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, for the 1972 session.

Appointments: Bishop Galloway

read the appointments following the Service of Ordination on Wednesday evening, and the conference came to a close.

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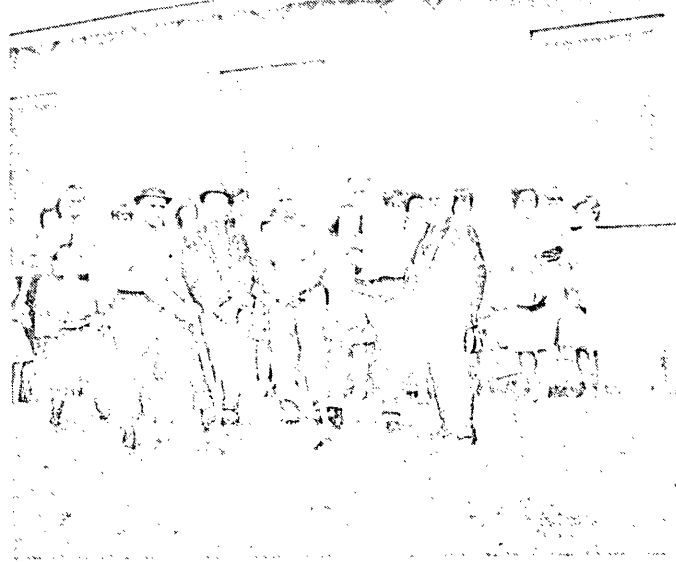
Lincoln, Nebr., will be host August 23-31 to the National Seminar of the United Methodist Board of Missions' Women's Division. Theme of the session will be "Uhuru! Kazi! Ujamaa!" Swahili words for "freedom, work, community."

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Miss Mary Eleanor Bovard of Cincinnati, Ohio, has become the first woman named a Cokesbury Store manager. She was named to head the Cincinnati store succeeding Richard A. Waters who resigned.



The Rev. E. J. Holifield, Batesville District superintendent, assisted by the Rev. Kenneth Renfro, pastor, officiated on Wednesday, May 26 at groundbreaking ceremonies for the first building to be erected by the recently organized new congregation at Fairfield Bay in Van Buren County Parish. Others taking part (l. to r.) were: Walter Miller, building chairman, Meredith Walker, Clinton Owens, George Gisburne, Richard McConnaha, and Mrs. Meredith Walker.



Batesville District Superintendent, the Rev. E. J. Holifield, presided over the May 23rd groundbreaking ceremony for a new Fellowship Hall and Education Building to be erected at Sharpe. The Rev. Edward Thomas is pastor; members of the building committee include Charles Rondo, Ernest Wood, Mrs. Teda Elley and Fred Jackson.

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.

June 13—Sun.	I Thessa. 1:5-10
June 14	Psalms 89:15-21
June 15	Psalms 119:1-9
June 16	Isaiah 35:1-10
June 17	Isaiah 60:10-17
June 18	Isaiah 61:1-11
June 19	Luke 10:1-20
June 20—Sunday	John 15:7-11

Methodist Information & Public Relations—Ben F. Jordan
Worship—John B. Hays
Stewardship—Myers B. Curtis
Commissioner, Methodist Children's Home—O. H. Duewall

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Brightwater Parish
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Decatur-Centerton Ray Burrow (3)
Elkins-Community TBS
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Green Forest-Alpena
S. Woodrow Woods (1)
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D. James McCammon (2)
St. Joe-Everton
Leslie V. Beck LP (9)
Omaha-Bergman
Clarence Brown LP (4)
Lincoln-Morrow Parish
Vann Hooker (1)
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Huntsville-Presley Chapel
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Madison County Associate
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Siloam Springs
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Raymond L. Franks, Elder, Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971
Merle A. Johnson, Jr., Elder, Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971
Harould Scott, Elder, Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971
Elmo Thomason, Elder, Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971

TRANSFERS OUT:

Daniel H. Evans, Elder to Missouri West Conference, August 15, 1970
Henry Neal Lovelace, Deacon, to North Carolina Conference, February 12, 1971
Calvin D. Mitchell, Elder, to Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971
Mouzon D. Mann, Elder, to Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971
Rufus F. Sorrells, Elder, to Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971
Harold Wilson, Elder, To Little Rock Conference, May 27, 1971

Names with (1) following indicate new appointment.

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First Dois Kennedy (1)
Beebe Brady Cook (3)
Bradford Jewel Holland AM (1)
Gabot Braska Savage (5)
Calico Rock James Southerland PM (1)
Cedar Grove & Tumbling Shoals
Ramsey Woodall LP (8)
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Cotter-Bull Shoals Ray Edwards (3)
Desha Circuit Bill Watts AM (2)
Griffithville Fern Cook (2)
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Horseshoe Bend Harrel Ford LP (6)
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Kensett-McRae Omma Daniel (3)
Marshall-Leslie Orville Knapp LP (1)
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Associate Loye Verne Mason LP (2)
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Mountain Home Norman Carter (1)
Mountain View Raymond Hawkins (3)
Newark Luther Wilson (6)
Moorefield Circuit Ivan Wilson RS (2)
Associate Forrest Thomas LP (2)
Pangburn Circuit Roger Hook LP (3)
Salem-Viola L. L. Bounds (7)
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Grace Lewis Ernest AM (1)

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Quitman Circuit
Otha Strayhorn AM (3)

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Dardanelle Clyde E. Crozier (2)
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Greenbrier James E. Wingo (2)
Mayflower Peter M. Soens LP (1)
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McArthur Drive
Irl Bridenthal RS (2)
Morrilton:
First Clyde T. Parsons (1)
Morrilton Circuit Von D. Mooney (2)
North Little Rock:
Amboy Myers B. Curtis (1)
First Lloyd M. Conyers (4)
Gardner Byron McSpadden (1)
Indian Hills Samuel B. Teague (5)
Lakewood John B. Hays (2)
Levy Gerald D. Hammett (3)
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Perryville A. C. Madison AM (2)
Oppelo Carroll D. Jackson LP (2)
Plummerville Bob Lee LP (2)
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Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr. (1)
Wesley Foundation
Muriel H. Peters (6)

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Robert W. Goodloe
Professor, Hendrix College—
Ferris Baker
Dean, Hendrix College—Francis Christie
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Golden Cross—Britt H. Cordell
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Camping—Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr.

