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International students on the Aldersgate Camp staff are a new feature of the summer program. This group arrived June 14. From left: Nastas Ilic of Yugoslavia, a medical student who is serving as camp doctor; Ferdinand von Malmberg of Sweden; V. P. Peter, India; Lorenzo Martinelli, Italy; and Simon J. Davis, England.

Progress report on merger actions as Conferences meet

On June 1, a service of merger was held at Centenary College, Shreveport, La., bringing together in the new Louisiana Annual Conference the 460 white churches and 122,500 members of Louisiana Conference A and the 160 black churches and 16,800 members of Louisiana Conference B. Participating with Bishop Aubrey G. Walton in the merger service were Bishop Willis J. King and Bishop Paul E. Martin.

On June 21, in Glenn Memorial Church on the campus of Emory University in Atlanta, the North Georgia Conference with its 212,000 white members in the northern half of Georgia, merged with the Georgia Conference which numbered 30,000 black members throughout the state. Because the white South Georgia Conference twice defeated a merger plan, all the black churches in southern Georgia will be contained in the newly merged conference in an "attached district."

In South Carolina, the black conference approved a plan of merger 241 to 9 with 9 abstentions, but the plan was defeated in the white conference by a 528 to 432 margin. It is expected that a committee will work out a new proposal and submit it later this year.

The proposal to merge the white North Mississippi Conference with the black Upper Mississippi Conference was approved 59-0 by the black conference, but rejected 273 to 128 by the white group. An analysis of the voting showed that North Mississippi ministers supported the plan 104 to 100, but the lay vote was opposed 173 to 24. The question is expected to be considered again in 1972.

In Alabama, two of the conferences gave merger the needed majority, but the third rejected it by a difference of 22 votes. The North Alabama Conference supported it by one vote, 424 to 423, while the vote in the Alabama-

West Florida Conference was 324 opposed and 302 in favor. The Central Alabama Conference had approved the proposal a year ago.

The Mississippi Conference (former Central Jurisdiction) voted to have a plan of merger with the white Mississippi Conference drafted by this autumn and sent to the churches for study with the final plan to be ready for a vote in 1972.

In our own area, the Southwest Conference voted unanimously for the plan, while the Little Rock, North Arkansas and Oklahoma conferences passed resolutions asking for a new plan to be voted on in special sessions of the conferences prior to the 1972 General Conference.

In addition to the actions on merger of black and white annual conferences, this spring has also seen the joining of former Methodist and Evangelical United Brethren conferences in Oregon and Idaho, and in Pennsylvania. These actions complete the process of union of conferences from the two denominations which united in 1968.

■ Bishop Thomas, Willson Lecturer

Mt. Sequoyah leadership events focus on the Church as agent of change

Bishop James S. Thomas of the Iowa Area and chairman of the General Conference Social Principles Study Commission will lecture on "The Church: An Agent of Change?" as the Willson Lecturer at Mt. Sequoyah Methodist Assembly during the leadership event on that same theme, June 28-July 2.

In these lectures, made possible by Mr. and Mrs. James Willson of Floydada, Tex., Bishop Thomas will be giving attention to the changing patterns of our society and the church's responsibility to influence the direction of that change.

This leadership event has been planned by the Program Council of the South Central Jurisdiction to provide training opportunities for conference and district leaders. Although all interested persons are welcome, the training enterprises have been designed especially for the following: persons seeking certification to teach the 1971 mission study courses; officers of conference and district program agencies; members of district program councils; and other persons interested in the church as an agent of change.

Leading the coaching conferences for those seeking certification for mission study courses will be: The Study of Matthew, Dr. Harold O. Eggenberger, North Arkansas Conference Program Director; The New Generations in Africa, Mrs. J. Boyd Tyrrell, staff member of the General Board of Missions; and New Machines and the New Humanity, Dr. Cecil Pottieggar, staff

member, General Board of Missions. In addition, seminars will be offered in these same areas and will meet jointly with the coaching conferences.

Additional seminars will be offered in the following fields: "Counseling Draftees and Their Families," "New Life Missions," "The Population/Environment Crisis," and "Stewardship."

Evening events have been designed to provide task-oriented training for the following conference and district leaders: education; evangelism, with separate sessions for new and experienced secretaries; health and welfare ministries interpretation committee members; missions, with separate sessions for conference leaders and for new and experienced district secretaries; social concerns; and youth members of conference and district boards and agencies.

Dr. James Hares, North Texas Conference Program Director, is director of this leadership event.

The schedule for the week calls for the first session of the job training, coaching conferences and seminars on Monday evening, June 28. The Willson Lectures will come at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday through Friday.

Following the lectures each morning all participants will have an opportunity to respond to Bishop Thomas' messages under the direction of the Rev. George Hunter, III, staff member of the General Board of Evangelism.

Adjournment is scheduled for 11 a.m., Friday, July 2.

Area offices occupy new United Methodist Headquarters

Area, Annual Conference and Little Rock District offices have almost all completed their moves into the new United Methodist Headquarters which was recently completed as a part of the expansion program of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock. The mailing address at the new location is 715 Center Street. The Arkansas/Louisiana Methodist will retain its mailing address of Box 3547.

Bishop Paul V. Galloway has occupied his new offices in the Activities Building section of the new structure,

and his mailing address will remain 723 Center Street.

Offices which have recently moved into the new building from the Three Hundred Spring Street Building (Rector Building) are: the Program Council of the Little Rock Annual Conference, the District Superintendent of the Little Rock District of the Little Rock Annual Conference, and the editorial and business offices of the Arkansas and Louisiana Methodist newspapers.

Moving from the former location in

First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, was the Program Council of the North Arkansas Conference.

Expected to move in the very near future are the Area Treasurer and the District Superintendent of the Little Rock District of the Southwest Annual Conference.

Boy Scouts from across the nation are expected to hike the rugged, 23-mile Asbury Trail near Lake Junaluska, N.C., this summer as a part of the celebration marking the 200th anniversary of Francis Asbury's arrival in the United States. A special patch and Asbury Trail award will be given Scouts successfully completing the project.



The 75-voice Credo Choir of First United Methodist Church, Denton, Texas will present a concert of sacred music in the Sanctuary of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock on Thursday, June 24 at 7:30 p.m. The church is located at Woodlawn at Monroe, and the service will be open to the public. The high school choir is on its annual summer tour.

Four Hendrix students recipients of United Methodist Scholarships

Four students at Hendrix College have been granted United Methodist Scholarships by the Board of Education of the United Methodist Church. The four are, Mary Virginia Smith, a freshman from Camden; Bruce Kent Burton, a sophomore from Colt; Clinton Goodloe Melton, a sophomore from Searcy and Elizabeth Ann See, a junior from Cabot.

United Methodist Scholarship Awards cover tuition and fees up to \$500 and are granted on the basis of superior academic standing, leadership ability, active churchmanship, character, personality and need.

