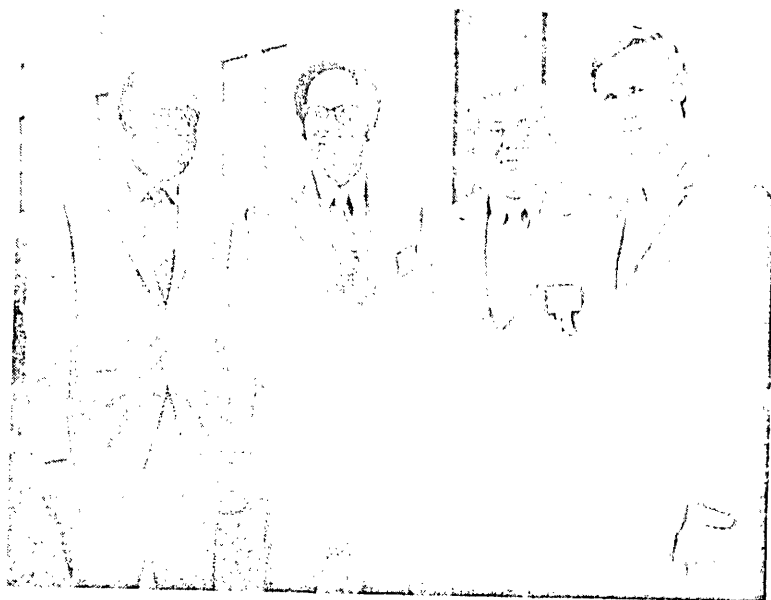


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General Board representatives who spoke at the Southwest Conference: the Rev. Clayton Hammond, Commission on Religion and Race; Charles Kellogg, Board of the Laity; the Rev. John Norwood, Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, and the Rev. Joe Hale, Board of Evangelism.

Dr. Ben Johnson to lead Renewal Conferences in State

Dr. Ben Johnson, executive director of The Institute of Church Renewal headquartered in Atlanta, Ga., will be the leader for three National Renewal Conferences scheduled for this summer in Arkansas.

The first of these will be held at Wiggins Memorial United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, July 9-10. The general chairman is the Rev. Allen E. Hilliard, the pastor, and housing facilities are being made available at Mount Sequoyah.

On July 30-31 the second conference will be held at First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, and the general chairman is the pastor, the Rev. Worth Gibson.

The third conference is scheduled for August 13-14 at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, where Dr. James Argue is the pastor.

The theme of the conferences will be "God Uses Ordinary People in Extraordinary Ways." Dr. Johnson says that this theme was chosen from the witness of a radiant Christian woman who said that the turning point in her life came when she heard a conference speaker say, "God can take an ordinary person and use him in extraordinary ways if he will surrender completely to his will."

These National Renewal Conferences for 1971 have a threefold purpose: 1. **Exposure:** to give exposure to other renewed people who are part of God's new thing in this world; 2. **Demonstration:** to demonstrate renewal models for individuals, congregations, and communities and 3. **Renewal Resources:** to provide biblical and

Dr. Williams to speak on family finance

Dr. T. Poe Williams, director of the National Foundation of Local Church Education, Division of the Local Church, United Methodist Board of Education, will be the speaker August 2 at the Education in Family Finance and Consumer Education Program held at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville. Dr. Williams is a nationally known speaker in the area of consumer economics as it affects the family.

The program is open to anyone interested in family finance education. It is a cooperative effort of the College of Education at the University of Arkansas in Fayetteville and the Center for Education in Family Finance at State College of Arkansas in Conway.

The program includes three sessions. Each will feature a structured presentation by an expert in the area of family finance and consumer education and each will last from 1:30 to 3 p.m. on July 19 and 26 and August 2. A question-answer session will last until 4 p.m. each of the three days.

Dr. Williams will also speak at the Seventh Graduate Workshop in Family Finance and Consumer Education

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theological tools to interpret and strengthen the ongoing experience of renewal.

The registration costs for the conferences are \$5 per person, \$8 per couple, and \$2 for youth.

Requests for further information and registration blanks should go to the host pastor of the church where you will be attending.

Southwest Conference votes for Plan of Merger

The Southwest Annual Conference, meeting June 7-9 at Wesley United Methodist Church and Philander Smith College in Little Rock, voted 49-0 for the proposed Plan of Merger with the Little Rock, North Arkansas and Oklahoma Annual Conferences. They also gave unanimous support to Amendments 5 and 6 which provide for enlarged youth participation in the Annual Conference.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway presided over the sessions of the Conference and brought the message at the opening Service of Communion.

Elected as delegates to the General and Jurisdictional Conferences were: **Clerical:** Dr. W. D. Lester, Little Rock; **Lay:** Mrs. Alice Preston of Murfreesboro; **Clerical Reserve:** Dr. Negail Riley of New York; and **Lay Reserve:** G. James Washington, Little Rock.

The retired relationship was granted the Rev. J. H. Oliver of Little Rock who has been serving as pastor of the Duncan Circuit.

Received into full membership by the Conference were: J. T. Counts, Connie Davis, Harold Flowers, Joe Hughes, J. W. Lofton, Elijah Morgan, M. E. Nelson, W. H. Piggee and T. E. Snow.

The Rev. J. H. Oliver presided at the Memorial Service on Tuesday

morning, and the Rev. R. B. Brown brought the sermon in this service which honored members of the Conference and their wives and widows who had died during the year.

Elected as Conference Lay Leader on recommendation of the Board of the Laity was Varnell Norman of Little Rock. Named as Conference Director of Lay Speaking was Rochan Johnson of Muskogee, Okla.

Representatives of general boards and agencies of the church who appeared before the session included: the Rev. John Norwood of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries, the Rev. Joe Hale of the Board of Evangelism, Charles Kellogg of the Board of the Laity, the Rev. Joe Washington of the Board of Education, and the Rev. Alfred Norris of Gammon Theological Seminary.

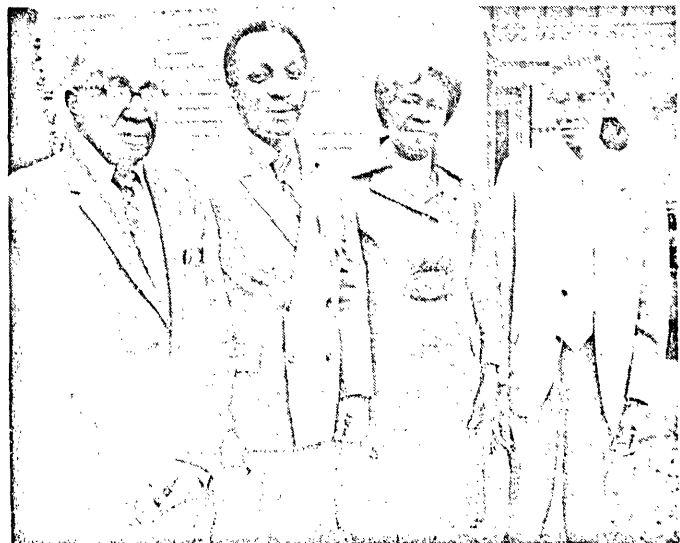
Philander Smith Night; Dr. Clifford Mims, vice president of Philander Smith College, was the speaker for the observance of Philander Smith Night on Tuesday. Special music was furnished by a number of groups from the college.

Health and Welfare Ministries: In adopting the report of the Board of Health and Welfare Ministries of which Mrs. Alice Preston is the chairman, the Conference voted to under-

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The 87th Baccalaureate and Graduation exercises of Hendrix College in progress in courtyard of the Olin C. Bailey Library. Shown at the June 4 ceremonies is the graduating class, some of faculty and audience. Participants on platform in foreground include (l. to r.): Victor Hill, registrar; Dr. M. Francis Christie, academic dean; Bishop Paul V. Galloway; Dr. Roy B. Shilling, Jr., president; Henry F. Trotter, Sr., chairman of the Board of Trustees and James E. Major, vice president and director of development.



General and Jurisdictional Conference delegates elected by the Southwest Annual Conference were: Clerical—Dr. W. D. Lester; Clerical Reserve—Dr. Negail Riley; Lay—Mrs. Alice Preston, and Lay Reserve—G. James Washington.



Mrs. Alice Preston, center, president of the Southwest Conference Women's Society of Christian Service, center, with Mrs. E. T. Davenport, left, and Mrs. John Christian of the Little Rock Conference Women's Society.

gird this program by naming district directors and providing a training opportunity for them. The Rev. John Norwood spoke to this report.

Missions: G. James Washington, chairman presented the report of the Board of Missions, a major item of which was the report of the mission workshop conducted during the year by Dr. J. H. Graham and Dr. Carl Ezra Jones. The report also set the goals of six additional paid leaders and a 10 per cent increase in membership and church attendance.

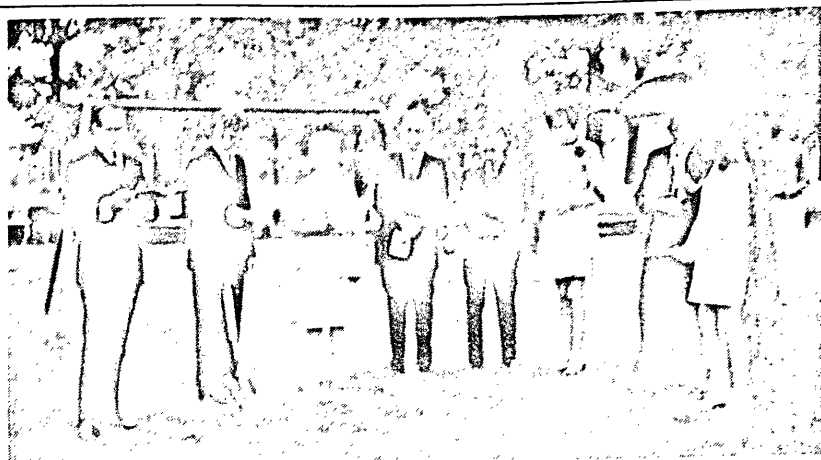
Evangelism: The Rev. J. H. Oliver, chairman, presented the report of the Board of Evangelism. Emphasized were plans for district and conference evangelism workshops and for a continuation of the Preaching Mission project which was such a success in 1971. The Rev. Joe Hale of the General Board spoke to the report, emphasizing the "Key '73" program, and the Conference voted its full support for this program.

Education: Clinton Anderson, chairman, presented the report of the Board of Education with its strong recommendation for the continuation of plans for an ecumenical student ministry at A. M. and N. College and an endorsement of the Capital Funds Campaign for Philander Smith College.