Adult Work—Vernon Paysinger
 Family Life—William P. Connell
 Camping—Allan E. Hilliard
 Enlistment—Worship—Victor H. Nixon
 Social Concerns—Denzel E. Stokes
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 Clarendon Glenn Bruner (2)
 Colt Berlon Davis AM (5)
 Cotton Plant Oliver Logan (2)
 Crawfordville Uriah Smith (10)
 Earle J. Leon Wilson (4)
 Elaine James Breazale (2)
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 First Earl Hughes (1)
 Forrest Hills H. L. Robison RS (2)
 Helena James Beal (2)
 Holly Grove Charles Nance AM (1)
 Hughes Mitchell Sanford (3)
 Marianna Leonard Byers (1)
 Marion B. W. Stallcup (1)
 Marvell Roy Moyers (1)
 McCrory Lon Brewer (4)
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 Vanndale John Jump (1)
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 Rosewood James Linam (2)
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 Widener Charles E. Reed AM (1)
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 TRAFCO—James Linam
 Town & Country—J. Leon Wilson
 Arkansas Methodist—Leonard Byers
 Enlistment—Glenn Bruner
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 Worship—Jim Beal
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 Booneville Lawrence Dodgen (1)
 Central C. L. Martin RS (2)
 Charleston Harvey Hazelwood (2)
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 Cavanaugh Larry D. Powell (3)
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 Youth Minister David Moose (3)
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 Hendricks Hills
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 St. Paul W. L. Douglas (1)
 Wesley Victor Green (4)
 Wyatt Memorial Thomas E. Weir (7)
 Greenwood J. M. Rogers (2)
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 Hartman Gaston Matthews AM (3)
 Lamar Paul David Wilson AM (2)
 Lavaca A. L. Chaffin AM (3)
 Magazine David Nicholson LP (2)
 Mansfield J. B. Tackett LP (1)
 Mountain View J. T. Byrd RS (3)
 Mulberry Bennie Ross Harmon LP (1)
 Ozark James P. Anderson (2)
 Paris William Hightower (3)
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Van Buren:
 City Heights James R. Lloyd LP (2)
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 Jerry Amos Pulliam PM (1)
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 TRAFCO—Larry D. Powell
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 Evangelism—Thomas Weir
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 Bono Parish Murphy Spurlock PM (3)
 Caraway-Black Oak
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 Dell-Christ Joseph Wilkerson (4)
 Harrisburg-Pleasant Valley Bob Orr (4)
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 James A. Barton (1)
 Joiner-Turrell
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 Nettleton-Brookland
 John A. Holifield (1)
 St. Paul-Mt. Carmel
 Jerry A. Canada (1)
 Wesley Foundation-Pleasant Valley
 James T. Randle (1)
 Lake City-Lake View TBS
 Leachville Frank Weatherford (5)
 Lepanto-Garden Point
 B. J. Van Cleve (2)
 Luxora-Keiser Raymond Dorman (1)
 Manila-Community
 Wendell Dorman (2)
 Marked Tree William M. Wilder (5)
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 Tyrone-Centerview
 Cleve Yarbrough (2)
 Weiner-Fisher Sherman Waters (1)
 Wilson Joe E. Linam (3)
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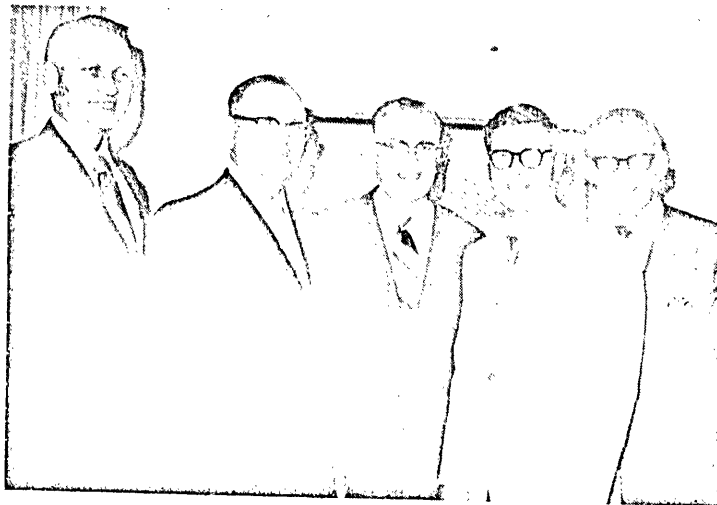
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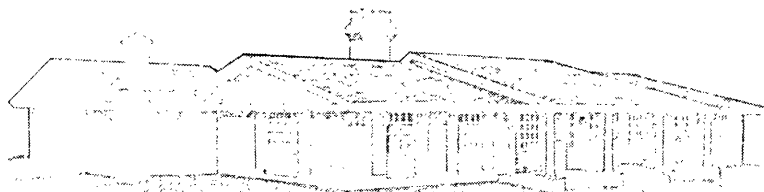
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Leslie McCullough of Harrisburg and Don Hall of Jonesboro were recommended for license to preach when the Jonesboro District Committee on Ministry met May 25th. They are shown here with the Superintendent of Jonesboro District and their respective pastors. The group (l. to r.) includes: the Rev. Bob Orr and McCullough, District Superintendent J. William Watson, Hall and the Rev. J. D. Lawrence.



Architect's drawing of parsonage now under construction at First Church in Morrilton. The four-bedroom brick veneer home, scheduled for completion by September, will replace the previous parsonage destroyed by fire last year. Bruce Netherton is chairman of the building committee; the Rev. Harold H. Spence was minister until his recent assignment to Paragould First Church.



May 23rd groundbreaking ceremony for new Desha parsonage in Batesville District. The Rev. E. J. Holifield, District superintendent, officiated, assisted by Pastor William Watts and members of the building committee—James D. Wheeler, chairman, Mrs. Lanette Keller, Mrs. Shelia Coles, and Mrs. James D. Wheeler.