About 500 such awards are given annually by the Board of Education of The United Methodist Church and its nationwide scholarship program. More than 10,000 United Methodist Scholarships have been granted since the program was started in 1945.

Funds for the support of United Methodist Scholarships are received from local churches on the basis of a church-wide offering on United Methodist Student Day, the second Sunday in June.



NEWS IN BRIEF

An appeal to Indian Christians to serve as missionaries for their faith was sounded by an Indian Methodist leader, the Rev. D. P. Titus, at the India-wide meeting of the National Missionary Society.



LITTLE ROCK/ ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT JUNIOR HIGH CAMP

July 5-9

For youth entering 7th and 8th grades of public school this fall. Rev. Don Nolley, 409 N. Jackson, Magnolia, Ark. 71753, Director. Registrations and fees should be sent to him by June 28.

MRS. W. A. PATTY

Mrs. Leona May Patty, 76, wife of the Rev. W. A. Patty, retired member of the North Arkansas Conference, died on June 9 in Normal, Ill. Since his retirement, they have made their home in Robinson, Ill.

The funeral service was held June 14 in Robinson.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Christine Patty Flynn, Bloomington, Ill., and Mrs. Marguerite Patty Brooks, Phoenix, Ariz.; one brother, Ellis Uland, Denton, Tex.; three sisters, Mrs. C. O. Boland and Miss Nellie Uland of Dumas, Ark. and Mrs. Ollie Keathley of Griffithville, Ark., four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

Brother Patty is now making his home at 7034 North Tenth Place, Phoenix, Ariz. 85020.



Dr. Bill R. Humphrey, associate professor of economics and business administration at Hendrix College, recently began a one-year leave of absence on June 7 to participate in a faculty residency program with Arthur Anderson & Co. in Chicago. Following a three-week training period with that internationally certified public accounting firm, Dr. Humphrey will assist with audits of all types of corporations in the Chicago area. He graduated from Hendrix in 1960 and holds the Ph. D. degree from the University of Arkansas; he joined the Hendrix faculty in 1963 and has been a Certified Public Accountant since 1967.

United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity

"The Word of God — Alive" theme for July 7-10 Convocation

"The Word of God — Alive" is the theme for the 1971 Convocation of United Methodists for Evangelical Christianity to be held July 7-10 at the Netherland Hilton Hotel in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Speakers for this meeting which is a follow-up for one held last summer in Dallas will include Bishop F. Gerald Ensley, Columbus, Ohio; Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Jr., Charlotte, N.C.; Dr. Leslie H. Woodson, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Dr. David Seamands, Wilmore, Ky.; Dr. Kenneth Enright, United Methodist missionary on furlough from the Congo; the Rev. Philip E. Worth, Collingswood, N.J.;

Dr. Paul Rees, president, World Vision International; Mrs. Virginia Law, United Methodist Board of Evangelism; Dr. Oswald P. Brunson, president, Interdenominational Theological Center, Atlanta, Ga.; Dr. Gilbert James, Christian Urbanologist, Wilmore, Ky.; George E. Curtis, Jr., United Methodist layman from Portland, Me.; and Dr. Ford Philpot, president of the National Council of United Methodist Evangelists, Lexington, Ky.

The announced purpose of the Convocation is: To affirm United Methodist's commitment to Jesus Christ as

Savior and Lord, to the historic Christian faith, the Wesleyan doctrinal standards and the Holy Scriptures as authoritative for faith and life under the guidance of the Holy Spirit; to demonstrate the relevance and the validity of scriptural Christianity for our day; to emphasize the priority in the mission of the church to lead persons to a saving relationship with Christ, which results in personal spiritual growth and actions for social justice; and to challenge all United Methodists to confess our own failures, to make a more radical and selfless commitment of our lives to Christ, and to work to eliminate those forces which brutalize our fellow man.

The registration fee for the Convocation is \$15 per person, \$25 for husband and wife, and \$5 for a student. Registration should be sent to Convocation Registrar, Good News, 5 Douglas Ave., Elgin, Ill. 60120. Confirmation of hotel reservations will be sent by the hotel, and questions about rooms, rates, etc. should be directed to Reservations Department, Netherland Hilton Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45201.



Rust College confers honorary degree on Morristown president

The Rev. J. Otis Erwin, president of Morristown College, received the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws (LL. D.) from Rust College, Holly Springs, Miss. at the recent Commencement.

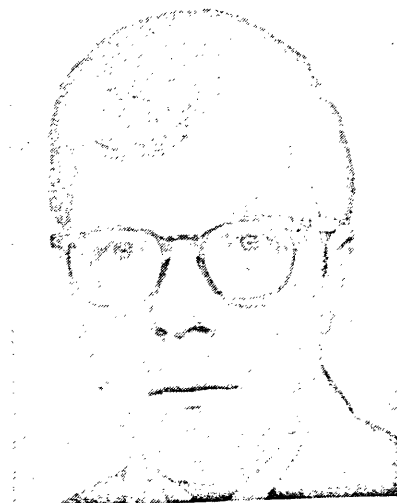
Rust College is a sister institution of Morristown. It is the oldest of the predominantly black United Methodist colleges, having been founded in 1866. It received full accreditation from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools in December, 1970.

Dr. Erwin served as associate professor and chaplain at Philander Smith College and as pastor of Wesley United Methodist Church from 1968 to 1970. In 1967-68 he was the Dean of Students at Philander Smith.

He is a graduate of Johnson C. Smith University, Garrett Theological Seminary at Northwestern University and of Iliff School of Theology, University of Denver. He has done work on the doctoral degree at the University of Iowa.



The John Wesley Singers of Peachtree Road United Methodist Church in Atlanta, Ga., left, June 23 on a "European Witness Tour" to Germany and Austria.



M. Warfield Teague, associate professor of chemistry at Hendrix College, was awarded the doctor of philosophy degree at the June 13 Spring Commencement at Purdue University in Lafayette, Indiana. Teague, who joined the Hendrix faculty in September, 1970, graduated summa cum laude from Ouachita Baptist University and later received his master's degree from Purdue. He was also a distinguished military graduate from Ouachita and held the rank of Captain in the U.S. Army while serving as research chemist in the Aberdeen Research and Development Center, Aberdeen, Md. 1968-1970.

LITTLE ROCK CONFERENCE SENIOR HIGH ASSEMBLY, HENDRIX COLLEGE

July 5-9

For youth entering 11th and 12th grades of public school this fall. Rev. Allen Bonsall, Director. Registrations and fees should be sent to him by June 28.

MISUNDERSTANDING JESUS

Since the days of his earthly ministry Jesus has been misunderstood — probably as much by his friends as by his enemies. At some periods his deeds and his words stirred up such reactions that he found it necessary to leave the multitudes that gathered about him so that he and they could re-evaluate his purpose for being among them.