Women's Society of Christian Service: Mrs. Alice Preston, conference president presented this report, in which she told of continued cooperation between the members and officers of the Conference Women's Society and the women of the Little Rock and North Arkansas Conferences. She in-

troduced Mrs. John D. Christian, dean of the Cooperative Interconference School of Christian Mission, and Mrs. E. T. Davenport, president of the Women's Society of Christian Service of the Little Rock Conference.

Board of the Ministry: On recommendation of the Board of the Ministry, Dr. Negail Riley, chairman, the following were elected to Deacon's Orders: Connie Davis, Harold Flowers, Joe Hughes, J. W. Lofton, M. E. Nelson and W. H. Piggee.



Participants in recent groundbreaking ceremony held at Trinity United Methodist Church in Fayetteville. FROM LEFT: Dr. Myers B. Curtis, who officiated; the Rev. Dewey Dark, pastor; Mrs. A. N. Deaton, chairman of the Building Committee; Jack Leonard, chairman of Administrative Board, Bill Hornsby, chairman of Trustees, Mrs. Roy Sharp, president of W.S.C.S.; A. A. Benedict, and Linda Webb. Trinity was organized in 1959, and in November, 1970 a Dedication Service was held signifying payment in full for the original church building. On May 17, 1971 construction began for the new sanctuary, additional classrooms, parlor, chapel and offices. It is anticipated that construction will be completed by late summer.



Received in full membership and ordained elders at the Southwest Conference were: (Back row) Connie Davis, Harold Flowers, J. W. Lofton and M. E. Nelson; (Front row) W. H. Piggee, J. T. Counts, T. E. Snow, Joe Hughes, Jr. and Elijah Morgan.



Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, back row left, was the speaker for the fellowship meeting of the Ministers' Wives at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Walter R. Hazzard.

Elected to Elder's Orders were: J. T. Counts, Connie Davis, Harold Flowers, Joe Hughes, T. E. Snow, J. W. Lofton, Elijah Morgan, M. E. Nelson and W. H. Piggee.

These were ordained at the Service of Ordination on Wednesday evening.

Governor Bumpers Speaks: Governor Dale Bumpers visited the Conference on Wednesday afternoon, welcoming the delegates to Little Rock and expressing his concern for the problems of all the people.

Service of Ordination: The Rev. A. S. Wamble, Sr., district superintendent of the Oklahoma Conference, preached the sermon for the Service of Ordination on Wednesday evening.

Hendrix College grants 183 degrees

Hendrix College conferred degrees on 183 seniors at its commencement on June 4. The Bachelor of Arts degree was conferred on the following:

Little Rock, Elizabeth Hughes Allen, Roger Eugene Armstrong, Martha Elizabeth Butler, Walter Franklin Camp, Mary Newell Folsom, Anna Hopkins Givens, Carol Ann Hearnberger, Connie Carole McCrory, Lanelle Hicks Mott, Anna Elizabeth Nicholson, Robert Leslie Razer, Mary Frances Robbins, Carolyn Snell Scantlin, Jerry Eugene Spratt, Susan Elizabeth Turba, Hugh Randolph Willbourn, III, and Eston Williams, Jr.

North Little Rock, Michael Edmond Berger, Janice Lea Fulton, William G. Hobbs, Jay Frank Holsted, Martha Brown Holsted, Ann Elizabeth Jackson, David A. Knight, Gary Allen Neaville, Judy Sanders Niven, Laura Diane Orne, Patricia Suzanne Porter, Randall Wayne Prickett, Jimmie Lyle Rorie, David W. Ross, Maureen Yvette Cohen Steinmetz, Gary Wayne Villines, Douglass Webb Westerlund, Kenneth Clark White, Jr., Joseph Dallas Williford, and Carolyn Bernice Witt.

Conway, Catherine Fitch Anderson, Charles A. Archer, Deborah Faye Bath, Herman F. Churchwell, Tom Edward Day, Thomas Everette Douglas, Susan Farris, Mary Lee Stoltz Gillespie, Darla Rae Heck, Gary Lynn Ingram, Mary Jane King, James V. Major, Kathleen Guerin Metcalf, Ray Gordon Price, Barbara Catherine Reynolds, Michael Calvin Shock, Sam Earl Southerland, Frances Elizabeth Warren, and Lola Yvonne Taylor of Greenbrier.

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Hot Springs, Herman L. Ashcroft, III, David Thompson Bond, Katherine Joy Freeman, Jennifer M. Lewis, Peggy Ann May, Sidney Michael McCully, Paula Jean Melson, Alan Brewer Quinn, and Phillip Adams Tracy.

Batesville, Helen Susan Moseley, Jerry Polle, and Mary Carolyn Stroud.

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LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE CAMP June 28-July 2

Registrations and fees should be sent to your District Coordinator of Youth Work by June 18.

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Editorial

THE EVENT IS IN THE HAND OF GOD

All around us are people who seem to think that they can develop solutions to the needs and agony of the world without maintaining standards of decency and morality. As we read some of the material that is being written and hear some of the permissive words that are being spoken we are reminded of one of the briefest, yet most significant speeches that George Washington ever made. It was delivered to the Constitutional Convention in the difficult days when it seemed that the new nation might not survive. He said:

"It is too probable that no plan we propose will be adopted. Perhaps another dreadful conflict is to be sustained. If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work? Let us raise the standard to which the wise and the honest can repair. The event is in the hand of God."

There are many patterns of righteousness held by persons who claim to be building their lives on scriptural foundations. To some the standards of one group appear to be a long way from the pattern of life they were taught to accept as the Christian life. To others there is a real inconsistency between the professions and the practices of a large number of Christians. As we have previously stated in these columns, these two groups would not be so far apart if they understood each other better. We are encouraged by many signs of a decrease of tensions and the fading of polarities which were once widespread.

However, it is our conviction that the words of Washington are applicable to the emphasis on righteousness which needs to be rediscovered and reapplied in a time that is threatened with moral anarchy.

For some the conviction that Jesus was interested only in the spiritual well-being of man offers a real temptation to hide and avoid involvement. Any honest Bible scholar knows that the Master, far from being just concerned about men's souls, manifested a immense concern about their day-by-day, practical, mundane needs. He spent much time healing people. He told a parable of the Last Judgment in which he said the future destiny of men would be determined by

whether or not they had ministered to the needs of their fellow men. For him the sight of a rich man in luxury while poor men suffered at the gate was intolerable. These are not the pronouncements of Marx or any other political theorist.

This was the basic point of view of Jesus of Nazareth, and if we could get people to admit this, communication would be so much easier.

Of course, what is needed is a proper balance between the physical and the spiritual in Christian pronouncements and Christian programs. We cannot be sure which groups among us are the greatest distance from this balance. However, we would remind you that Jesus said on one occasion, "Your heavenly father knoweth that ye have need of these things. But seek ye first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

Jesus never said that human needs and wants were unimportant. He said that they must not occupy the whole of our thinking—that we should not "get the cart before the horse." Such a commonplace text as this ought not to confuse us, but it so often does. Many of us become so concerned about seeking the good things of life and devote so much time and energy to their pursuit that we become very impractical. So many of us say, "I want what I want when I want it," and all the while Jesus says, "You are justified in wanting them, but you will never endure getting them until you fulfill prior conditions."

Someone has said that Jesus, in making this emphasis, was pronouncing a law rather than just pointing to an ideal. Our Bible is filled with conditional

promises, but we easily forget the "if clause" that is so often present. Sometime ago a friend announced the subject for his sermon on the Great Commission. It was: "No Go; No Lo!" You will remember that Jesus promised his disciples he would be with them until the end of the age, but before he promised that he charged them to go into all the world and preach the Gospel.

The natural resources which have blessed us and made available so many material things in our time — were here as a part of God's world, but only as we saw them in new perspective and let God use men's minds did we have them at our disposal.

When we start out to put America first, or our individual needs first, we will not reach those goals. We must put something else first — righteousness — a decent world order — mankind organized for justice and peace — or our world will go from one disaster to another.

In the face of our domestic problems, in dealing with our international complexities, in family life, and in the other significant areas of human relations there is a motivation which can move us to success. It is the righteousness of Jesus Christ manifest in individual lives, but not ending there.

As Washington said, "If, to please the people, we offer what we ourselves disapprove, how can we afterward defend our work?"

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the Editor's Corner



RECOLLECTIONS OF FRANKLIN NUTTING PARKER

One of the chief reasons I am grateful that I attended theological school at the time I did was the opportunity it afforded to sit at the feet of Dr. Franklin Nutting Parker who was the dean of Candler School of Theology when I arrived there.

Dr. Parker was one of those consecrated geniuses who taught systematically by contagion and who radiated saintliness in the classroom and out. The son of an outstanding bishop of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, he was a member of one of the first families of Louisiana Methodism.

Dr. Parker introduced us to Jesus Christ as though he were a close friend, because he was. After hearing Dr. Parker talk about conversion, prayer, the atonement or the incarnation those of us who sat at his feet were challenged to communicate these Christian realities after his fashion—knowing all the while that we would fall short of his effectiveness.

Although his brother had served as the executive head of the Board of Education, Dr. Parker took great delight in joking about those who took staff positions in connectional Methodism. He would say, "Young men don't let them talk you into going to work for one of the boards. There were only two boards mentioned in the New Testament, and they nailed them together and crucified our Lord on them."

One of our textbooks was entitled "Paths That Lead to God." On the oral examination which we were required to take Dr. Parker asked me to outline the arguments for the existence of God. Then he said, "Mr. Knox, that was satisfactory. Now forget about that book, because you will never argue anyone into believing in God."

Dr. Parker had a deep Christian faith which reflected in everything that he said and did. This was especially apparent at the time of Mrs. Parker's death. I was sitting in his class when word came of her passing. He quietly informed us of the news and walked across the campus toward their home. Three days later he was back in his classroom witnessing to his faith.

This was a great man of God, and I am so glad that I had a chance to sit at his feet.

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Mrs. Leon S. Price of Dallas, president of the national Parent-Teacher Assn. told convention delegates meeting in Oklahoma City that pornography, lowered sexual standards, drug abuse, consumerism, corruption, bribery, graft, disrespect for law and order, justice, economic and racial discrimination and a callous unconcern for human life have contributed to the polluting of the nation's spiritual life. Calling the family the "promise and the process of achieving quality living," Mrs. Price added that it is the "seedbed in which the values that shape living and learning are sown and cultivated."