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 Hardy Andrew M. Hall, Jr. (2)
 Corinth-Liberty Hall
 Jack Glass RS (2)
 Leon Gilliam AM (4)
 Hurricane Marvin Thompson RS (6)
 Imboden Orville Stahl AM (2)
 Mammoth Spring
 Rayburn Jackson AM (3)
 Marmaduke Charles P. Reed AM (4)
 Maynard TBS
 Newport:
 First David P. Conyers (2)
 Umsted Carl Strayhorn AM (3)
 Paragould:
 First Harold H. Spence (1)
 Griffin Memorial
 J. Albert Gatlin (3)
 Pruitts Chapel-Shiloh
 Felix Holland AM (1)
 Eugene Bain AM (1)
 Christ United Leroy Craig LP (1)
 Piggott J. B. Harris (5)
 Pocahontas Gaither McKelvey (1)
 Ravenden Springs
 James Weatherford RS (3)
 Rector Wayne Jarvis (1)
 St. Francis Lorne Piercy LP (2)
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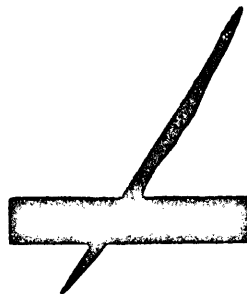
Emory University—Keith Goza LP

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 Evangelism—Gaither McKelvey
 Missions—Andrew Hall
 Camping—Wayne Clark
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 Youth Work—Wayne Jarvis
 Adult Work—David Conyers
 Health and Welfare—Harold Spence

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JUNE 20: God Requires Economic Justice

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Micah 2 and 3

MEMORY SELECTION: Learn to do good; seek justice, correct oppression; defend the fatherless, plead for the widow. (Isaiah 1:17)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize God's concern for the poor and how he has sent spokesmen throughout history to call mankind to a realization of its responsibility for others.

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Frequently this writer receives letters objecting to the emphasis being made on the needs of the poor and underprivileged by church periodicals and church program agencies. Some of these letters accuse the church of being an innovator in this concern and some even go so far as to say that we are about to be taken over by communism. These people are sadly mistaken if they think this concern comes from reading leftist propaganda. It goes much farther back than that to a prophet named Micah who insisted that God requires economic justice for all men.

When Jesus came, he was identified with the poor and claimed endorsement for his ministry in words from Isaiah, "He hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor" (Luke 4:18). No voice in all the Bible is more clearly heard on this theme than Micah's.

We conclude our series on the prophets with two lessons on Micah, the fourth of the great spokesmen of the eighth century. Although he is classed as a "minor" prophet, we should remember that this only means that his book was a short one. It would be entirely wrong to imply that his message was unimportant or that his influence was minor. In a vivid and direct style he spoke out as strongly for mercy and righteousness as the other prophets we have been studying.

Dr. Rolland E. Wolfe says in *Interpreter's Bible*: "Of all the prophets, Micah is perhaps the one whose contributions have been most habitually underestimated . . . In these days, when the relative significance of the various prophets is being reappraised, the prestige of Micah is rising in the estimation of biblical scholars. Because of this trend, we may approach the study of Micah with new expectation, realizing that we are not dealing with a second-rate individual but with an important link in the great prophetic succession."

We know very little about Micah except that he was from a small rural community in the southwestern foothills of Judah called Moresheth. It was near the border between Judah and Philistia and was so situated on the route to Egypt that it was in constant danger of attack from armies approaching from the west or the south. We do not know about his "call" to the prophetic ministry. There is a remote implication that he was influenced by one "Eliezer the son of Dodavahu of Mareshah," but Dr. Wolfe feels that the more immediate stimulus was provided by his neighbor Amos, who had lived only twenty miles from Mareshah.

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GENERAL BACKGROUND OF MICAH'S MESSAGE

In social status Micah differed from the other prophets we have studied. Amos was a shepherd from the mountain wilderness; Hosea was a prosperous farmer from northern Israel; and Isaiah, an aristocrat reared at court in the capital city of Jerusalem. Micah apparently was a small town artisan with a deep sympathy for the poor.

Although we cannot be sure of the date of his activity, it seems that he must have been a contem-

porary of Isaiah. Wolfe says: "Although nothing can be proved for any specific dating of Micah's mission, indications point to the years 714-700 B.C. for the period of his public activity.

Micah's major concern was for the people who lived on the land. Dr. Walter G. Williams says in *International Lesson Annual*: "He believed that the blame for the sorry plight of the people in the small towns was due to the avariciousness of the wealthy classes in the big cities. . . . Micah also believed that the cities were centers of moral decay and that infection would spread throughout the country."

Dr. Harold A. Bosley gives the exposition of Micah in *Interpreter's Bible*, and in his opening statement of that material he says, "The book of Micah is a lesson in how to take God seriously. It is instructive in the way one looks at life, particularly the life of one's own time . . . A dynamic prophetic faith is not so much a possession of man as the possession of man. Micah's faith literally hurls him at the great issues of the day."

The name "Micah" meant "Who is like Jehovah?" His anger was aroused by the infamy of the high and the mighty. He pictures men in high positions pondering schemes for ravishing the weak and the poor. There can be no loyalty to God without man's willingness to be helpful to God's children wherever they happen to be in need. As one has put it, "The true Christian looks upward in his adoration of God and looks outward with concern upon the needs of all of God's children. God requires economic justice in man's dealing with men, else there is no fidelity to him who is pleasing and acceptable."

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MICAH WAS A CHAMPION OF THE POOR

Micah places such stress on the problems of the poor that poverty must have been one of the real concerns of the time. One historian suggests that there was such heavy taxation as a result of the war with Assyria that the rich who were most affected by the taxes were striking back by misappropriating the property of the poor. In Micah 2:1 we read, "Woe to them that devise iniquity, and work evil upon their beds! When the morning is light, they practice it, because it is in the power of their hand." Apparently there was such a conspiracy among the powerful that even when they went to bed at night they kept right on thinking of methods of defrauding their next victims. They could hardly wait for morning to carry out their evil purposes.

The book of Jeremiah (26:16 ff.) tells us something about Micah and his message. We are told that he came to Jerusalem calling for mercy and equity in the reign of King Hezekiah. We are told that he was arrested, but was released, thanks to influential men who were apparently impressed by his attitude of authority. Dr. Emil Kraeling, in his book *The Prophets*, suggests that this visit may have been at a time when Isaiah had retired temporarily from prophetic activity. There is no indication of any contact between them.

The kind of evil Micah describes is not accidental—it is premeditated. Dr. Bosley says, "It is the kind of evil which is deliberate, intentional, fathered by a conscious purpose and a full awareness of both the pleasurable consequences to the doer and the painful consequences to the victim."

One interesting phrase sticks in the memory from this section of Micah. He speaks of people who do evil "because it is in the power of their hands." In every age there have been people who could not be trusted with power because of their inclination to turn it to their selfish ends.