Today Jesus is being discussed by people who have not been in the habit of thinking about him. There is a real possibility that he will be misunderstood in new and different ways. People are talking about "the man from Galilee" and "Jesus Christ Superstar." His name is included in much of the music that is being heard, and the so-called "Jesus people" are receiving a great deal of attention journalistically.

In his own day Jesus was often misunderstood by those who were closest to him. It is not as surprising when enemies misunderstand and impute false motives to our actions as when friends do so. However, we must recognize that his ways and his will are often misunderstood by those who profess to be his followers. Mark tells us that when Jesus went home on one occasion, his friends "went out to seize him," because they had concluded that he was "beside himself."

Dr. George Buttrick in his book *Prayer* quotes the Marchal de Villars as saying the following when he took his leave of Louis XIV: "Defend me from my friends; I can defend myself from my enemies."

Friends sometimes feel that they have the right to exert an unusual kind of pressure upon us. So do those who feel that they have a long record of being counted on the side of Jesus—a long history of membership in his church. Sometimes their familiarity with the words of Jesus makes it almost impossible for them to comprehend what he is saying to our day. The Master found it difficult to disagree with his friends, and yet he often found it necessary.

We have all had the experience of facing disagreement with those very close to us. We do not want to hurt them by giving them the impression that we

do not value their opinion. And yet, Jesus discovered that once his course was made clear he had to move forward and not be deterred by his friends.

There is another side to this question of misunderstanding Jesus. It concerns the misunderstanding of his critics. There were many full-time critics who followed him wherever he went. Their criticism was destructive and damaging. It is easy to be against something or someone, and some people almost always are.

Thomas Carlyle said to a contemporary on one occasion: "Have you only a torch for destruction? Have you no hammer for building?" Jesus believed in many of the same things his critics did. He held many of their cherished beliefs. Their Old Testament Scriptures were the ones that he read and cherished. But his critics focused their attention only on the differences between themselves and Jesus and thus became caustic and bitter in their remarks.

It has always been so easy to engage in name-calling in replying to persons with whom we disagree. We tag them with derogatory names, and we conclude that we have labeled them for destruction. So often we are copying the methods used by the Pharisees. They claimed that Jesus was deranged and that he was possessed by demons.

Often, in our judgments of one another, we express values that are limited, selfish, or superficial and that cannot be defended as eternal or realistic in the ultimate Christian sense. There will always be honest differences

in value judgments, personal and national objectives, and other aspects of controversy. Many of those who champion the cause of Jesus and who seek to interpret his will in a confused and complex time are themselves misunderstood.

Jesus did not usually defend himself from the direct charges of his critics. He did come to the defense of others when they were being mistreated or if a worthy cause they represented was being maligned.

An interested comment came from our Lord when, on the occasion referred to above, he was told that members of his family had come to take him away for confinement. He looked around at those who were in his company and said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother, and sister, and mother."

Here Jesus opened the door to a wider interpretation of the family relationship. He called attention to the wider family of God. One of the crying needs of our time is for a broader understanding of the inclusive fellowship in the whole family of God. Let us take care that we do not do anything to slam this door which our Lord opened and which he intended should be kept open always.

Let us not be guilty of misunderstanding him in our time as he was so often misunderstood in his own time!

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Settled At Last In New Headquarters

For some time now those of us who occupy offices in the United Methodist headquarters complex in Little Rock have looked forward to the day when we would be located together again after about a year of being widely scattered. The moves have been just about completed now, and we are all about to be unpacking and settling down.

It has been seven or eight years since the planning began for a new Methodist Headquarters Building in Little Rock. It has been an exciting experience for those who have been involved from the beginning. When the former headquarters building at 18th and Broadway was sold, a number of possibilities appeared for the new location. Finally, approval was given to the plan of including the offices in the new construction program of First United Methodist Church in Little Rock. These offices have been completed and United Methodism in Arkansas has a new headquarters address — 715 Center Street. We hope you will come to see us soon.

A number of our readers have been involved in moving within the past few weeks, so we will not belabor the point of how much work is involved. Everybody has his problems in moving, but it does take a bit of planning to keep the routine of a weekly paper operating. And then we have the unusually rough task of relocating our Addressograph plates which are so heavy.

Thanks to an efficient staff who handled their packing chores at the same time they were getting the paper ready to go to press, we made our move on Saturday and were open for business in the new location on Monday. We did have the services of a hard working team from the moving company, and they exerted themselves far beyond the call of duty.

Again may we express a sincere desire for you to come to see us. We will still get our mail at Box 3547, but you'll find us in lovely new offices at 7th and Center when you come to Little Rock. We hope you will come soon.

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NEWS and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

"One of the boundaries which must be restored (in the U.S.) is a return to discipline, which used to be called self-restraint or the training of the will," retired Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen told a capacity audience of the New Jersey Bankers Assn. meeting in Atlantic City. There is a difference between the intellect and the will, the 76-year-old prelate said. "We will restore a little order as soon as—in our homes and in our schools—we restore again the training of character and the training of the will," he stated.

Despite the apparent success of the New Jersey lottery, "the millions of dollars spent on lottery tickets cannot favorably affect the economy," Dr. Samuel A. Jeanes, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance of that state said. The Baptist clergyman cited the following example to support his contention: "The ministry of Labor of Great Britain reported that 41,500 persons were employed by legalized gambling enterprises that handled 1.3 billion Pounds in bets while the clothing and footwear industry with a turnover of 1.2 billion Pounds employed 378,501 persons."

The second half of this century may prove to be "one of the ages of religion," with younger people especially turning more to the Christian faith, according to Anglican Bishop Robert Stopford of London, who ranks third in the Church of England hierarchy. The comments were made in a sermon at St. Paul's Cathedral in which the clergyman denounced a recent British television program which suggested that the Church was dead or dying. "I believe that men and women, especially the younger ones, are beginning to think that the Christian faith may after all be relevant to our modern needs and that before long people will turn away from the boredom of permissive society to find a new purpose in life."

If the church rejects pop-rock music it rejects modern youths, the Southern Baptist Church Music Conference was told. Sidney Fox, a program specialist from California, said: "An old-time, foot-stomping, hand-clapping religious revival is happening, led by young zealots, with the liturgy of youth music." Demonstrating with selections from the Beatles, Bob Dylan, and Simon and Garfunkel as well as from "Jesus Christ Superstar," he held that pop-rock composers have given young people "words and music that express their thoughts and heartbeats." When this spills over into religion, Mr. Fox said, the church should not reject it.

According to Religious News Service The Church of Scotland (Presbyterian) voted to consider an American form of fund-raising, involving the use of visual aids and short pulpit talks by laymen. A motion to this effect was made by the Rev. Joseph H. Leckie of Dundee, who said he had been involved in the American method for three years and had seen how useful it was. He said that every American church which fulfilled the items in the stewardship and budget campaign increased its giving by at least 25 per cent, and many churches increased by 100 per cent or more. These campaigns had "harnessed" the laity in a way he had never seen before.