James Panoch, a consultant with the Religious Instruction Assn. of Fort Wayne, Ind., told the Nat'l. Congress of Parents and Teachers that while schools may not sponsor devotional periods, they have considerable latitude in teaching "about" religion. He encouraged Parent-Teacher Assns. to support a "moment of meditation" in schools each day. Since these are usually silent periods, they do not violate the U.S. Supreme Court's ruling, he said.

The growth of non-sectarian courses "about" religion in Wisconsin's public schools has demonstrated the need of prospective public school teachers to undertake some college academic study of religions, according to a religious education specialist at Whitewater State University. Prof. Everett P. Fulton said that 94 per cent of high school social studies departments polled indicated that they devoted some classroom time teaching about religion, and reported that the typical time devoted to the subject was 24 days of each term. The State Dept. of Public Instruction has granted certification of WSU's "minor" in religious studies, he said. The course is offered to students preparing for teaching careers. The U. of Wisconsin at Madison reportedly offers about 50 courses which may be generally classified as religious studies.

"Women Together," a little-noticed organization of Protestant and Catholic women, has been "growing steadily in numbers, courage and ingenuity" in Northern Ireland, according to a recent Religious News Service release. The group organized last November to "break down the wall of antagonisms which continue to erupt in sporadic violence and bombings in Ulster." The organization is intended "to give women the corporate strength to resist undesirable pressures" . . . "to influence for peace in their homes, their streets, and their neighborhoods" . . . and "to foster a sense of pride in their localities."

Dr. G. N. M. Collins, moderator of the Free Church of Scotland, in an address before that body, charged that the ecumenical policy of "Let's get together first and see if we can agree later" was an over-simplification of the problem. "The plans of unity at present under discussion tend to disregard all positives," he argued. "Truths once held dearer than life itself are now demoted to mere arguable propositions. What were once regarded as heresies and outright denials of the truth have now been raised to higher levels of respectability," he said. "There is indeed need to deplore the divisions and to do our utmost to heal them. But the way to do so is not to cast all our creedal statements onto the scrap-heap," he said as he defended the Free Church's refusal to take part in unity talks.

The Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis adopted by a voice a resolution urging the legislation of abortion in certain cases, including those where "carefully-ascertained evidence" indicates possible damage to the emotional, mental, and physical health of the mother."

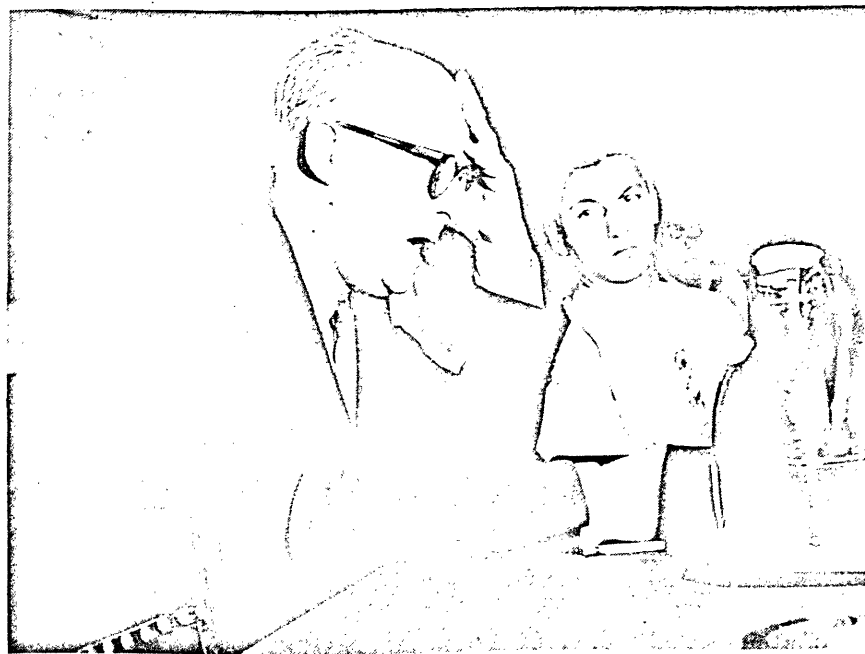
Mrs. Marcus Rohlf of Seattle, newly-elected president of the American Baptist Convention, was introduced to approximately 3,000 persons attending the Southern Baptist Women's annual Missionary Union meeting in St. Louis. Observers said the women were "cool" to Mrs. Rohlf's suggestion that they work for the election of a woman as president of the Convention (largest Protestant denomination in the U.S.). Prior to Mrs. Rohlf's challenge, leaders of the 1,400,000-member WMU had described as "progressive, but not militant" their attitude toward securing more governing roles for women in the church.

The Nat'l. Council of Churches is terminating the services of three top aides because of a financial squeeze, it was learned in N.Y. The three men are Dr. William A. Norgren, executive director of the Dept. of Faith and Order; Dr. Blahoslav S. Hruby, managing editor of "Religion in Communist Dominated Areas" and the Rev. James Stoner, assistant general secretary for executive operations. Hit by inflation and some decline in denominational backing, the NCC is said to have experienced other staff layoffs in the past year.

Anglican and Protestant congregations which largely serve foreign residents in Chile have agreed to merge because of a loss of membership that followed the election of Marxist President Salvador Allende. Spokesmen for the congregations said many foreigners have been leaving as their professional work contracts have not been renewed. Chile's recent nationalization program is affecting mining and other foreign-operated industries. Bishop Francisco Anabalon of the Pentecostal Church said his denomination had to suspend construction of churches and welfare centers because of the departure of foreigners who supported the projects.

Dr. James A. Robinson, 39, provost and vice-president for academic affairs at Ohio State University, has been named president of Macalester College, a United Presbyterian-related school in St. Paul (Minn.). He will succeed Dr. Arthur S. Flemming, who is retiring to become chairman of the 1971 White House Conference on the Aging. Dr. Flemming is a former president of the Nat'l. Council of Churches.

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STOCKBRIDGE, Mass.—Reinhold Niebuhr, the Protestant theologian who had wide influence in the worlds of religion and politics, died June 1 in Stockbridge, Mass., after a long illness. On June 21 he would have been 79 years old. In this June 1951 photo, he is shown testifying before a Senate committee investigating morals and ethics in government. Niebuhr, then a professor of Applied Christianity at Union Theological Seminary in New York, told the committee that without a high moral standard the complex government demanded by modern society would break down.

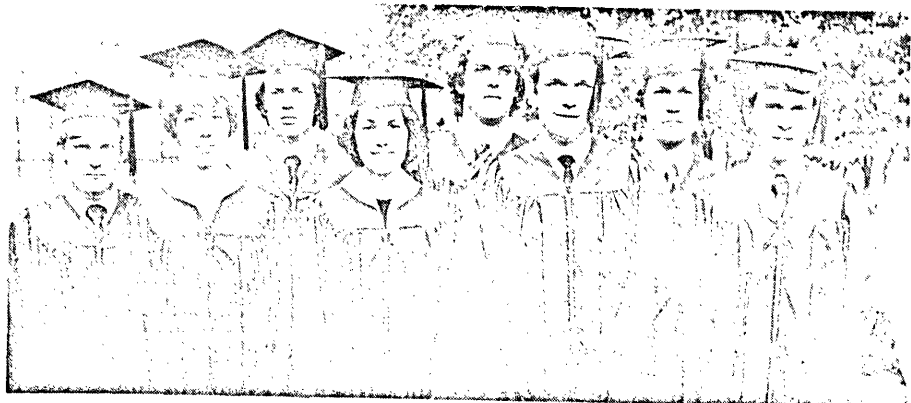
The American Friends Service Committee, a Quaker organization, has made a third delivery of open heart surgical equipment to North Vietnam. Charles Read, secretary of the agency's international service division, who made the delivery, handed letters from the families of U.S. servicemen held captive by North Vietnam to the Viet-My Committee, a group promoting "solidarity and peace" with the American people. He was given 28 letters from prisoners to bring back to their families. Mr. Read was denied permission to visit Americans held prisoner by Hanoi. Following its tradition of pacifism and concern for suffering, AFSC aids civilians on both sides in armed conflicts.

The United Presbyterian General Assembly, meeting in Rochester, N.Y., has denounced "the unjust confinement and forthcoming trials of those Soviet citizens of Jewish and Christian faiths who are being denied their right of self-determination and their right of emigration."

Fifteen Jersey, Charolais and Brahman calves, five quarter horses, and nine Yorkshire and Duroc Jersey pigs have recently been donated through the Agricultural Missions Foundation by U.S. farmers to upgrade the herds of Ecuadorian farmers. Begun in 1966, the breeding program has been one of the most successful of projects in Ecuador, said Samuel L. Simpson, a Southern Baptist missionary. The missionaries hope the mission farm will become a center of operations for an extension program with both agricultural and spiritual outreach.

Fifty-nine church burglaries were reported to Minneapolis police during the first four months of 1971, which is said to be an appreciable rise over the 1970 period. While most of the loot has been money or such saleable items as microphones and film projectors, some religious items have been stolen. The few burglars apprehended by Minneapolis police have for the most part been juveniles. Some pastors said they felt the burglaries reflected a general dip in the economy, increasing unemployment and a lowered esteem for established religion.

Addressing the third International Book Festival in Nice, France, Pope Paul appealed to the world's book publishers to avoid merely "commercial" considerations and to labor to promote books that will "illuminate mankind" and guide it toward "its true well-being." "Not even the pretext of earnings," he stressed, "can justify the publishing of books that contribute to the corrosion of human values." Addressing himself to Christian writers, publishers and bookstore operators, the Pope reminded them of their duty as Christians "to spread Christ's message to the four corners of the earth."



Eight Hendrix College students who graduated with honors at the June 4 Commencement. FROM LEFT: David F. Byrd, Nashville; Connie Carole McCrory, Little Rock; Arthur Douglas Chavis III, Pine Bluff; Anna Elizabeth Nicholson, Little Rock; William G. Hobbs, North Little Rock; Donald B. Yarbrough, Nashville; James V. Major, Conway, and Keith Allin McNabb, Morrilton. Hobbs, McNabb and Miss Nicholson were graduated with high honors. Major is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. James E. Major.

Hendrix honors outstanding students

Honors Day was held at Hendrix College recently. Awards were made to outstanding students for achievements during the year.