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THE EVIL OF REAL ESTATE GRABBING

Many have discovered in our time that real estate is their path to wealth. The plot which we have seen visualized in so many western movies is as old as Micah and his prophecy. The rich not only coveted other people's property but took it by violence. You can recall the story of King Ahab and Naboth's vineyard (1 Kings 21). This story of how uncontrolled desire may lead to murder. Stealing a man's land was morally wrong of itself; but it was especially obnoxious to the Hebrews who considered family property as a heritage to be passed on from one generation to another.

Micah spoke most sharply against this organized crime in his time. In fact he used language that is as contemporary as today's fear of the Mafia. He speaks of "this family of evildoers" (2:3). Like the Cosa Nostra—a term which means "our family"—they sought security in solidarity; but they could never be strong enough to thwart the processes of divine justice. Their haughty defiance of man and his needs would lead them to certain calamity, said Micah.

The prophet must have been "heckled" during his preaching. The voice from the audience is quoted in 2:6; "One should not preach of such things; disgrace will not overtake us." There were people in that day just like many in our own time who do not want to listen to the preacher's indictment of their social wrongs. But Micah would not be silenced, and neither will the prophet in our own time. It is encouraging to note that an increasing number of congregations are seeking points at which they take hold of contemporary society's attack on poverty.

We should all give serious consideration to what our individual responsibility is for persons who are trapped in poverty.

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DOOM FOR THE EXPLOITERS OF PEOPLE

The passage from the third chapter of Micah contains some of the strongest language of condemnation to be found anywhere. Bosley feels that he is most effective in getting across his emotions in this matter. He says, "In a few over one hundred words he does what Dickens and Dostoevski devote an entire book to; he gives the feel of the social situation in which revolutions are born."

Micah was not interested in writing a literary classic; he was trying to tell his own people that God's wrath was about to strike them and utterly destroy them.

The prophet knew that the only way to avert the catastrophe was to bring the people under real conviction so that there might be a turning about—a conversion. He knew that the word must be heard and heeded by those who were helping to create the problem. Many of those whom Micah denounced considered themselves very religious people. Micah and Isaiah both called this the hypocrisy that it was and challenged those who were the leaders in religion to prove that they loved their country and their God by working for economic justice.

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WHAT CAN WE DO ABOUT IT?

We would miss the main point of the prophecy of Micah if we did not come from this discussion with a determination to do something about the needs of our time. Sometime ago we sat in a committee meeting with a worker in the war against poverty. He said that there are many counties and municipalities in which no effective inroads have been made against poverty, because those in authority would not admit that there was such a problem.

Dr. J. Edward Carothers in his book, *Keepers of the Poor*, said, "It seems clear that even if those in poverty wanted to meet the expectations of the prosperous and fit into their world of values in order to crawl out of poverty, they would not be able to do so. They are victims of powerful social forces over which they have little or no control."

We are excited about the large number of church groups that are seriously heeding the challenge to become involved with groups trapped in poverty and see if something cannot be done to help them find a way out. The prophet Micah would be excited about that, too.

INDIA. The Methodist Church in Southern Asia is making "tremendous strides" in drawing on its own potential in terms of leadership and finances. The stewardship program of the church is making progress in urban congregations and gives promise of even greater advances in the near future.

HONG KONG. The foundation stone was laid recently for the United Christian Hospital, after some seven years of planning and fund-raising. Located in an industrialized area where there are massive new resettlement complexes, it will be the only general hospital. It is to be a 379-bed facility with a full range of services including outpatient department, community health, post-graduate medical training and nurses' training. United Methodists have been active in the hospital project since its inception.

KOREA. What is described as "political strife" within the Korea Methodist Church reportedly has expressed itself in a decision of some 50 congregations in the Kyung Gi area near Seoul to withdraw from the present Central Annual Conference and form a new Kyunggi Annual Conference. The General Board of the church has declared the action of the Kyunggi Conference churches illegal. The Taejon Theological Seminary is undertaking two developments — a School of Sacred Music, and amplification of a dairy program. Also in Taejon, the Union Christian Service Center is reported embarking on a new program development, involving training of staff in new areas of animal husbandry, sheep raising and community development. Land is being bought in the mountains for new sheep raising. There is a new site to support a 100-cow dairy. The purpose is to give 30 heifer calves each year to farmers on credit.

BURMA. Economic conditions continue to deteriorate, according to reports, but the church shows vitality. The Chinese church community, with 50% of its members emigrating to other countries, has, by winning converts, just about maintained itself. The Indian community has been more depleted, and several centers of work have closed, reports say. However, two gospel centers have opened in new places, indicating something of the spirit of outreach in the church. Church union plans with the Upper Burma Methodist Church (British-related) are taken seriously, church leaders report, with a group of Lower Burma Methodists (U.S.-related) meeting weekly to study plans developed by the Upper Burma Methodists.

INDONESIA. The growth of the Karo Batak Church on Sumatra during the last several years has leveled off. Talk of the church is now centered on conserving the great gains that have been reached.



The teaching of literacy is one of the most important aspects of many mission projects sponsored by the World Division of the Board of Missions throughout the world. Here Alberta Galusha, a United Methodist Missionary in La Paz, Bolivia, helps an Indian woman learn to read. (Toge Fujihira)

MISSIONS

news summaries

Prepared by World Division staff executives of the United Methodist Board of Missions

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC. Reports have come of a crisis in the life of the Dominican Evangelical Church, resulting in expulsion of a section of youth membership which had come into conflict with authorities in its pursuit of "church renewal."

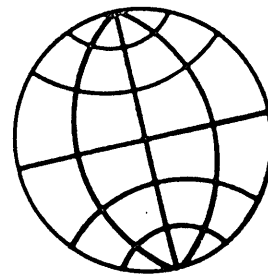
ARGENTINA. Development of an interdenominational, urban program in downtown Buenos Aires on the premises of the century-old First Methodist Church is reported to be providing a new Spanish-language ministry, following a traditional ministry to English-speaking residents and tourists. New ministries include an open sanctuary for prayer during the day, concerts, cultural activities, social services directed by a case worker and small group meetings. Those, as well as traditional worship services, are reported to be reaching more than 600 persons a month.

CHILE. El Vergel Agricultural Institute is working with the agrarian reform program in training rural leadership. Increased awareness is reported of the responsibility of the church to the Mapuche Indian community in southern Chile, and the Board of Rural Work has asked for a social anthropologist to work with them to determine the scope of its work in that area.