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The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (Mormon) is establishing one of the nation's largest data banks of personal student information at the Brigham Young University computer center in Provo, Utah. Information on all its youth from 9th through 12th grade will be used to assist Mormon youth in career planning and guidance. William R. Siddoway, BYU vice-president and administrator of the newly-formed Educational and Career Advise-ment Center of the Mormon Church, said 200,000 young Mormons are now engaged in post-high school training.

A "consensus statement" was drawn up by representatives of 16 Protestant and Roman Catholic agencies at the conclusion of a follow-up meeting to a White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders. The statement asserted "We believe that the role of the religious community is to provide growth and healing ministries to those who are or who may misuse and abuse chemical agents by demonstrating the redemptive love of God which has always been His children's basic source of comfort and strength."

Addressing the annual session of the Baltimore Conference, United Methodist Bishop John Wesley Lord is reported to have said that an unfortunate result of the national and world ecumenical movement is that local congregations have come to feel "threatened and isolated." According to the bishop, local congregations often have trouble understanding the term "ecumenical" and are uneasy with the National and World Councils of Churches and the "concept of the Greater Church to come in the future."

The Nat'l. Congress of Parents and Teachers (PTA) has reaffirmed its stand that public school needs take priority over the concerns of parochial schools. At the same time the body issued a strong plea for teaching "about" the religions of the East and West in the public schools, with the Bible as part of the literature curriculum.

Novelist Alan Paton, addressing a United Church of Canada congregation, said churchmen in South Africa are tempted to believe that the commandments of the state are the same as the commandments of God. The famed author of *Cry the Beloved Country* charged that South African churches have been placed under increasing pressure from the government since the World Council of Churches' announcement of grants to African liberation movements. The churches are asked to state whether they are for or against South Africa. The author held that "the question is not relevant. The church's first duty is to Christ."

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is reported to have allocated \$280,000 for inner city programs in the U.S. Half of the funds will be provided by the General Conference, the remainder by area conferences. W. W. Fordham, director of the denomination's inner city program, said the funds would go for drug prevention and rehabilitation, child development centers, tutoring projects, medical and dental clinics, alcohol rehabilitation, "meals on wheels" for senior citizens and opportunity camps for underprivileged children.

The American Bible Society, during its annual business meeting, reported that *Good News for Modern Man*, the Society's modern English translation of the Bible has outsold the best-seller of each year since it was first published in 1966. In 1967 it outsold the novel, *Valley of the Dolls*; in 1968 it outsold *Rosemary's Baby*; in 1969, *Airport*, and in 1970, *Love Story*. Dr. Eugene A. Nida, ABS executive secretary for translations, declared that "more laymen are meeting together to study the Scriptures than ever before in the history of our country."

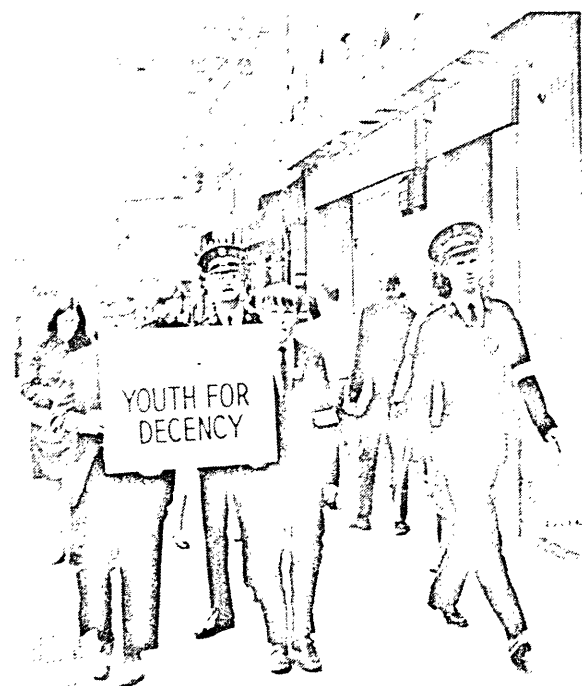
In a national advertising competition sponsored by the American Advertising Federation, the "I Love You" advertising campaign of Central Lutheran Church of Minneapolis won a first place award for its creators. It won in competition with ads for soft drinks, liquor, cigarettes, cars and other commodities. Central church's ads carry the message, "I love you. Is that OK?" They are signed "Jesus C." The downtown congregation's campaign includes newspaper, bus and other advertising to show that the church cares about people in the inner city.

A recent survey has revealed that while 100 percent of clergy and professionals of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) have heard of the Consultation on Church Union (COCU), only 64 per cent of communicants said they were familiar with the plan. Comments by respondents revealed a wide range of attitudes toward COCU.

Dr. John R. Claypool of Louisville, in a major address at the Southern Baptist Convention meeting in St. Louis recently, warned against neo-isolationism and "trying to police the whole world." The president of the Kentucky Baptist Convention said churches must follow a middle road by speaking out against both extremes and urging a path which "embraces one's limits and exercises one's power."

Rep. Robert F. Drinan (Massachusetts), the first "voting" Catholic priest ever elected to Congress, has urged churchmen to emerge from their sanctuaries and infuse the nation's secular and political life with desperately needed "moral leadership." Calling for "religiously inspired leadership," the Jesuit priest charged that today "there is enormous confusion, both among politicians and among churchmen, about the methods, if any, by which the churches should intervene in the temporal order."

Scottish Presbyterian clergymen, hitherto unofficially but effectively barred from taking part in mixed marriages involving Roman Catholics, will now be allowed to do so. The change in policy resulted from a close-vote decision made at the Church of Scotland's General Assembly meeting in Edinburgh.



NEW YORK — Members of the Salvation Army Corps Cadets march past a "peep show" in New York's Times Square during a silent parade to protest pornography. The Cadets, some 1,000 strong and representing 11 Eastern states, conceived the idea of the pornography protest. Carrying Bibles and wearing white arm bands to symbolize purity, they walked through Times Square, an area filled with smut shops, peep shows and sex movies. (RNS Photo)

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Monticello First Church youth group ready for departure to Farmington, New Mexico, where they provided a vacation church school experience for Navajo Indian children.

Monticello youth group ministers to Navajo children

Eighteen youth and their adult counselors from First United Methodist Church in Monticello raised money to make a trip to the Navajo Indian Reservation at Farmington, New Mexico. In addition they raised funds to take supplies for the vacation

church school which they conducted from June 11-19.