Awards and those receiving them were: Intramural Athlete of the Year, Johnny Deen; Choir Awards, Roger Armstrong, Virginia Harrison, Mary Ann Samuels, and Adele Baldrige;

Outstanding Student in First Year Chemistry, Bill Gibbs; Outstanding Student in First Year Mathematics, Marilyn Martin, Ed Zakrzewski; Outstanding Sophomore Man, Bill Dedman; Outstanding Sophomore Woman, Thelma Hampton;

Cardinal Key Scholarship, Mary Keck; French Prize, Debbie Brians, Alita Mantels, Glenda Parker, and John W. Wright; Spanish Prize, Glenda Parker and Alita Mantels; H. Bradford Govan Journalism Award, Mary Ann Gwinn; Carmon Estes Memorial Award, Susan Hazelbaker; Hugh W. Robertson Athletic Medal, Rick Wachter; Mosley Sociology Prize, Beth But-

ler; Hogan Mathematics Prize, John Lovett; McHenry Chemistry Award, Carole McCrory; Vivian Hill Drama Award, Jim Reeder;

Myrtle E. Charles Service Award, Kaki Parker; L. P. Farris Service and Leadership Key, Eston Williams; Opal P. Middleton Education Award, Anna Nicholson; Outstanding Woman Music Major Award, Adele Baldrige; Margaret Nicklaus Lyon Memorial English Prize, Nell Rorie; McCuiston English Prize, Mike McCully; Mosley Economics and Business Prize, Bill Brookshire; E. W. Martin Memorial Accounting Award, Tommy Bentley; Fleming Music Award, Adele Baldrige; Earle A. Spessard Biology Award, Mary Robbins; T. S. Staples History Prize, Richard Danhart; W. C. Buthman Political Science Prize, Bobby Decker; Scholarship Prize, John W. Wright; A. C. Millar Citizenship Award, Kipp Wolfe; Moore Religion Award, Jim Major.

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Jonesboro group on mission to Mexico

"The Christian Edition," a singing and witnessing group of 40 youth of First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, are participating in a June 9-20 mission trip to Mexico with appearances in churches in Arkansas, Texas and Louisiana.

The group is composed of 20 Senior High and 20 Junior High young people who believe that God is real and that Jesus Christ makes a difference. They have appeared frequently in the regular worship services of their own church and in mid-week youth meetings, youth rallies and Lay Witness Missions.

Their pastor, the Rev. Worth H. Gibson, says, "The songs sung by 'The Christian Edition' have grown out of a ministry, rather than having been applied to one. There is no attempt to produce a professional sound, but the idea of the group is to

spread joy and to sing from the heart a love for Jesus and our fellow man."

The group is directed by Bob Fuller, director of music at their church and instructor of vocal music at Jonesboro High School. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and received the degree of Master of Sacred Music from Union Theological Seminary in New York. He has also done post-graduate work at Juillard School of Music in New York.

The pastor, educational assistant Mrs. Bill Cox, Mr. Fuller, and youth director Clyde M. Knight are accompanying the group. Other adults on the tour include: Mr. and Mrs. Doug Phillips, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Gates, Mrs. Clyde M. Knight, Mrs. Travis Nash, Bill Cox and Chris Knight.

The itinerary for the tour is as follows:

June 9: First United Methodist

A memorial grant in her name will be given by St. Jude Hospital each year to educate a nurse for three months in cancer research. Donations for this fund are being received by St. Jude Hospital, Business Office, 332 N. Lauderdale, Memphis, Tenn.

A fund has been established by Methodist Hospital for scholarships and student loans. Contributions to this fund may be sent to: Methodist Hospital Student Loan Scholarship Fund, c/o Mrs. R. P. Carothers, 142 Ivan Road, Memphis, Tenn. 38109.

Contributions to either fund should specify that the donation is for the Robbie Simpson Memorial Fund.

MEMORIAL FOR ROBBIE LEE SIMPSON

Robbie Lee (Blake) Simpson, wife of Darrell Simpson, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boyce Blake of Piggott, Ark., died May 6 in Methodist Hospital, Memphis, of hepatitis at the age of 23.

She had worked two years as a registered nurse at Methodist Hospital, and at the time of her death was employed at St. Jude Hospital, Memphis. She was a member of Madison Heights United Methodist Church, Memphis.

Two funds have been established in her memory:

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HENDRIX GRADUATES

Clarksville, William Tracy Love and Paula Johnson Satterfield.

Helena, Darcy Lynn Dinning and Albert Peter Thompson, Jr.

Heber Springs, Daniel Bruce Farley, Ricky Lynn Johnson and John Wayne Wright.

Warren, George Clifton Morgan, Thomas Erwin Paulus, Major Billy R. Sharp and Ann Elizabeth Whaley Robinson.

Morrilton, Lynn Jump McLean, Keith Allen McNabb and William Davis Strait.

Malvern, Felice Roland Bond and Katherine Diane Grigsby.

Harrison, Charles Roy Klepper and Kipp Arthur Wolfe.

Hope, George Cannon Garrett, Jr., Twila Hunt Pilkington, and Betty Morris Thrasher.

Jacksonville, Sara Elizabeth Aull, David William Cooper and Betty Ann Johnson.

El Dorado, William Marcus Cook, Kerry Ellen Goodwin, and Janie Robertson.

Camden, John David Dedman, Pamela Parham Dedman, Lee McKee Gillespie, Glenda Gillespie Henley, and Linda Abney Summers.

Fort Smith, Marcy Ann Brown, Linda Gannaway Groom, Phillip Clayton Hatley, Earl Shadle Smith, III and Batte Thompson Stanton.

Searcy, William Thompson Brookshire, Liles Murray Henry, Llyn Wilbur McEuen, Jr., and Irvin Benton Robinson.

DeWitt, Frances Virginia Brown and Mary Ann Parker.

Nashville, David Forrest Byrd and Donald B. Yarbrough.

Brinkley, John Elmo Deen, Jr. and Virginia Jane Harrison.

Ashdown, Clyde Leonard Briant, III, Elizabeth Jane Coley and David Anthony Latimer.

Harrisburg, Jackie Hebb Mann.

Arkadelphia, James Claude McCaskill.

Parkin, Susan McKnight.

Cabot, Frances Eileen Lasiter.

Augusta, Michael David Maguire.

Russellville, Louise Thurman Harding.

Mammoth Springs, Carroll Dwain Jackson.

Wiseman, Gary Lynn Langston.

Huntington, Mary Etta Keisman.

Turrell, Rebecca Grace Holland.

Blytheville, Vance T. Blackwell.

Marianna, Robert William Burke,

Jr.

Forrest City, Francis Hal Vandiver,

Jr.

Clinton, Jo Nell Tumlinson.

Stephens, Stephen Harris Ellis.

Dermott, Jack Edward Engelkes.

Etowah, Judy Wilmoth White.

Newark, Jim E. Allen.

Siloam Springs, Vinton Savelle

Barnes.

Hughes, Thomas Bentley.

Newport, Katherine Beatrice Park-

er.

Benton, Hubert Guy Couch, Jr.

Bauxite, Elizabeth Jane Bunyard.

Lepanto, Harriet Anne Ashley Mur-

phy.

Monticello, Jackson Erwin Pierce.

England, Grace Ellen Rice.

Van Buren, Patti Gale Sanders.

Wynne, Kathy Smith Sessions.

Dumas, Jack Sumter Stearns, Jr.

Star City, Alton Davidson.

Eudora, Karen Elizabeth Dawson.

Bald Knob, Robert J. Decker.

Plummerville, Janis Elaine Gordon.

Magnolia, Douglas D. Green.

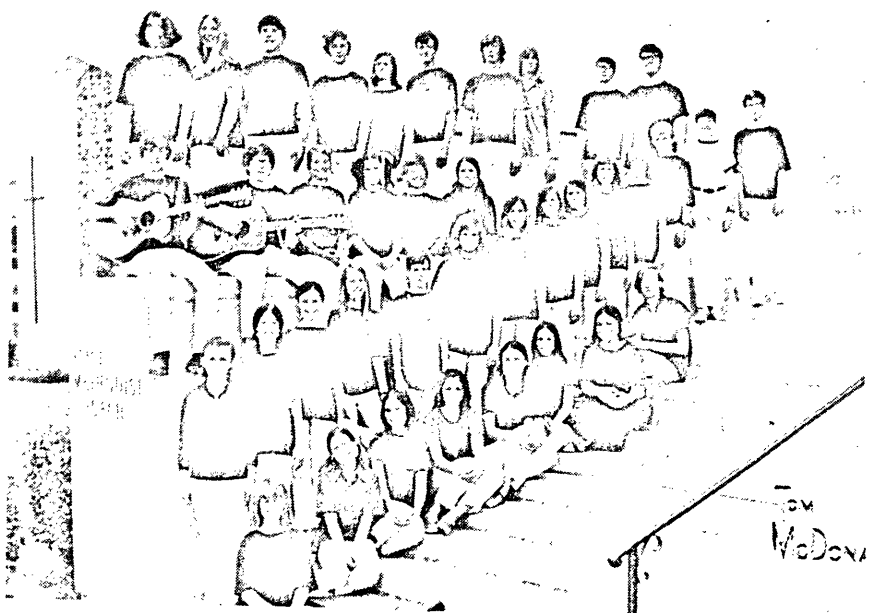
Quitman, Richard A. Hinkle, Jr.

Parkdale, Mary Elizabeth Hoy.

Calion, Randall Byrns Meek.

Perryville, Anne Pye.

Those graduating from out of state were, Betsy Norwood of Texarkana, Texas; Mary Adele Baldrige of Shreveport, Louisiana; Elizabeth Ann Brawner, of Glenview, Illinois; Richard Alex Danhart, Westwood, New Jersey; Barbara Jones Denton, Summit, Mississippi; Arnold H. Nachman, Jr., Oyster Bay, New York; Jamie Kathleen Phillips, Seminole, Florida; David Lincoln Rogers, Denver, Colorado; Mary Ann Samuels, Webster Groves, Missouri; Richard Damon Wachter, St. Louis, Missouri; Margaret Kamp Knight, Denton, Texas; Donald Keith Perdue, Moss Point, Mississippi; Hal Rucks Sessions, III, and Jean Elaine Warren of Memphis.



"The Christian Edition"—singing youth group, Jonesboro First Church.

Church, El Dorado; June 10: Laurel Heights United Methodist Church, San Antonio, Tex.; June 11: Holding Institute, Laredo, Tex.; June 12 and 13: Monterrey, Mexico, with visits near that city and Saltillo; June 14: First United Methodist Church, Corpus Christi, Tex.; June 15 and 16: Chapelwood United Methodist Church with visits to the Astrodome and the Astroworld; and June 17: First United Methodist Church, Shreveport.

On the week-end of June 18-20 the group will travel to First United Methodist Church, West Helena, where they will lead the young people of that church in a Youth Witness Mission. Mr. Knight will be the coordinator for the mission.