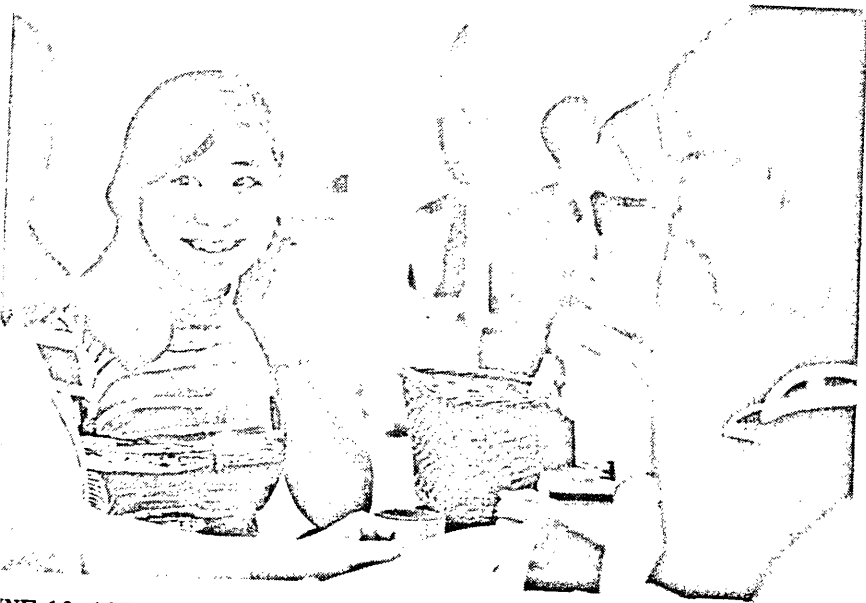
ECUADOR. The Center for Theological Studies in Quito continues to provide theological training for laymen for the United Evangelical Church. The church has embarked on a program of self-support for its pastoral leadership.

RHODESIA. Church sources say a letter from the white-dominated Rhodesian government of Prime Minister Ian Smith has informed Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa that the ban on his visits to Tribal Trust Lands (black areas) will not be lifted at present. Since many United Methodist churches and other institutions are in Tribal Trust Lands, the 10-month-old ban, which has been protested by churchmen inside and outside Rhodesia, cuts Bishop Muzorewa off from more than half of his members. He has continued to oppose the Land Tenure Act, which sets aside allegedly "equal" amounts of land for Rhodesia's 4,800,000 blacks and 250,000 whites. Most of the rural primary schools which were relinquished by the church have been re-opened under local administration. The church decided to pull out of rural primary education in protest since the Government was reducing its subsidy.

ZAMBIA. Under development is a "School on Wheels" at Mindolo, Zambia. Courses in the school, which usually last two months, are "mini" courses in sewing, cooking, knitting, budgeting, mothercraft and first aid, following the plan for the longer courses at the Mindolo Ecumenical Foundation. Leaders say the School on Wheels can move into rural areas, reaching women who cannot leave the villages, and can strengthen agricultural programs by providing a follow-up for former students at Mindolo.



Emiko Iwatsuki, the first woman to participate in an exchange program between Nagoya Gakuin University, Nagoya, Japan, and Alaska Methodist University, instructs several young women in conversational Japanese. AMU is one of the 128 United Methodist related schools which receive counsel and guidance from the Division of Higher Education of the Board of Education, a World Service agency.



Husband-wife team to work as coordinators in alcohol/drugs program

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A unique husband and wife, both ministers and members of the Southern California-Arizona Conference, recently began work as a team of educational program coordinators in the Department of Alcohol Problems and Drug Abuse, the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The Rev. Larry Wayman and the Rev. Phyllis Wayman, who both received the master of divinity degree from Wesley Theological Seminary here May 24, joined the department's staff this month to assist, according to the clergy couple, "in bridging the gap between the church and what is happening in society" in relation to alcohol problems and drug abuse.

Dr. Thomas E. Price, director of the department, said "the Waymans will be available to conferences, not to carry out drug and alcohol programs for them, but to assist them in planning their own programs."

Mr. Wayman, no newcomer to the United Methodist Building on Capitol

Hill that houses the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, had for eight months served as an assistant in the Board's Washington Study Program.

In 1969, Mrs. Wayman became the first recipient of a scholarship from the Laskey Fund, set up by the Women's Division in honor of past president Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey to aid women studying theology. At the recent Wesley Seminary graduation, Mrs. Wayman received the Grace Mercier Shea Memorial Award in Pastoral Theology, a presentation by the Department of Pastoral Theology to the person showing promise in pastoral care. This summer she will work as a student chaplain at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, national center for mental health service, training and research.

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Spokesman for Indian churchmen

NEW YORK (UMI) — Leaders in an estimated 15,000-member American Indian constituency in the United Methodist Church have established a spokesman/advocate office for Indian church members and the larger Indian community, and have given it the title of "ombudsman." The first person chosen for this office, an unusual one in the denomination, is the Rev. Raymond G. Baines of Tempe, Arizona.

The office of ombudsman was made possible under a \$65,000 grant, covering a two-year period (1971-72), from the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race. It was one of 10 grants totaling \$475,000 made by the Commission February 23 for minority group self-determination projects. The Commission said the grants were for projects and programs demonstrating the principle of self-determination by ethnic minority groups, and were not to support individuals or organizations in themselves.

Officially on the job as American Indian ombudsman as of June 1, Mr. Baines was selected for the new office recently by a caucus and committee of United Methodist Indian leaders. He said he is responsible in policy-making and program to the American Indian Caucus in the United Methodist Church.

He is the second American Indian to become a national-level church executive within a month. At its May meeting in Buffalo, N.Y., the Board of Missions chose the Rev. Homer Noley as a staff member in the Board's National Division with responsibilities related to American Indian concerns. Mr. Noley has been director of American Indian Ministries in the Nebraska United Methodist Conference. While in separate agencies and working in different structures, Mr. Baines and Mr. Noley have relationships to a con-

can Indian membership in any Protes-

UMCOR executive says Bengali refugee plight desperate

NEW YORK (UMI) — In response to the most recent disaster in East Pakistan — the massive spillover of Bengali refugees into neighboring India, the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief (UMCOR) is releasing \$25,000 as an initial grant for refugee relief.

Announcing release of the funds, Dr. J. Harry Haines, New York, UMCOR executive secretary, said the situation is desperate, that up to 2,000,000 persons have fled across the border, and there is "strong likelihood that the flow of refugees will continue for an in-

definite period."