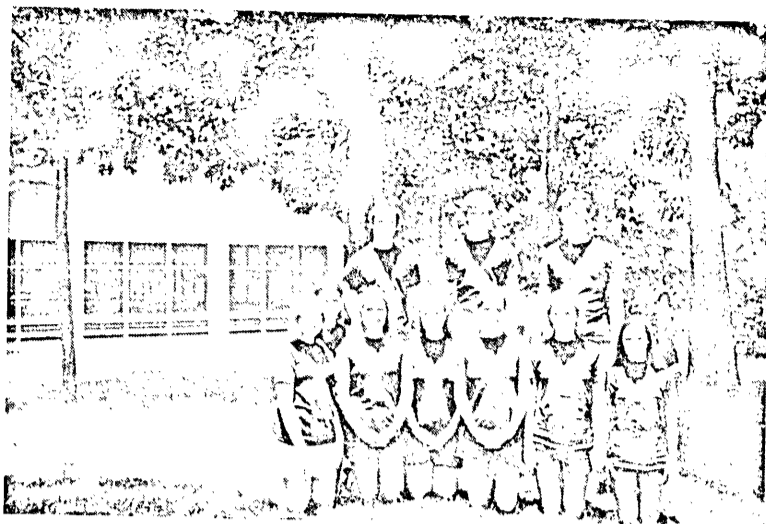
The Navajo Reservation is said to be the largest Indian reservation in the world. During the week-long school the Navajo children lived in the dorms and the Monticello group had charge of them all day including meal times and at night.

Most of the children on the reservation are not close enough to a church to be regularly involved in church activities. The Monticello youth made special visits and conducted special activities for children on the reservation who because of limited facilities

could not enroll in the school.

As a follow-up to their summer mission experience, the Monticello group plans to make available needed supplies and clothing for children on the reservation during the year.

In August about 45 youth plan a trip (for which they have raised funds) to Houston where they will visit churches, Methodist Community Center work, and points of interest in the Houston area. The Rev. William D. Elliott is minister of the Monticello Church; Clif Christopher is the summer youth worker.



College Youth employed for Summer program at Camp Tanako near Hot Springs to work with the Rev. Joe E. Arnold, camp director. BACK ROW (l. to r.): Robert Armstrong, Little Rock; Newman Fair, Gurdon; Paul Hankens, Arkadelphia; FRONT: Harriet Holtz, Little Rock; Ellen Hays, Amity; Donna K. Steel, Nashville; Margaret Arnold, Malvern; Margaret Lewis, Magnolia; Carolyn Thompson, El Dorado, and Cathie Ray, Little Rock. During the current week, June 21-24, they have been working with the Laboratory Enterprise for leaders and children. Mrs. John L. Tucker is the Little Rock Conference coordinator of Children's Ministry.

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 27—Sunday	Psalms 48:1-14
June 28	Psalms 51:1-13
June 29	Psalms 126:1-6
June 30	Isaiah 12:1-6
July 1	Neh. 8:4-8
July 2	Job 6:24-29
July 3	Psalms 19:7-14
July 4—Sunday	Psalms 107:31-43



GERALD COUND NAMED COACH OF THE YEAR IN NAIA DISTRICT 17

Gerald Cound, track coach at Hendrix College, was named coach of the year in NAIA District 17 at the AIC track and field championship on May 18. Cound was selected in a poll of track coaches taken in Little Rock.

Cound, who joined the Hendrix staff in 1969 formerly was the assistant to the State Director of the Baptist Student Division of the Arkansas Baptist Convention. He and his wife also worked in the Peace Corps in South America. He is a native of Grannis, Arkansas in Polk County and a graduate of the Gillham, Arkansas high school.

Cound, who is a graduate of State College of Arkansas and the NAIA winner of the 880 yd. run in 1962, knows the value of competition, but he says he bases his whole program on "compete for fun." This, he says, is very important. "We want to be as competitive as we can, but we do not want to emphasize competition. We want to stress the enjoyment of the sport and the esprit de corp of the team."

Two hundred and seventy-two elementary children and their directors attended the third Annual Little Rock Children's Choir Festival Camp at Tanako this year.

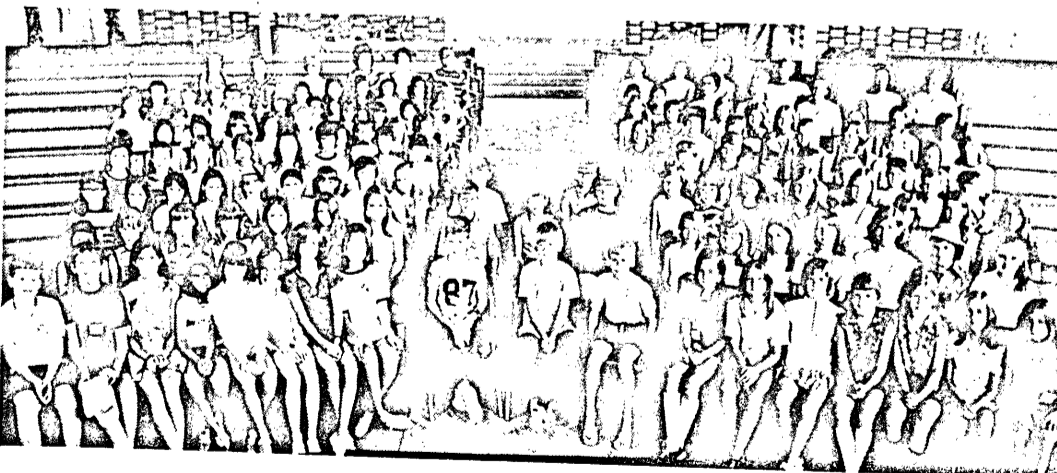
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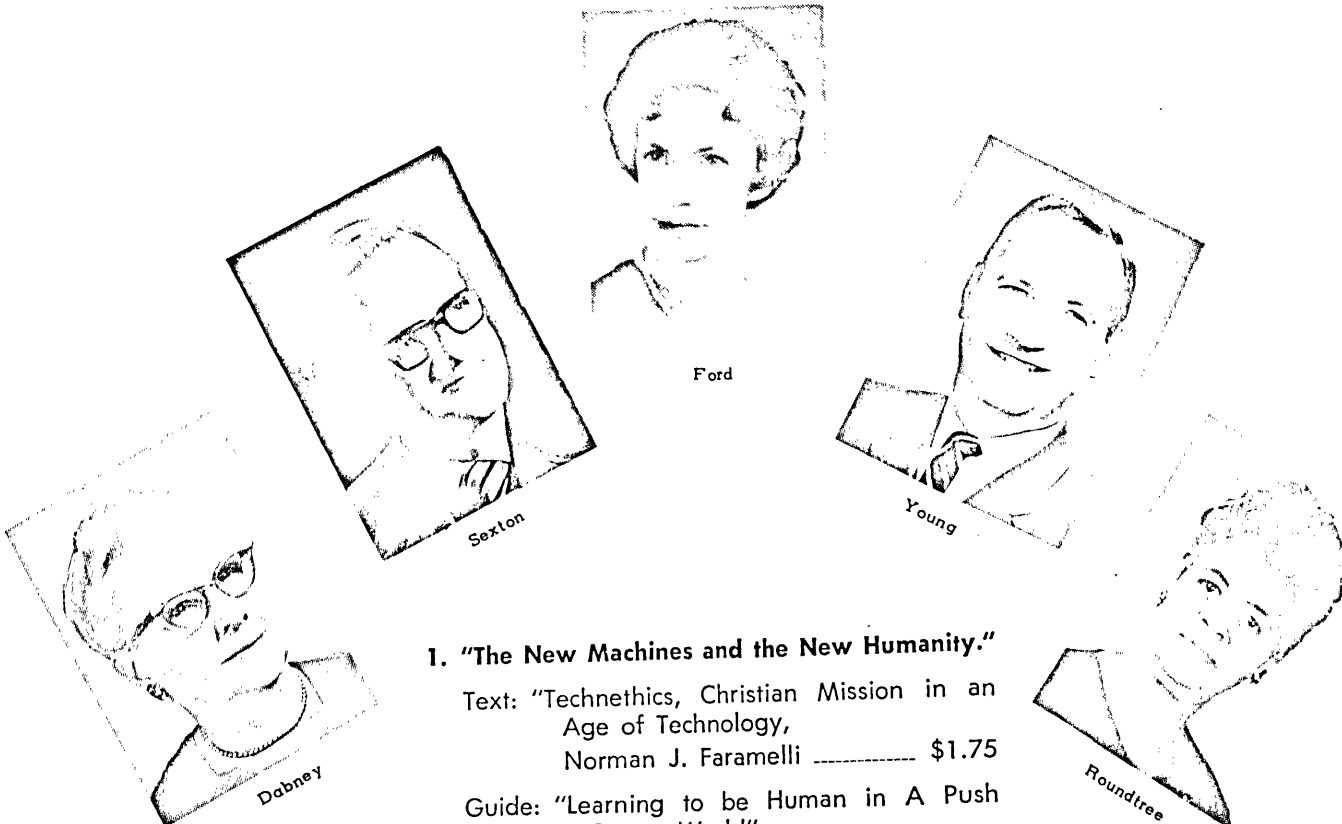
Camp I (upper right) was held June 7-9; Camp II (lower right) met June 9-11.