They will return to Jonesboro Sunday afternoon, June 20, and have charge of the Sunday-at-Six Service in their own church.

News and Notes

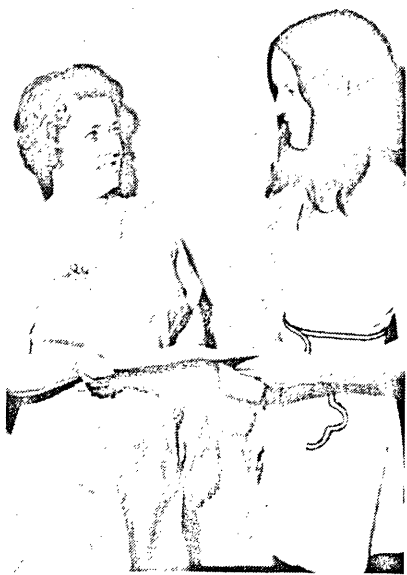
HOMEcoming SUNDAY at Judsonia United Methodist Church will be June 20. All former pastors and members are invited to attend. The activities of the day include church school at 10 a.m. followed by a variety program in the afternoon. The Rev. Everne Hunter is the pastor.

P. K. KORNER

CHRIS LOUIS MEYER, son of the Rev. and Mrs. George G. Meyer of Warren, and Leola Hunt, daughter of Mrs. Opal B. Hunt of Fort Smith, were married on May 22 in First Church, Fort Smith. Mr. Meyer is currently educational assistant at First United Methodist Church in Russellville, a position he formerly held at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock.

JANIS GAIL ANDERSON, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Gail Anderson of Parkin, and Harry Steven Hill, son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hill of Trumann, were married in the United Methodist Church at Parkin, June 6. The Rev. Gerald Hammett, pastor of Levy United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, officiated.

JOHN BAYLISS, an honor graduate of Northside High School in Fort Smith and president of the student body, was elected to the Hall of Fame of Northside. He was presented a trophy for "best boy citizen" and was voted "best all-round student." The son of the Rev. John Bayliss, pastor of Fort Smith First Church, and Mrs. Bayliss, he will be attending Hendrix College where he has been invited to be a part of the honors program.



Ruth West, right, daughter of Mrs. Bernice West and the late Rev. Hascle West, was presented a one-year tuition scholarship by Mrs. Don Gilbert, representing the Jonesboro Junior Auxiliary. Miss West graduated from Jonesboro High School and plans to enter Arkansas State University as a special education major. Her father was killed in an automobile accident en route from S.M.U. to Judsonia in 1956. She is a sister of the Rev. Jim West of the Caraway United Methodist Church.

DR. ROBERT LAUBACH TO MEET WITH ARKANSAS LITERACY GROUP

Dr. Robert S. Laubach, president and executive director of Laubach Literacy, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y., will be in Little Rock Monday and Tuesday of next week (June 21, 22) for meetings with volunteer literacy workers of Arkansas.

At noon, June 21, Dr. Laubach will speak at a luncheon meeting of literacy leaders at Franke's Mall Cafeteria, 300 S. University, with Dr. Erwin L. McDonald, Laubach Literacy chairman for Arkansas, presiding. Attendance will be by invitation.

A general meeting, open to the public, will be held Monday night at Asbury United Methodist Church, W. 12th and Schiller Streets, at 7:30 o'clock. This meeting is being sponsored by the Greater Little Rock Literacy Council, of which Mrs. Paul Galloway and Mrs. Samuel A. Pallone, both of Little Rock, are co-chairmen.

Dr. Laubach, the son of the late Dr. Frank Laubach, missionary whose development of the "each one teach one" method helped him and his organization to teach people to read by the millions in countries all over the world, was actively associated with his father for many years before the senior Laubach's official retirement. He has continued to head the organization since his father's retirement. This will be his first visit to Arkansas.

At the Monday night meeting, Dr. Laubach will hear a progress report from the Greater Little Rock Literacy Council, which had its beginning last February. According to Co-Chairman Mrs. Pallone, 200 volunteers in the Little Rock area have attended workshops and qualified as teachers of the Laubach method. These workers have helped 175 people to learn to read and there are 34 people now on the waiting list to be assigned to teachers, Mrs. Pallone said.

SPRINGHILL CHARGE, Hope District, welcomed the Rev. Connie Robbins and family back for their seventh year. Charge members surprised the family with a pounding of food, gifts and money on Saturday night, May 29.

THE CAVANAUGH United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, has completed a training enterprise for church school workers. The Rev. Earl B. Carter, associate director of the Conference Program Council, and Mrs. Frances Winter, coordinator of Children's Work in the Fort Smith District, were the leaders. Mrs. Dixie House is chairman of the Commission on Education at Cavanaugh and the Rev. Larry D. Powell is pastor.

TWELFTH GRADE YOUTH of St. Paul Church, Little Rock, decided to forego the customary graduation banquet in their honor. Instead, the class requested that money designated for that honor by the Women's Society and Administrative Board be spent on support of an orphaned Indian Child, a project to which the young people give regularly. The Rev. J. Robert Scott is pastor.

THE NEW ADDRESS of Dr. and Mrs. S. B. Wilford is: 821 Channing St., Lakeland, Florida, 33801. Dr. Wilford retired at the recent session of the North Arkansas Conference, after 47 years in the ministry. For the past six years he was superintendent of the Paragould District.

THE REV. MARSHALL A. BRIDWELL, who retired at the recent session of Annual Conference, and Mrs. Bridwell will make their home at Tongliffe Farm, Route 3, Hillsboro, Missouri, 63050. Dr. Bridwell was district superintendent of the Camden and Jonesboro Districts and pastor of First Church, Paragould.

THE REV. AND MRS. HERCHALLE COUCHMAN, retiring after 42½ years in the ministry, were honored by members of First Church, Rector, at a going-away dinner, May 24. Their sons, Henry and Dwayne, and several friends from McCrory were also guests. The program featured a medley of songs by Mrs. Byron Gregory and Dana McBride, and the first performance of the Junior Choir. Miss Ganeath Sharp made appropriate remarks as she lighted candles signifying each charge where the Couchmans had served. The couple will live in McCrory.

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 20--Sunday	John 15:7-11
June 21	Phil. 3:1-10
June 22	John 16:19-21
June 23	Luke 15:7-10
June 24	Psalms 16:1-11
June 25	Psalms 30:1-5
June 26	Psalms 43:1-5
June 27--Sun.	Psalms 48:1-14

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on July 14. This workshop will be held at the State College of Arkansas in Conway from July 12 through August 13. It will deal with financial planning, borrowing, buying, protecting, saving and investing.

Six hours of graduate credit may be earned from this workshop. Some scholarships are available. Housing and recreation facilities of the college will be open to participants.

Those desiring more information on either program may write to Dr. Larry D. Coleman, Director, Center for Family Finance and Consumer Education, State College of Arkansas, Conway, Arkansas 72032.

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Mailing address: 2000 Aldersgate Road, Little Rock, Ark. 72205. Telephone: 225-1444.

FAMILY CAMPING SCHEDULED IN JUNE

FOUR INTERNATIONAL students arrived in Little Rock Monday night, June 14, and will be on the staff of counselors at Aldersgate Camp this summer. An Indian student from Oklahoma had already arrived at the camp.

THE ANNUAL PICNIC for directors of the Aldersgate Board, their families, and camp staff will be held at the camp Sunday evening, June 20, at 6 o'clock. The affair is sponsored by the program committee, the Rev. Lester Bickford, chairman, and the personnel committee, the Rev. Jon Guthrie, chairman, in order that board members might have fellowship with the summer staff.

The varied summer program of activities at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock, includes a family camping weekend, scheduled for June 25, 26 and 27.

Ed Wimberly, chairman of special camping, announces that this weekend is for families with tents or camper-trailers, but that some cabins are available. Families will have fellowship, recreation and worship together Friday night. Saturday morning will be devoted to work, helping to develop the camp's tent and camper area. Saturday afternoon will be spent on the lake, — swimming, boating, and fishing (hopefully for a night fish-fry).

For further information, write or call the camp office (listed at top of column).

Senior Citizens' Month, observed nationwide in May, was noted in the DeValls Bluff Church on May 16. The Rev. Herston Holland and Larry Gershner, Official Board chairman, (back row, from left) presented gift books to these pictured on front row, from left: Mrs. Blanch Hollan, Mrs. Ray Hill, and Mrs. Lelia R. Buck, the three with the longest membership at DeValls Bluff, all joining between 1905 and 1910, and the Rev. George Williams, the oldest man present.



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Ministers' Wives elect in two conferences



Mrs. Earl Hughes, at left, was elected president of the North Arkansas Ministers' Wives. Mrs. Wayne Clark, at right, will be vice-president. Mrs. Jim McKay, elected secretary-treasurer, was not present at the Fayetteville luncheon due to illness in the family.



Both conferences presented money to Mrs. Paul V. Galloway, bishop's wife, to be used in her current charity, that of aiding adult illiterates. Above, Mrs. George Tanner, secretary-treasurer of the L.R. Conference Wives, pins money corsage on Mrs. Galloway. Mrs. Ralph Hale, seated, president, presided.

New officers for Little Rock Conference Ministers' Wives are: (from left), Mrs. Fred H. Arnold, president; Mrs. Sam Jones, vice-president; and Mrs. John Alston, secretary-treasurer.



These "wives" were dressed appropriate to the era described by Mrs. Robertson in "Reflections of a Minister's Wife."



"In Pakistani Sandals" was the theme of the North Arkansas Conference Ministers' Wives luncheon held at Fireside Inn near Fayetteville, June 2. Mrs. Carlos Smith (2nd from right) of Helena exhibited articles and talked about her experiences in Pakistan. She was assisted by a score of wives who modeled various types of Pakistani dress. Those pictured with her are Mrs. Andy Hall (left), Mrs. Wayne Clark (2nd from left), and Mrs. John Lee (right).

Mrs. Bob Robertson, vice-president in charge of the luncheon program at Hot Springs, was assisted by James Douglas of Little Rock in "emceeding" the program.



"MISSION IS" THEME FOR PARAGOULD DISTRICT WSCS

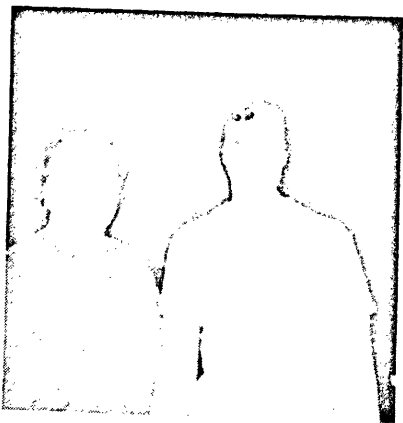
The Paragould District Women's Society of Christian Service held the spring meeting in the United Methodist Church of Cherokee Village in May with Mrs. Tyler Williams presiding. Roll call by Mrs. Claude Shaver registered 163 members from 23 societies, and 11 guests.