The destruction and terror of civil war between East and West Pakistanis have escalated the woes of an area already immersed in the aftermath of last fall's disastrous typhoon/tidal wave. Dr. Haines said press reports and other information received by UMCOR indicate that conditions created by the flight of refugees to India are even worse than those following the typhoon. Given the confused nature of the situation along the border, he said, "it is very difficult to plan anything at this point except im-

mediate measures for food, temporary shelter and medical care for refugees. Only after the influx stops will it be possible to give any serious attention to long-term needs."

The \$25,000 released for refugee relief in India is from East Pakistan emergency funds, and a continuing flow of aid is essential, Dr. Haines said. Gifts for East Pakistan relief, he specified, should be sent through Annual Conference Treasurers or to: United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, Room 406, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027.

Protestant Church of Belgium in three-way talks

NEW YORK (UMI) — Two years after United Methodists joined with another body, The Evangelical Protestant Church, to form the Protestant Church of Belgium, the new denomination is reported in three-way talks looking toward a union that, if consummated, would merge much of what is considered "mainstream Protestantism" in the country.

The Synod of the 20,000-member Protestant Church of Belgium has voted its "intention to unite" and has also approved a document outlining bases for negotiation and issues to be settled, said Dr. Andre J. Pieters, president of the church, in an interview on a recent visit to America.

The other parties to the conversations, two churches in the Presbyterian and Reformed tradition, are to vote this year on the "intention to unite" and on whether to proceed with negotiations. If union comes, said Dr. Pieters, the resulting 40,000-member church would encompass about 60 per cent of Belgium's Protestants — in a country where Protestants constitute an estimated 1 per cent of the population, most of the rest (at least nominally) Roman Catholic.

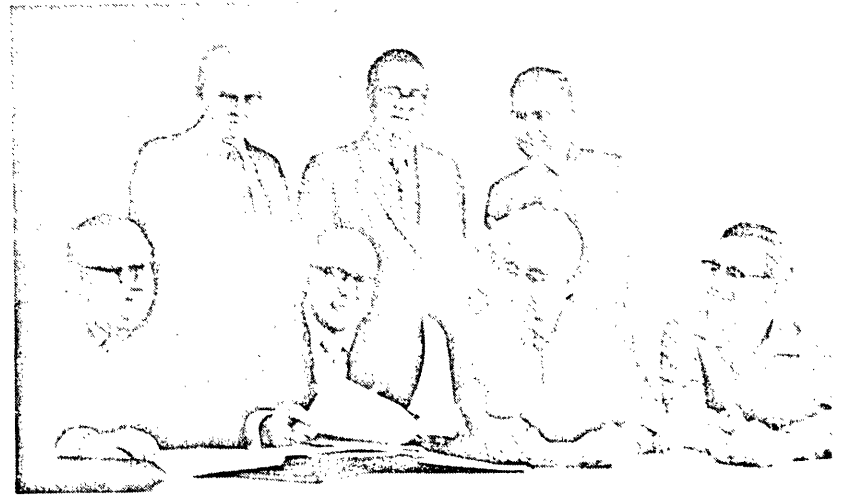
FIRST BLACK DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT APPOINTED IN FLORIDA

LAKELAND, Fla. (FUMI) — The first Negro district superintendent in the Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church since the formerly separate black and white conferences merged in 1969 has been appointed by Bishop James W. Henley. He is the Rev. John B. F. Williams, who was named superintendent of the four-county Melbourne District which numbers 33 churches of predominantly white membership.

A graduate of Clark College and Gammon Theological Seminary, Atlanta, Ga., he has been pastor of Tyer Temple in Tampa since 1967. Previously, he served pastorates and as a district superintendent in both the former all black Florida Conference and the Central Alabama Conference.

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Dr. Pieters, a former Methodist Crusade Scholar and theologian, said the two years since formation of the Protestant Church of Belgium have been ones of consolidation and "learning to live together." Dr. Pieters said the new church continues to be related to the United Methodist Church as an affiliated united body. He is a member of the Conference of Bishops, which comprises not only United Methodist bishops but also bishops and other heads of affiliated autonomous Methodist and united churches.



Among the Directors present at a Conference Program Directors' meeting in Oklahoma City to review the 1971 summer's leadership training program at Mt. Sequoyah were: (l. to r. standing) Dr. Virgil D. Morris, Jurisdiction Program Director, and Conference Program Directors Dr. J. Woodrow Hearn, Louisiana; Dr. S. Duane Bruce, Northwest Texas; (seated) Dr. Robert B. Kendall, Kansas East; Dr. Lester A. Meyer, Oklahoma; Dr. John F. Wichelt, Nebraska; Dr. W. Cannon Kinnard, Missouri East.

DR. GERALD B. HARVEY DIES

MONROVIA, Calif.—Dr. Gerald B. Harvey, 69, who travelled more than a million miles in 12 years as field secretary for Christian Education in the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions prior to his retirement in 1968, died at his home here May 24, following an apparent heart attack.

His service with the World Division began in 1956 and his "parish" included 46 nations of the world. He was president of the National Methodist Conference of Christian Education in 1954, and was a former trustee of the College of the Pacific (now the University of the Pacific) at Stockton, Calif., and Samuel Houston (now Houston Tillotson) College in Austin, Texas.

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MRS. DOROTHY BEASLEY

Mrs. Dorothy Grace Beasley, wife of the Rev. Robert Sidney Beasley of Hot Springs, died suddenly on May 24 a short time after attending the evening preaching service at the Little Rock Conference.

A native of Muskogee, Okla., she had been a resident of Hot Springs for 10 years and was a member of First United Methodist Church in that city.

The funeral service was held in First Church, Hot Springs, Thursday afternoon, May 27, with a large number of the ministers of the Little Rock Conference and their families attending. The Rev. George W. Martin, district superintendent of the Arkadelphia District, conducted the service and brought the message. He was assisted in the service by Dr. George F. Ivey, the Rev. Ralph Hale, and the Rev. Clarence B. Holland.

The following ministers were pallbearers: the Rev. Wendel Hoover, the Rev. Darrell Smith, Dr. Fred Harrison, Dr. John P. Miles, the Rev. Fred Arnold and the Rev. Claude Barron.

Until the time of her death, Mrs. Beasley and her husband ministered regularly to the people in the nursing homes in and around Hot Springs. She asked very little out of life and gave all she had.