Guest director was Mrs. A. L. Butler from Ada, Okla.

Both camps were taught nine anthems and a Christmas cantata. This music will be used throughout the year by individual choirs in preparation for the 1972 Choir Festival.

Camp directors were Mr. and Mrs. G. Felix Thompson, Jr.





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- Mrs. Alvin Roundtree, Springfield, Illinois
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- Reverend Robert E. Young, Dallas, Texas

MRS. ALVIN L. ROUNDTREE

Mrs. Georgia P. Roundtree is a graduate of Tennessee State University, Nashville, with graduate work at Western Illinois University, Macomb, Illinois. She is a member of Grace United Methodist Church in Springfield, Illinois, where her husband is lay leader. There she is director of Christian Education, a church school teacher, member of the choir, and past president of the Women's Society of Christian Service. She is secretary of the Central Illinois Women's Society. A son, Dana A., is working on his M.A. degree at Tennessee State University, and a daughter, Janice L., is a junior in high school.



ROBERT EMERSON YOUNG

Robert Emerson Young is the product of Methodist parsonage homes in southern Indiana. His B.A. degree from Texas Christian University in 1949 had a major in psychology and a minor in religion and science. His B.D. degree is from Perkins School of Theology, S.M.U., Dallas. Now pastor of Ridgewood Park United Methodist Church in Dallas, he has served churches in Fort Worth, Waxahachie and Waco. He participated in preaching missions to South America in 1958, and to the Philippines in 1967. He visited Europe and North Africa in 1964, and the Far East in 1967.



VIRGIL WESLEY SEXTON

Dr. Virgil Wesley Sexton is a native of Pennsylvania, but by adoption he is a Hoosier, having been a parish minister in Indiana for over 20 years. He now works in United Methodism's national office of the Program Council where he coordinates (with a 34-member committee) the general agencies of the church. This necessitates travel throughout the 50 states to determine program priorities. Dr. Sexton's degrees are from Asbury College, Wilmore, Kentucky, Garrett Theological Seminary, Evanston, Illinois, and from the University of Evansville, Indiana. He has served as district superintendent in Indianapolis and was for ten years a faculty member of the Garrett Seminary supply pastors' school. He holds the rank of Commander in the U.S. Naval Reserve, having served in World War II and the Korean conflict.



MRS. HAZEL L. DABNEY

Mrs. Hazel L. Dabney, currently president of Church Women United in Arkansas, has been conference secretary of the Wesleyan Service Guild and Jurisdiction secretary of Guilds. She has taught extensively in Conference Schools in the South Central, Southeast and North Central Jurisdictions. Much of her life was spent in public school education, supervision and administration in Fayetteville and Pine Bluff. Since retiring, she devotes all of her time to volunteer work, — not overlooking her four great-grandchildren.



ALLENE MAY FORD

Miss Allene May Ford is a Texan who has been working since 1959 in the New York office of the United Methodist Church. Starting there as secretary of youth work, in 1961 she was transferred to the office of Missionary Personnel, where she corresponded and counselled with persons seeking to serve as deaconesses, home missionaries, U.S.-2's and employed workers in projects related to the Department of Work in Home Fields of the Woman's Division. She has degrees from Lon Morris Junior College and from Southern Methodist University. Prior to her work in the Board of Missions, she was director of Christian Education in three Houston churches at different times: Grace Church, First Church, and Bethany Church.



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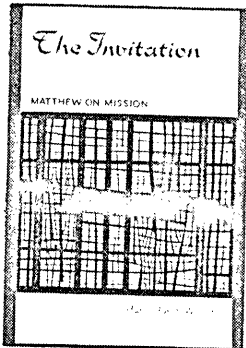
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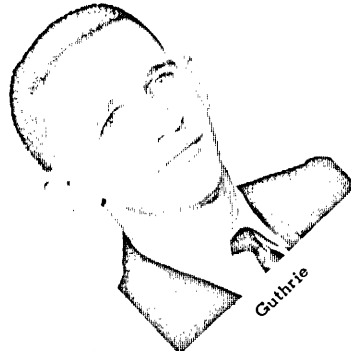
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- Reverend Jon D. Guthrie, Conway, Arkansas
- Mrs. Walter R. Hazzard, Little Rock, Arkansas
- Dr. C. Edwin Murphy, Grand Island, Nebraska

C. EDWIN MURPHY

Dr. C. Edwin Murphy is a Nebraskan. He attended the University of Nebraska and received the A.B. degree from Nebraska Wesleyan University. He graduated magna cum laude from Drew Theological Seminary, Madison, N.J. in 1942. He has been an instructor at Nebraska Wesleyan University, has served pastorates in the Nebraska Conference, was conference Program Director from 1963-70, and since then has been superintendent of the East Central District and lives in Grand Island. He has been a delegate to six Jurisdictional Conferences and to four General Conferences.