Featured speaker was Miss Mildred Osment from Jonesboro, a former conference WSCS president, whose subject was "Missions Is — How The Word Gets Around." Mrs. Earl Gramling led the Memorial Service.

Special music was by the Cherokee Village Choir, and by these soloists: Mrs. Laurel Hoff, Mrs. Dianne Christian, William Gibbons, Howard Stout, and George Eustace.

Local members under the leadership of Mrs. Hayes Selby, WSCS president, furnished hospitality and lunch. The Rev. Lawrence Dodgen, host pas-

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Paragould District Women's Society met at Cherokee Village, May 5. Miss Mildred Osment (left), of Jonesboro, guest speaker, was introduced by Mrs. Rudy Stark, district vice-president.

tor, gave the morning devotional and officiated at a closing Communion Service.

PINE BLUFF DISTRICT WSCS RETREAT HELD

Over sixty members from sixteen local societies in Pine Bluff District Women's Society of Christian Service met at Carr Memorial United Methodist church, Pine Bluff, on May 4 for a spiritual growth retreat.

Leaders were district officers, Mrs. Malcolm Browning, spiritual growth chairman and Mrs. Robert Bormann, vice-president.

After a devotional by Mrs. Eric Jenson and a period of directed meditation, the ladies divided into small groups for problem sharing and witnessing.

The host pastor, the Rev. Carl Matthew brought an inspirational message and then served Holy Communion to everyone.

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JONESBORO DISTRICT WSCS "SPIRITUAL ADVENTURE DAY"

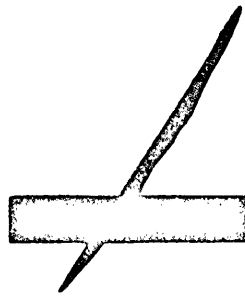
Members of the Jonesboro District Women's Society of Christian Service held the annual Spiritual Adventure Day at the Weiner United Methodist Church on May 18. Mrs. James Nix of Brinkley was leader for the day's theme: "The Inward Journey." Mrs. Nix is the district chairman of spiritual growth in the Forrest City District and is conference treasurer for Women's Societies and Guilds.

Mrs. W. L. Whittaker of Blytheville, district president, presided. Box lunches were served to 63 women.

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The Rev. Anthony Shipley, associate program director for the New York Annual Conference, has been named program director of the Detroit Annual Conference, effective in June. Mr. Shipley is believed to be the first black director appointed in a predominantly-white conference.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR JUNE 27: God Requires Personal Righteousness

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Micah 6 and 7

MEMORY SELECTION: "He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?" (Micah 6:8)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To give careful consideration to the type of personal commitment and conduct God expects of man; to remind us that many acts of worship may be empty and meaningless if they are not motivated by personal commitment.

In this last of our series of lessons on the prophets we will be considering the high point in prophetic utterance which is represented in Micah 6:8. But we shall also be trying to summarize all that we have been studying from Amos, Hosea, Isaiah and Micah. Through the words of these men we have been traveling on the peaks of Old Testament revelation and looking across from that vantage point into the land of the New Testament.

This lesson concludes the series, "Prophets of Righteousness and Mercy." Although the prophets have been impressing us at times with words of reproof and condemnation, they have also given us insight into redemptive truth. Although there is much in each of these prophets that is grim and foreboding, we ought not to leave our study of these men without taking with us some of the positive dreams they had of what the world could become if men would only understand what it is that God expects of them.

The emphasis of our lesson last week was on the challenge of making society responsive to the needs of men, many of which have been brought on by the advances of science and technology. Even in Micah's day there were some who realized that prosperity and affluence do not always benefit everybody. We were reminded that while some Western nations have developed rapidly, there are still many lands where development has taken place at a much slower pace. The prophets realized in the eighth century B.C. that the "haves" must realize their obligation to the "have nots."

Today's lesson carries us into another area of want in the presence of plenty. It is the problem of an increasing number of people who have experienced emptiness in the presence of plenty. One of the areas of new life in our land today emphasizes the deep spiritual needs that can exist even in an affluent society. Many are telling us that the social emphases of the prophets were really built on foundations of individual commitment.

It was our privilege to participate in the Evangelism Convocation in New Orleans in January. We found there an accent on cooperation between those who felt that the major concern of religion is personal piety and those who have been devoting the main part of their attention to social concerns. It seems that this was the main emphasis of Micah as he asked, "What doth the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

"PLEAD YOUR CASE BEFORE THE MOUNTAINS"

Many scholars feel that Micah 6 follows so closely the material of Chapter 3 that there really should have been no break or separation. There Micah had begun his description of the nature of justice, and he continues effectively in this chapter.

The setting is: some kind of heavenly court in

which God challenges man to defend his systems of injustice. The chapter begins with the words, "Arise, plead your case before the mountains." Thus in a very dramatic locale the prophet thinks of parts of God's creation that are greater than man sitting in judgment on man. God is holding court and he calls on Judah to come before him in the presence of the everlasting hills. When we think of such a courtroom we see how difficult it is to make much of a case for some of our petty indifference and the cruel way in which we have treated some of our fellowmen.

In this chapter it seems that we are in the presence of the great traditions of prophecy. We read of what happens when sinful man confronts the claims of God whom he has forsaken. Dr. Harold A. Bosley says in *Interpreter's Bible*: "It is no wonder that the supreme expression of ethical religion in the Old Testament is reached in this mood."

We cannot get away from the fact that we must be constantly on trial. The idea of a great climactic day of judgment sometime in the distant future is not nearly so life-shaking for most people as is the reality of a dramatic courtroom scene like that described by Micah. Dr. Charles M. Laymon quotes Robert Louis Stevenson who once said, "Everybody soon or later sits down to a banquet of consequences."

It was God's desire that through the prophets he might gain the ear of his people. They had strayed far from his intentions for them. He wanted them to come back, to talk things over, to find out where they had erred. This is part of God's loving nature. God is ever outgoing trying to win man back to himself. As one has put it, "Only as we heed the summons to his court of appeals can we learn the facts of the case. Man may go on ignoring God's appeal, but God will keep on trying to get man to listen."

"THE LORD HAS A CONTROVERSY WITH HIS PEOPLE"

In verse 2 we read, "Hear, you mountains, the controversy of the Lord, and your enduring foundations of the earth; for the Lord has a controversy with his people, and he will contend with Israel." Here again we are dealing with a literary style that we have seen often in our study of the prophets. God is demanding a hearing of his people. He summons them to give account of themselves, not merely in the presence of each other, but in the presence of the loftiest, most permanent realities of the physical world — the mountains.

What we really have here is a parable of the will of God as visualized by the prophet. To him this is higher than the mountains and of more solid foundations than any of his creation. The mountains are used in this simile not just to suggest that they will send back empty echoes. The prophet meant to remind man of how small he was against the majesty of the hills and how petty his own purposes were as contrasted with the will of God. Our witness grows dim so often because our sight is restricted to the tiny mole hills of our own self-centered desires, and we cannot see beyond them to the majesty of the hills. It took men like Micah to remind people of this, and unless we hear his voice or some other prophetic word we will be destroyed by our own littleness.

Although this material is in the form of questions, there was no doubt in God's mind as to where the blame rested for his people's waywardness and rebellion. By their actions they had implied that they were tired of God. They had rejected his laws and even turned from him to idols. The divine voice seemed to be saying, "If there is some-

thing wrong with my law, tell me now what it is." But in this divine courtroom man remained silent.

THE FUTILITY OF ABUNDANT SACRIFICE

The next important section of this lesson is verse 6 and 7 where the divine prosecutor wants to know if man thinks that his way back into the good graces of God lies in a super-abundance of worship. He asks, "Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousands of rivers of oil?" We will recognize that Micah is resorting to hyperbole, but there should be no doubt as to his meaning. Like the other prophets, Micah sees many people who know the proper routine of sacrifice and worship, but who do not seem to understand what the will of God is pointing out to them as their duty to their neighbors.

The system of animal sacrifice had been a part of the Jewish ritual since the days of Moses. It was intended to teach the seriousness of sin, the need for forgiveness, God's willingness to forgive, and the high cost involved. The ideal of sacrifice lay at the heart of the New Testament interpretation of the gift of God's love through Jesus Christ.

But Micah and the other prophets saw that the ritual of sacrifice had become an end in itself with so many people, and the idea emerged that the more sacrifices were offered, and the greater their cost, the better pleased God would be.

There were some who thought that this was a way in which God could be bribed. This element has always worked itself into religion, and our own day is not free from the man who thinks that by an abundance of worship he can be right with God whether he works for justice or not. There is a very pertinent sentence in Broadman Comments: "This does not mean that the practices of worship are valueless and therefore to be rejected. They are only of value, however, when offered by persons whose lives are in tune with the nature and will of God."

"WHAT DOETH THE LORD REQUIRE OF YOU?"

From time to time we have expressed our reluctance to brand one verse of scripture as among the greatest in the Bible. However, several of the commentators have encouraged our boldness in saying that Micah 6:8 belongs in that category: "What doth the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness and to walk humbly with your God?"

Micah feels reluctant to close this trial without telling man what it is that God has been looking for all along. Dr. Charles Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "This dramatic and incisive statement of God's moral demands for man summarizes the teachings of the other prophets we have been studying. Justice and kindness toward others are combined with true humility toward God."

Micah is here saying that the true basis of acceptance by God is not a ritual observance but an attitude of life. The whole field of godly faith and practice is involved in this phrase, for a man who walks humbly with his God will be repentant for sin, dependent on divine forgiveness, grateful for every grace and mercy experienced in response to God's will, energetic in his effort to discover what he can do to contribute to the total body of justice and goodness.

We are constantly being reminded in these days that our religion must get outside "the four cozy walls" of the church. And so it must if we hear what Micah is saying to us. In our time there is a great new accent on justice, and there are many challenges coming to us to follow that leadership. Moffatt has translated the latter part of this verse, "To be just and kind and live in quiet fellowship with your God." Dr. Bosley comments that, "This may sound comforting and comfortable to the man who has never tried it, but the unanimous verdict of prophetic spirits through the ages underscores its costliness . . . Mercy and humility are surely two of the highest and holiest of virtues — and no others are more difficult of the kind of achievement God requires, i.e. incarnation. Yet Micah joins the prophetic succession of Amos, Hosea and Isaiah in demanding just this."