Just before she left the Conference session, a short time before her death, she observed that this last day of her life was "the happiest day of my life."

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Rushing a leader in Training School at Mt. Sequoyah

The section on Training Enterprises of the Division of the Local Church of the General Board of Education has invited the Rev. A. Eugene Rushing to be a leader in the Regional Training School at Mt. Sequoyah Assembly Grounds, Fayetteville. The dates for the training event are June 18-25.

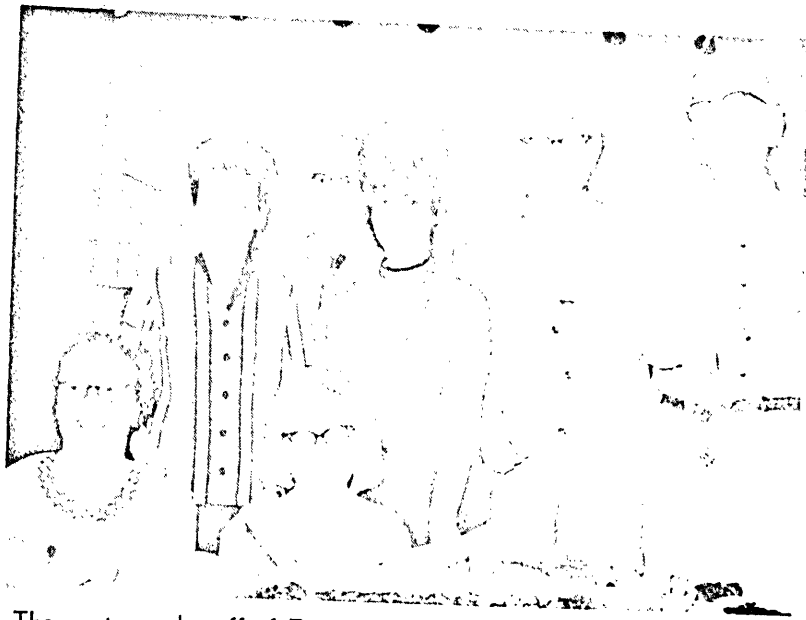
Rushing will be leading a certification seminar for persons interested in becoming certified leaders in Adult Christian Education. To be eligible for participation in the seminar each participant must have attended two laboratory training schools for Adult Christian Educators and be enrolled in a third one running concurrently with the seminar.

The Regional Training School is held each summer and participants in the school come from eight states making up the South Central Jurisdiction of The United Methodist Church.

Rushing is minister of Education at First United Methodist Church in Grand Junction, Colorado and a former member of the Little Rock Conference.

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MISS MARY JANE GOSS, of North Little Rock began her duties as Summer youth director and education assistant at First United Methodist Church, Wynne, on June 6. Miss Goss, a Junior at Hendrix College, is a music major and a member of the Hendrix Choir. She has been organist at Gardner Memorial—her home church.



The pastor and staff of First United Methodist Church in North Little Rock hosted the North Arkansas Program Council Staff at a luncheon in Workman Fellowship Hall on Friday, May 28. The First Church staff (l. to r.): Mrs. Wilson Porter, Mrs. June Lacy, Mrs. Saviile Henry, J. P. Wooley, Mrs. Sherry Riggs, the Rev. Lloyd Conyers, and Bill Burks. The Program Council has been housed on the second floor of First Church for four years and will soon move to its offices in the new United Methodist Headquarters Building at First United Methodist Church, at Eighth and Center in Little Rock.

Troubador dedicated to Professor Faris

The 1971 Troubador, the Hendrix College student annual, has been dedicated to Paul P. Faris, professor of English. Faris, who will retire at the close of the school year, has served as faculty advisor for the annual and the student newspaper for many years in addition to his teaching responsibilities.

On its dedication page the Troubador pointed out that Faris has served on the Hendrix faculty for 42 years and that this was the longest record of continuous service ever held by any faculty member at Hendrix. He has also served as secretary to the Board of Trustees of the College and initiated the Hendrix news service.

The Troubador also complimented Faris for transmitting his absorbing interest and skill in photography to generations of Hendrix students, offering a special course in photography technique. As further testimony to his talent



Faris has been engaged by the *Arkansas Democrat* to write a biweekly column on photography which appears in the Sunday entertainment section of that newspaper. His photography of the Ozark society and culture have been widely exhibited.

In his own special field of work Faris has published both popular and scholarly articles.

In the local community Faris has been an active churchman in the First United Methodist Church and a member of the Conway Rotary Club, serving as president in 1951-52.

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"Father of the Wesleys"

by Franklin Wilder

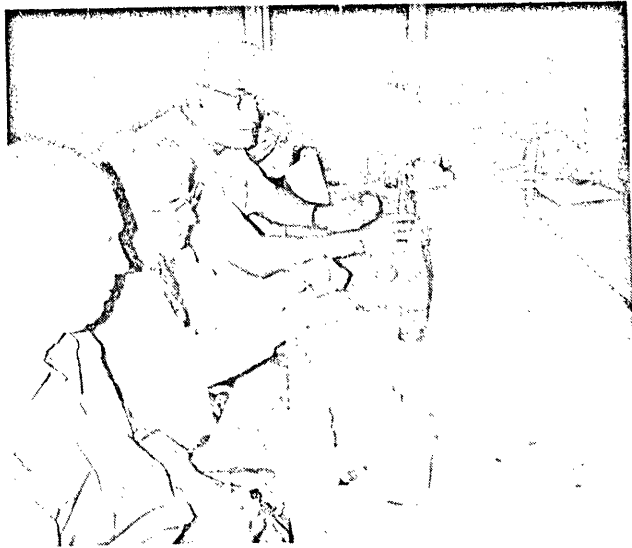
— A RECOMMENDED FATHER'S DAY GIFT —

This new biography of Rev. Samuel Wesley, father of John and Charles, "sheds so much light on the beginning of Methodism . . . I cannot understand why he has been so much neglected . . . It is a great story for any man to read but it is especially full of meaning for a Methodist," according to Bishop Gerald Kennedy.