MRS. NILES C. CLARK

Mrs. Niles C. Clark of Waterloo, South Carolina, was born to missionary parents in Guatemala, Central America. She graduated from Olivet College, Illinois, and the Louisville Conservatory and taught at Sue Bennett College, London, Kentucky. Mrs. Clark is serving her third quadrennium on the Board of Missions. Particularly appropriate to her teaching the course on Africa, were her two visits to Africa: with the World Understanding Workshop in 1966, and a visit in 1968 to all projects receiving grants for special training of African women. She has held local, district and conference WSCS offices and has been delegate to the Jurisdictional and General Conferences and to the World Federation of Methodist Women meeting in London.



JON GUTHRIE

The Rev. Jon Guthrie is presently on the staff of Hendrix College as Counselor and Minister to Students. He is a native of Arkansas and spent his early life in Prescott and Delight. His B.A. degree from Hendrix is in religion and philosophy. He holds a B.D. degree from Drew University in Madison, New Jersey. He did some of his theological study at Heidelberg University in Germany. The eight years he spent as a missionary in the Congo will serve as excellent background for teaching "The New Generation in Africa."



MRS. WALTER R. HAZZARD

Mrs. Alexina A. Hazzard was born in Wilmington, Delaware, to the Rev. and Mrs. John T. Ayers. There she graduated from Howard High School. Her college study was taken at Temple University, Philadelphia, and Philander Smith College, Little Rock, where her husband has been president since the summer of 1969. Prior to their Little Rock residency, Dr. Hazzard was a district superintendent in Pennsylvania. She has served on numerous church agency boards, including: Methodist Hospital, Philadelphia; Methodist Home for Aged, Bala, Pa.; Cornwall Manor, Cornwall, Pa.; and Methodist Children's Home, Philadelphia. She is a member of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People and is vice-president of the National Association of Ministers' Wives.



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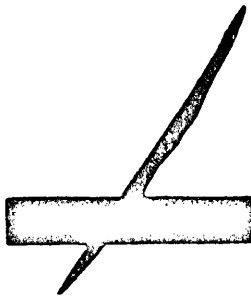
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LESSON FOR JULY 4: Set Free to Serve

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Mark 10:43-45; John 8:31-42; 1 Corinthians 6:12; 9:19-23; Galatians 5:13-26

MEMORY SELECTION: You were called to freedom, brethren; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another. (Galatians 5:13)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To explore Paul's true interpretation of the meaning of freedom; to discover what this teaching has to say to us about many of the strange forms which freedom takes in our own time.

It is not accidental that the curriculum planners have made it possible for us to explore the teachings about freedom on this Independence Day which falls on Sunday. There have never been as many champions of freedom in the world as today, and yet the interpretations which some give to this priceless commodity are leading them into slavery and conformity.

As we observe this 195th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, we need to be reminded of many things. Some of these are contained in Galatians, the letter which someone has called Paul's Declaration of Independence. One of the outstanding Broadway productions of the last few years was "1776," a clever musical which revealed the struggles that went on among the representatives of the independent colonies who were not absolutely sure that they wanted freedom enough to give up some of their self-centered prejudices.

After the Declaration of Independence came years of war and struggle preceding the more challenging task of writing a Constitution. But the hurdle was also cleared, and then came those years of seeking to implement the freedoms which the writers thought they were putting into the basic document of our land. We still are trying to discover what freedoms it guarantees and just what we must do as individual citizens and as organized American groups to implement them.

There are still lands in which freedom is not respected. Nations with governments which lean to the left and to the right are engaged in continuing programs of denial of basic human freedoms. In our own land some who have assumed public office and pledged themselves to defend freedoms under our Constitution try to suppress these individual liberties that are at the core of our existence as Americans. A large number of persons who oppose the war in South Vietnam take that position because they simply cannot be sure that freedom and individual liberties are being offered to the citizens of that land by its present government.

In our own land many who shout the loudest to be allowed to do as they please are bartering away freedom for vicious forms of conformity and slavery which will never again allow them to know what freedom is. In that quest to be free they are proving that what they are talking about is license, and they are cutting away at the foundations upon which true liberty rests. We have long spoken of our country as "the land of the free and the home of the brave," and yet we wonder if that describes America on July 4, 1971. Paul has something to tell us about freedom in today's lesson.

THE LETTER TO THE GALATIANS

Dr. Raymond T. Stamm introduces the section on Galatians in *The Interpreter's Bible* with these words: "Galatians is Paul's declaration of religious independence from men and dependence on God.

It is the Magna Charta of the Christian faith, repudiating all authorities, institutions, customs and laws that interfere with the direct access of the individual to his God."

Paul had preached in Galatia at least twice to Christians from two backgrounds — those who came from the Jewish faith in which there remained an insistence on the observance of the Mosaic law, and those of the Gentile world who wanted to go hurrying back to their pagan ways when the going was tough.

It was the Jewish group that gave him the hardest time and about whom he was thinking as he interpreted freedom for the Galatian Christians. They were not only raising doubts about the sufficiency of Christ, but they were attacking the credentials of Paul. This they did by striking him at a most sensitive spot—reminding the people that he was not one of the original disciples. They were telling the people that they needed both Moses and the Messiah—that faith was not enough to make one sure of a place in God's kingdom. Dr. Stamm says of this group: "They declared that his proposal to abandon the law of Moses was contrary to the teaching of Jesus and insinuated that he had taken this radical step to please men with the specious promise of cheap admission to God's kingdom."

The critical question became at last whether every Christian had to be circumcised as a Jew before he could be baptized as a Christian. Paul knew from his own experience that all men had sinned and could not earn salvation. It was God's free gift. It is against that background that we must look at what Paul said about freedom.

CALLED TO FREEDOM

Paul put it straight to the Galatians that freedom should be their primary aim, saying in Gal. 5:13, "For you were called to freedom, brethren." But he hastens to add the condition, "only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh."

We are reminded by Dr. Oscar F. Blackwelder in his interpretation of Galatians in *The Interpreter's Bible* that "The central task of the Christian church in Galatia and across the centuries is to produce Christlike minds, and so enable men to out-think the world; to produce Christlike character, and so enable men to outlive the world. Men who outthink and outlive the world outlove and overcome the world; they are the uncommon men." This was Paul's way of describing the freedom that one finds in Christ. However, he quickly emphasized that a man set free from external and ancient traditions is in need of some guidance concerning what he will do with his freedom.

Paul insisted that the freedom of which he wrote did not remove a man from the necessity of some kind of compulsions to keep him in check. The permanent values of the law were fulfilled for Paul in four safeguards: love, the Spirit, the fellowship of the church, and the natural law of sowing and reaping. All of this is far different from some of the interpretations that are being given to freedom in our own land today.

Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "Martin Luther revived Paul's teaching after the Roman Catholic Church had added conditions for Christian living that pushed faith into the background. He said, 'The only faith which makes a Christian is that which casts itself on God for life or death.' Such faith brings freedom because it casts out all fear of failure to fulfill the law. God becomes one's all in all."