Arkansas missionary returns for retirement

Dr. Pearle McCain, missionary-teacher in China and Japan for 42 years, is retiring. She arrived in Little Rock, Arkansas, on Monday, June 7, to begin her final furlough year.

The letter below, which we received from her in April, reveals her plans. In Little Rock, she will be staying with her sister whose address is: Mrs. H. C. Smith, 4801 North Hills Blvd., North Little Rock, Arkansas, 72116.



Dear Friends:

西村 石谷 本 松 竹 高 森
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Another school year has ended -- for me the last one in Japan. The time for my retirement has come, though it is hard for me to believe. I expect to arrive in the United States early in June for pre-retirement furlough. I hope that I shall see many of you.

As one faces retirement it is natural to look back over the years that have passed as well as to the future. It was forty-two years ago that I first went to China. After a year of language study in Peking I taught for several years in McTyeire School in Shanghai. Then, because a missionary in Sungkiang had to go home for health reasons, I went to Susan B. Wilson School to help in the work there. Later I taught in the Bible Teachers' Training School in Nanking. After the United States became involved in the war, I could no longer work there so returned to the States. As soon as the war was over I was privileged to re-open the school and assisting in various ways. Though people were war-weary -- after eight years of fighting on their own soil -- and lacked many things, there was enthusiasm for rebuilding the country. It was a thrilling time to be there. For three happy years we were able to help some with reconstruction. Then the Communists gained control and we could no longer carry on our work so once again I left China. Soon after my return to the States I was invited to Seiw College for Christian Workers to help in the Department of Christian Workers which was just being started. Here I have had the privilege of teaching for about twenty years, and of assisting in the church school program locally and in wider areas. I am grateful for the opportunities and joys the friends and fellowship which the years have brought.

Soon there will be another big change for me -- retirement! Some people think of retirement as a time of leisure and rest. Many years ago I heard a missionary compare her retirement to the re-tiring of an old automobile. When the tires on a car become old and thin and are no longer able to serve as in the past, the car is re-tired so that it can still be used. So I think of retirement as a change of location and work. Just what I shall do after retirement I do not know, but I am sure that there are many things to be done in the States. As God has led in the past I trust Him to lead in the future.

My address in the States will be in care of my sister, Mrs. Henry C. Smith, Lakewood House, Apartment 4-A, 4801 North Hills Boulevard, North Little Rock, Arkansas 72116. I shall be happy to hear from you and see you whenever there is opportunity to do so.

Pearle McCain

the British scene



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
Director of the
Churches' Television Centre,
British Isles

A subject which would have been unthinkable as a public issue has made the headlines in Britain. It is the question of the Queen's income. Left-wing editor of the *New Statesman* the "quality" weekly of the non-conservatives, Mr. Crossman admired what he called

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the "cheek" of the Queen for asking for more money from Parliament.

The fact is that she needs the Royal purse strengthened because of inflation which sweeps the world, and her income has not been increased from Government sources for a very long time. The argument rages, of course, and I thought it would be of special interest to Americans because I have the thought (probably quite wrongly) that you, like myself in my youth have the romantic idea that Kings and Queens and things do not actually need hard cash like other mortals but live in some mysterious way known as "royal."

The facts are very different. To do the amount of entertaining she does—from your own President to every imaginable Head of State she needs to keep up a huge household—a kind of extra White House. While our No. 10 Downing Street, I suppose, is the equal of your White House where the elected Head of State presides, we also have

Buckingham Palace, where millions of visitors to Britain every year watch that magnificent ceremony of the Changing of the Guard. In Buckingham Palace the Queen must receive an endless stream of dignitaries, hold Garden Parties, Investitures, Diplomatic occasions and so on and so on.

For all this the Government gives her money which has nothing to do with her private money. One of the sources of the argument currently going on is that she is not taxed either by Income Tax or Death Duties. This means that the Royal Family through their own very considerable fortunes can build up estates of a kind denied, I suppose, to everyone else.

And those who are not keen on the monarchy do not really see why all this should be added to the income which is given to her, quite properly, for her State work.

But the second part of my reason for writing about this is that until very recently I suspect there would have been great reluctance to bring the debate about the Queen's income out into the open in this way. It is, after all, not a new thing for Parliament to be asked to help the Royal Purse—it happens at least at every Accession to the Throne, and now that it has had to be done between reigns it is not surprising that some comment might have been discreetly made.

But at least to this eye the Queen

is being put into the position of a Civil Servant who is asking for a rise in pay.

I'm not saying that this is necessarily wrong. All I say is that the romantic notion of Queenship or Kingship seems to be challenged. This may be a very good thing. But at the same time we need to be very careful what we are thinking about throwing out.

In the realm of religion, for instance, we need to get rid of the old-fashioned and out-of-date attitudes which were often the product, not of religion, but of social convention and the pressure of powerful people who wanted others to live their way. Yet at the same time it is too easy to throw the baby out with the bathwater, and lose everything that is of abiding value.

What is the tie-up between what I hope has been an interesting discussion about the Queen, who always seems to the Americans I meet to be a kind of fairyland-plus-romance figure, her money, and the way we think about our religion?

Well, for me, it all represents the need for true realism. We have romantic elements in life. It is fatal to lose them because to take the shine off life like that can do terrible harm to old and young. But we have realism to contend with too, and it was, after all, Jesus who could talk about love, live like a man and die like a God. That's the mixture we need.

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Alice Hammond Sharp, retired missionary, recently observed her 100th birthday.



Meet Alice Hammond Sharp

by Elaine Magalis

In the year 1900, when she was 29 years old, Alice Hammond went to Korea as a missionary. Mrs. Alice Hammond Sharp recently celebrated her 100th birthday at Robincroft, a United Methodist home for retired missionaries in Pasadena, California. Her friends gathered together for the occasion and honored her with a special "This is Your Life, Alice Sharp" program.

Mrs. Sharp was born in Cherboque, Yarmouth, Nova Scotia. "I was brought up in a Christian home," she says, "and, when in my teens, God gave me a very rich experience and became very precious to me. My heart's desire was to follow in His footsteps and do His will. In my early twenties I felt a call to Christian work,

but I was ill prepared; I waited and prayed for guidance."

A friend told her about the Union Missionary Training Institute in Brooklyn, New York, an interdenominational school headed by a retired Methodist missionary. It was there that she met Robert Sharp, an intense young man as passionately committed to the mission as she was. When she graduated in 1900 she went to Korea. Robert Sharp followed her a few years later and they were married in 1903 in Korea. Together they worked in the Konju district for three years until Robert, only 34 years old, died.

For thirty-nine years Alice Sharp served in Korea, retiring in 1939.

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United Methodists active in RIAL interfaith agency promoting religious life

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists figured prominently in the annual meeting of Religion in American Life here June 3.

Singled out for special honor was RIAL's immediate past president, Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., of Princeton, N. J., who headed the interdenominational agency for three years.

His successor, Dr. Theophilus M. Taylor, New York, secretary of the General Council of the United Presbyterian Church in the U. S. A., presented a clock-radio desk set to Bishop Taylor on behalf of the RIAL board of directors.

Bishop Taylor was also re-elected to the board for a three-year term. He also serves on RIAL's Religious Advisory Council and the Planning Committee.

RIAL is recognized by the United Methodist General Conference as an interfaith agency through which the denomination, in cooperation with other religious groups and the Advertising Council, works to direct attention to church attendance and the application of religious principles to daily life.

Nearly 30 religious bodies contribute to RIAL's budget but a sizeable portion of the annual budget is raised through contributions of business firms to an annual dinner meeting. The United Methodist Church's contribution of \$35,000 comes by General Conference action from the General Administration Fund.

Executive vice president of RIAL is a United Methodist minister, the Rev. David W. Gockley, who supervises the organization's activities from offices at 475 Fifth Avenue, New York.

Other United Methodists serving as members of the RIAL board include:

COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE HELD HONORING FOUNDER OF FORMER BRANCH OF UNITED CHURCH

KLEINFELTERSVILLE, Pa. (UMI) — An historical pilgrimage honoring Jacob Albright was held at the Albright Chapel here May 23.

Bishop Albright, spiritual leader and "founding father" of the Evangelical Association, died May 18, 1808, at the nearby Becker farm and was buried in the family cemetery now owned by the church. The Evangelical Association was one of the antecedent bodies of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, which united with the Methodist Church in 1968 to form the present United Methodist Church.

Speaker at the commemorative service was the Rev. Alton P. Albright, great-great grandson of Jacob Albright, and pastor of the United Church of Christ, Leesport, Pa. Dr. William C. Jason, Jr., Philadelphia, chairman of the Eastern Pennsylvania Conference Commission on Archives and History, presided at the service.

Next year the historical pilgrimage will be observed on Sunday, May 14.

Recently when the original grave-

Robert W. Boggs, Rockville Centre, N.Y., businessman, Dr. Paul V. Church, Dayton, Ohio, general secretary of the Program Council; George Hergesheimer, president of the Ocean Grove (N. J.) Camp Meeting Association; Bishop J. Gordon Howard of the Philadelphia Area; Dr. Arthur West, Dayton, Ohio, executive secretary of the Commission on Public Relations and United Methodist Information; Leonard M. Perryman, Information Director of the Board of Missions and director of United Methodist Information's New York Office; the Rev. David O. Poindexter, New York, director of the Population Crisis Media Project; and Dr. William C. Walzer, New York, executive director of the Department of Education for Mission of the National Council of Churches.

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Colorful ceremonies to open

World Methodist Conference in Denver

DENVER, Colo. (UMI) — Colorful ceremonies will open the 12th World Methodist Conference here Wednesday, Aug. 18, at Denver University Arena.

Dr. Lee F. Tuttle, Lake Junaluska, N. C., general secretary of the World Methodist Council, has reminded delegates, visitors and observers at the world gathering to bring their academic gowns and hoods or appropriate ecclesiastical vestments and has invited them to share in a processional which will open the inaugural session of the conference at 7:30 p.m.

The World Methodist Conference, which will meet at Denver from Aug. 18-26, represents about 50 different Methodist bodies in 87 countries with a total membership of more than 22 million and an estimated constituency of 50 million persons.

Presiding at the conference will be Dr. Charles C. Parlin of Englewood,

N. J., president of the Council, who will also give his presidential address. The keynote address will be given by Dr. Russell Hindmarsh, of England.

Preceding the main conference, the executive committee will meet on Aug. 16 and the World Methodist Council, on Aug. 17-18.