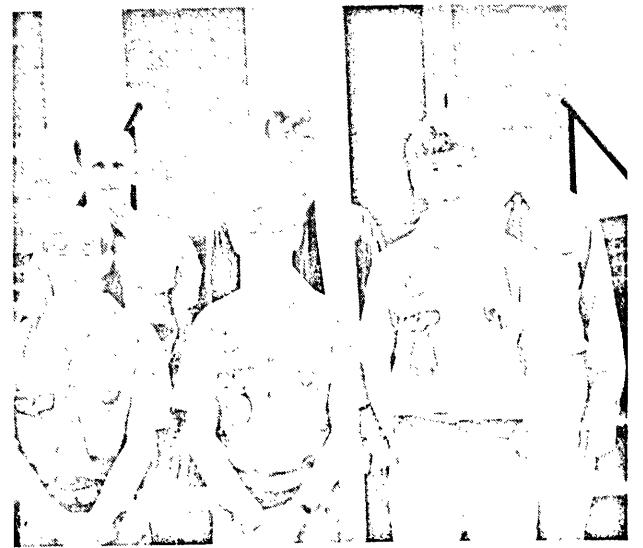
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- WSCS, Stephens
- Mrs. K. H. Powell
- Mrs. Hazel Veal
- Builders Class, Carlisle Church
- Mr. & Mrs. Sam W. Smith
- WSCS, Wiggins Memorial Church,
Fayetteville
- Mrs. Ruth E. Lenhart
- Wesleyan Sunday School Class,
First Church, Malvern
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- Sulphur Springs WSCS
- WSCS, Newton Chapel, Tillar
- Mrs. Paul Teeter
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Church, Little Rock
- Shannon-Robken Guild, Asbury Church,
Little Rock
- WSG, Fordyce
- Grady Lee WSG, Markham Church,
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- WSG, Oak Forest Church, Little
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- Elizabeth Workman Guild,
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- Cushman WSCS, Cushman
- WSCS, Henderson Church,
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- WSCS, Fordyce
- Camille Watson WSG, First
Church, Malvern
- Mr. & Mrs. Richard Shifflett
- Lary Harcastle Guild, Levy
Church, N.L.R.
- St. Paul WSG, Little Rock
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- WSCS, First Church, Mena
- WSG, First Church, Russellville
- Forrest City, WSCS
- Little Rock District Parsonettes
- Corning United Methodist Youth
Fellowship, First Church, Corning
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Little Rock
- Fellowship Class, Oak Forest Church,
Little Rock
- Hampton WSCS, Hampton
- WSCS, Green Forest
- Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs
- Trinity Church, Little Rock
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- Mabelvale, WSCS
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Malvern
- John Lindsay Class, First Church,
Malvern
- Alice Brooks Class, First Church,
Malvern
- Hawley Memorial WSCS, Pine Bluff
- Mrs. John F. Walker
- Mr. & Mrs. Wm. E. Roseberry



RIGHT: Receiving God and Country Awards recently in a special ceremony at First Church, Sheridan were (l. to r., front): Larry Thomason, Gary Thomason, and Mark Ellis. Making the presentations were (back row): Scoutmaster Owen Williams, the Rev. Jack A. Wilson, pastor, and Dee Lybrand, Institutional representative.



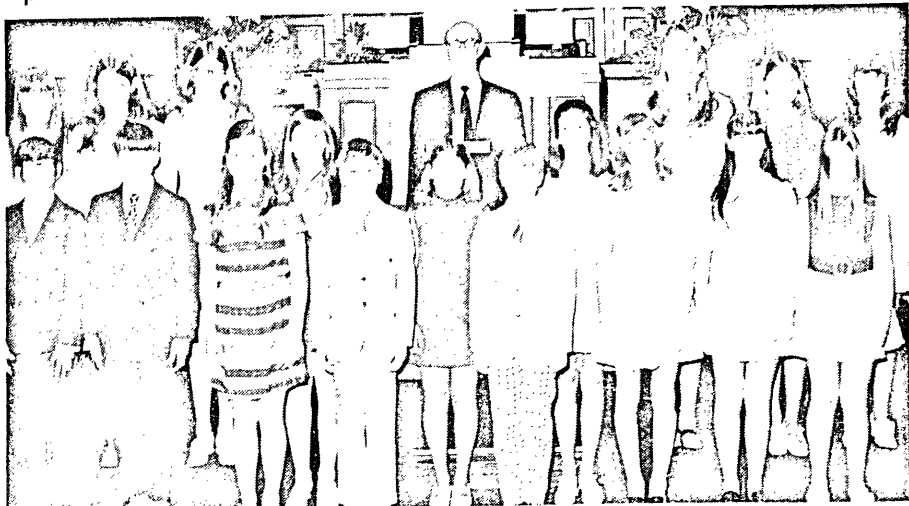
LEFT: The Golden Age Club, newly organized group at DeQueen First Church meeting for the first time. This program for the retired and shut-in persons in the area, is one of two new ministries initiated by the church during the past month. The other is a "Mother's Day Out" each Tuesday, for mothers with pre-school children. A nursery is provided from 9:30-2:00 on this one day each week. The Rev. David B. Wilson is minister.



The Carlisle High School Senior Class, their sponsors and room mothers were honored with a buffet supper at the Carlisle United Methodist Church recently. The 46-member class includes eleven who are members of the host church. The supper was provided by the Women's Society of Christian Service and the Wesleyan Service Guild. The Rev. Carlos Martin is pastor.



Graduating Seniors at First Church, Wynne were recently honored with a dinner. Other guests included the parents, school officials and education workers in the church. The Rev. Warren Golden is minister.



Confirmation Class received into the membership of Lakeside United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff recently by the Rev. Elmo Thomason (center), the pastor.



Senior members of the Youth Choir of First United Methodist Church, who presented a dramatic production preceding a recent Service of Communion. The drama was directed by Mrs. Wilson Kell; Mrs. J. A. McCutchen, Jr. was pianist accompanist.

Poetry Panorama

by Barbara L. Mulkey

A poem by Philip Doddridge concludes . . . "His goodness stands approved, down to the present day; I'll drop my burden at his feet, and bear a song away."

A Little Bit of Heaven

I see a bit of Heaven every day
 Along the way I go;
 I hear a music from on high
 And feel my spirit grow
 Into a flowering tree of loveliness
 Before the eventide.
 But - I don't walk this way alone -
 My Savior's at my side!

-by Ercil F. Brown

Joyousness

When life seems sad, my spirits low,
 I hear a joyous sound.
 A bird sings gaily, telling me
 To smile and look around;
 To see God's wondrous handiwork
 On land and sea and sky,
 On tender bud and blooming youth -
 On glorious mountains high!
 A life that's filled with joyousness
 And gratefulness for all
 Has little time for sorrowing
 Or sighs, however small.

-by Amy T. Oliver