Several ancillary meetings for special interest groups are scheduled for Denver or its environs immediately before the World Methodist Conference or upon its adjournment. These include: Aug. 12-16, World Federation of Methodist Women; Aug. 15-17, World Methodist Convocation on Theological Education; Aug. 14-18, World Methodist Family Life Convocation; Aug. 16-18, International Methodist Historical Society; and Aug. 26-29, World Methodist Conference on Worship.

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Increased investments for Development Fund

NEW YORK (UMI) — A report on increased investments, election of officers, continuation of a 6½ per cent interest rate to investors, and a prediction that by fall it may be possible to resume granting new loans marked the annual meeting of the United Methodist Development Fund (UMDF) board of directors here June 3.

UMDF is a national fund in which United Methodist individuals, churches and agencies can invest, and from which loans are made to congregations for building purposes. It is related to the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions.

Officers were named at the meeting for the coming year: President—Bishop Paul A. Washburn (re-elected), Minneapolis, Minn.; vice-presidents—W. Howard Belanga (re-elected), Norfolk, Va., and the Rev. Kenneth W. Hulit (re-elected), Akron, Ohio; secretary—the Rev. Jesse D. DeWitt (new), New York; treasurer—Miss

Beverly C. Berry (new), New York; executive secretary—the Rev. Martin A. Leist (re-elected), New York. Elected to the board of directors was Barnett E. Greene, Jr., Vero Beach, Fla.

The directors heard treasurer Stephen F. Brimigion, New York, report investments continue upward, with April bringing in \$1,310,745, the Fund's largest monthly total. As of April 30, he said, the amount in the UMDF was a record \$35,304,369. Mr. Leist commented: "The Fund has been confronted during the past year with an erratic investment market. It was a period of high interest rates followed by an extremely rapid decline in all areas of investment return. The Fund's interest rate to investors and the rate charged for loans have proven very acceptable during this period of adjustment and fluctuation." He also credited a stepped-up promotional program with helping to increase investments.

The interest rate of 6½ per cent to

investors in the Fund was continued for the July 1-December 31 period by action of the directors, as was the 7½ per cent rate on loans to churches. The directors also voted that interest would be paid investors on the basis of "day of deposit 'til day of withdrawal," a change from previous policy.

As in the past year, the Fund directors agreed that they were not able to grant new loans at the meeting. However, they heard Mr. Leist report a heavy schedule of payments continues on loans granted earlier. He said the situation may be sufficiently changed by the Fund's fall meeting so as to permit resumption of making new loans, adding that "a substantial backlog of loan applications are now being held."

In discussion a director, the Rev. Will M. Hildebrand, Los Angeles, said pressure for loans were good from at least one standpoint—it requires that United Methodists look at their church extension strategy to see if high costs and other factors indicate an increasing need to build facilities for shared use with other religious groups.

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India Christians Challenged to Serve as Missionaries

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Rev. D. P. Titus, secretary of the Council of Evangelism of the Methodist Church in Southern Asia (MCSA), cited what he called "an unprecedented rise and growth in missions" in the areas of the world that are generally referred to as "Third World" — Africa, Asia and Latin America. His address at the In-

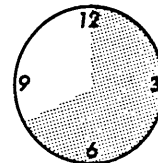
stone of the Jacob Albright grave was removed to be re-etched, the part of the stone which was in the ground was removed, cleaned and cut in two inch cubes. A suitable identification label was affixed to each, indicating that the owner had made a donation to the Restoration Fund of the Albright Chapel and that the paperweight had come from the original tombstone. A record of each cube and its owner is being kept by the General Commission on Archives and History, Box 488, Lake Junaluska, N. C. 28745.

dia-wide meeting of the National Missionary Society in Delhi was published in the **Indian Witness**, publication of the 600,000-member MCSA.

"Missions and churches are growing in the Third World at a fantastic rate," the Indian churchman said. He credited unsettled political and economic situations in those areas with creating a climate in which Christianity could grow.

Mr. Titus challenged Indian Christians to become involved in missionary activity. "Our country has the largest church in Asia, however small it is," he said. Hence ours is the biggest responsibility for sending missionaries." He pointed out that "more than half the world population resides in Asia, but 99 people out of 100 have not received Christ even nominally." He called on Indian Christians to "raise more men and women for missions, and more prayers for funds."

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Miss Maud Ella Johnson, junior and political science major at Philander Smith College, will study at Graz University in Austria from July 8-Aug. 25. Studies will include Religion in Eastern Europe and Government and Politics of the Balkans. She will visit Hungary, Roumania, Bulgaria, Yugoslavia and Czechoslovakia. Miss Johnson received the award for top scholastic achievement in her sophomore class and another for obtaining a 2.80 scholastic average. She was recording secretary for the Student Government Association during Spring Semester, and was one of two students to represent Philander Smith at the International-Intercultural Institute in Hot Springs recently. The daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. E. M. Johnson of Little Rock, she is also active at White Memorial Church and in district and conference youth work.

Arkansas Methodist Children's Home

The following people gave memorial gifts to the Methodist Children's Home in May as a tribute of their love, sympathy, and respect for a loved one or friend. A memorial card has been sent to the family notifying them of this remembrance.

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Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

It was no mere chance, says E. Stanley Jones, that Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life," in just that order. Real Life consists of finding the Truth by following the Way.

The Reality Seekers

I went down alone into the depths of thought,
Into the darkness, feeling my way,
Wearing the shackles of all the thoughts that
I had thought before,
A sizeable burden and no easy thing.

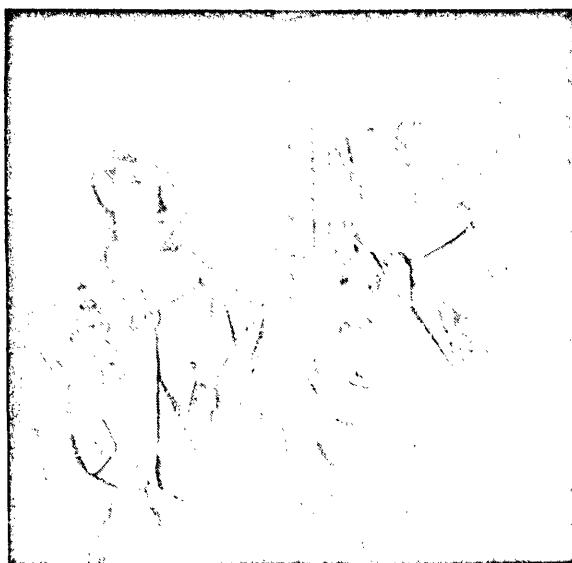
No easy thing to break the heavy irons
Of thoughts the past has shaped,
Mined from the stony pockets of self-doubt
And hammered in the white heat of a growing
surety,
That having been won hardly
Is therefore deeply cherished.

Mostly, we wear our fetters thin against the
present,
Chafing as we go, but not for liberty,
Loosened to small freedoms and fashioning
new chains
In much the same old way, until we seek the
depths again,
And always in the darkness, in the beginning.

But if the light seems disproportionate,
A firm voice whispers that it may not always
be,
That even the faintest light can hold the
darkness back,
That up the dim staircase ever climbs the
lonely horde
Of men who seek reality, the source of all
the light there is,

And light is truth,
And truth, sought long and steadily, will set
us wholly free.

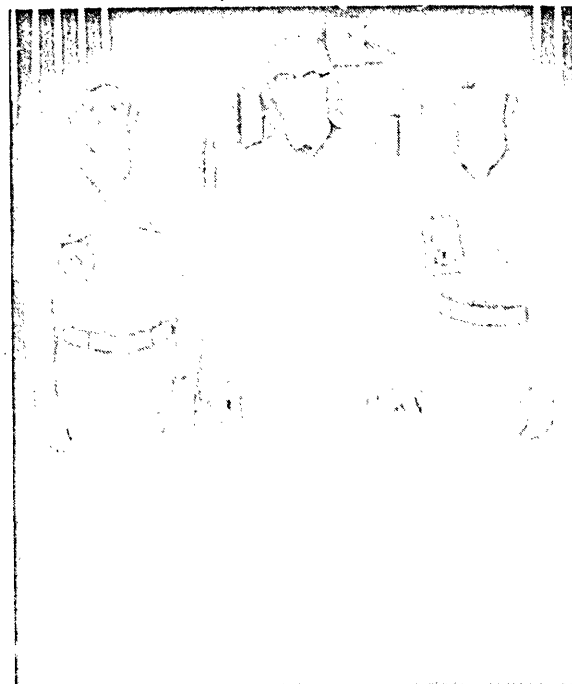
-by Eula Burns Smith



David Fogleman (l.) and Gifford Douglas (r.) received Eagle Awards (the highest award in Boy Scouting) at a recent Court of Honor held at Marion United Methodist Church. David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank G. Fogleman, and Gifford is the son of Pastor W. L. Douglas and Mrs. Douglas. Gifford and Boy Scout Eddie Hurst, also received scholarships from the Marion Chamber of Commerce to spend 17 days in July at the nationally known Philmont Scout Ranch near Cimarron, New Mexico.



Scene from recent annual fish fry held at Hawley Memorial United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff. The Rev. John F. Walker is minister.

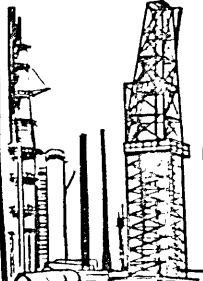


Explorer Scouts John Hazelbaker and Sam Beard were recent recipients of the God and Country Award at the Augusta United Methodist Church. Shown with them is the Rev. Harold Wilson (who has since been appointed to the pastorate at Eudora after having served at Augusta for five years). John, son of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Hazelbaker, and Sam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Billy Milze McElwee completed a carefully planned program of Bible study to help meet the requirements for their awards. Other projects which applied included: ushering, leading in public prayer, sponsoring the collection and distribution of used clothing, bringing a foreign student to the congregation, singing in the choir, providing an outside bulletin board, and the writing of a 500 word theme on the subject, "Applying Christianity."



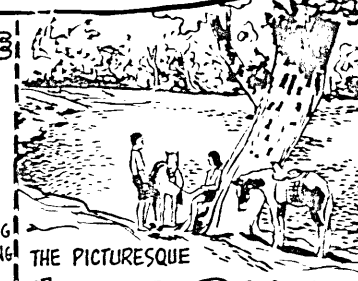
Some of the 28 children and youth who took part in vacation church school at Waller's Chapel, under the direction of Mrs. Dick Murphy, superintendent. A chicken and fish fry supper brought families together for closing night exercises. The Rev. Virgil Bell is minister.

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