Surely we can agree that God is calling us all to freedom, but how hard it seems to be for us to come to any agreement on the nature of that freedom.

FREEDOM IS NEVER ABSOLUTE

Many developments of our time are pointing out in new ways that freedom is never absolute. Illustrations have been frequently found in the world of busy traffic. The traffic light, the yellow line on the highway and the speed limit are ways in which we face the denial of absolute freedom to do as we please when we take over the wheel of a high powered automobile.

Many argue that they have freedom to indulge in alcoholic beverages, but this is a freedom which is also limited by the power of the automobile. There is no one among us who would defend the right of the man who drinks to drive his automobile whenever he pleases.

Today it is in the realm of the environment that we are seeing forceful examples of the necessity to deny a business or an individual the right to unlimited freedom in what is done in the disposal of waste materials that poison the air and water. As we become aware of the challenges confronting us in relation to ecology we are gaining a new understanding of the fact that freedom is never absolute.

Also as we see an increasing number of persons who repudiate the values of conventional society and seek to find their freedom in "dropping out," we see how they cannot extricate themselves from society absolutely. As many of them turn on "the establishment," they do so with the safeguards that are granted them by that same establishment."

LOVE AS A SAFEGUARD FOR FREEDOM

The latter half of Gal. 5:13 says: "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love be servants of one another." We know how often the word "love" is misused to justify cheap experiences that enslave and devour personality. During the long days of the recent Manson trial in Los Angeles, love was used again and again as an explanation for the cruelest kind of murder.

Love as a safeguard for Christian freedom must be clearly and thoroughly defined. It safeguards freedom for the Christian because it combines discipline, guidance and protection. Dr. Blackwelder puts it this way: "As discipline, it is self-imposed. As guidance, this question must be asked, 'What would love do?' So long as a man does not violate the requirements of love, he is free — and his freedom is protected. What is more, love keeps him from violating other men's freedom."

However, we need to be reminded that it is so easy for some to profess love which is shallow and without foundation. Under such circumstances freedom often becomes license.

TRADING FREEDOM FOR SLAVERY

As we survey the contemporary scene with its many experiences of freedom and permissiveness, we are struck by something Dr. John C. Irwin says in *Adult Bible Studies*: "Freedom from one restraint may quickly turn into another form of slavery."

Here is the person who intends to protest against the conventional forms of behavior and seeks escape in experimentation with drugs. Before he knows it he has become a slave to the vicious drug habit which seems to be threatening the foundations of our society. It appears that no form of slavery the world has ever known threatened basic freedoms like the current spread of drug addiction.

Many of the life styles which are being adopted by the young — and sometimes the not so young — started as expressions of freedom and non-conformity. Yet as one sees the centers of these life styles in dozens of American cities there is a strange conformity about them all. Likewise there is evidence that the joy of new-found freedom has somewhere along the line evolved into the defeatism of a strange new kind of slavery.

Paul was concerned that the Galatian Christians not misunderstand his teachings concerning freedom. He did not want them to be destroyed by that which they sought so enthusiastically as their gateway to life. This should be our concern in a day when freedom is being given so many strange definitions.

May we close this Independence Day lesson with these words from Dr. Irwin: "The Christian contribution to the problem of freedom is the offer of a new center around which life may be structured. To voluntarily place Christ on the throne at the center of life is to enter a new experience of freedom."

High school volunteers practice Christianity in Appalachia region

BARBOURVILLE, Ky. (UMI) — The first of 600 high school volunteers will soon be arriving in the Appalachian mountains of Kentucky to act out their Christianity by working with and for the poor.

During the week-long camps the youth from 20 states and several denominations will be repairing homes in such places as Pigeon Roost and Greasy Creek Hollow.

The second summer work program is being coordinated by the Rev. Glenn "Tex" Evans, director of Appalachian ministries for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism's Section on Christian Community.

Fifty homes were repaired during the 1970 summer program when 400 volunteers paid their own travel, room, and board expenses as well as the cost of many supplies. The first summer program was coordinated from United Methodist-related Union College at Barbourville, Ky. A second center has been added this summer at the college's Environmental Studies Center at Cumberland Gap, Ky.

More than 600 volunteers of high school age will be working this summer primarily in Bell, Knox and Whitley counties in Kentucky and in some areas of Tennessee and Virginia.

Many more persons applied than could be accepted, according to Mr. Evans, and several groups have asked to be put at the top of the list for 1972.

Each persons whose home is repaired helps the workers repair a neighbor's home. Several of the local residents whose homes were repaired last summer have volunteered to help the visiting workers this summer, according to Evans.

"It doesn't take the workers long

to realize what poor schools, poor roads and poor job opportunities have done to the people," Evans said.

WORLD COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION TO MEET IN PERU

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Seven United Methodists will be among 50 United States delegates attending the World Council of Christian Education (WCCE) assembly in Huampani, Peru, July 13-21.

In the week prior to the assembly in Peru the 325 delegates will be in a "dispersed assembly" in several South American countries probing the total education situation.

The "gathered assembly" will be held at Huampani, outside Lima, using the theme "New Perspectives for Christian Education."

United Methodist delegates from the United States will be the Rev. and Mrs. Edward Lantz, Atlanta, Ga.; Miss Linda Oxedine, Washington, D. C.; Dr. Howard M. Ham, Dr. Frank Horton, Dr. Wayne Lindecker, and the Rev. Thomas J. VanLoon, all of Nashville.

The Assembly which is held every four or five years includes delegates from 75 member units. The Peru assembly may be the last for the 64-year-old WCCE as a separate unit. It is expected that a "Plan for Integration" will be approved by the delegates merging the WCCE with the World Council of Churches.

Methodists in Italy have voiced the hope at their annual meeting that the Federation of Protestant Churches in the country is but a stage on the road to full unity of all Italian Protestants.

METHODIST'S EMMY-WINNING TELECAST TO APPEAR ON EDUCATIONAL CHANNELS

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — "Bauman Bible Telecasts," produced here by a Methodist clergyman and carried by 10 stations for the past six years, has been accepted by a nationwide network.

The Educational Television System program service is making available to some 200 public TV stations affiliated with it a 26-week, one-hour series on the Acts of the Apostles called "When the Church was Young," conducted by Dr. Edward W. Bauman.

Originated in Washington 12 years ago, the program gradually was extended to television stations in other cities. A new 26-week series has been produced each year, with each program divided into two parts.

The first half hour features a lecture on a specific Biblical topic, interspersed with art, poetry, music and contemporary literature. The second half hour is an unrehearsed panel discussion of issues raised in the lecture by persons of all faiths.

Dr. Bauman, whose Ph.D. degree is from Boston University, has taught religion and Christian ethics at American University and Wesley Theological Seminary, both here. Author of four books, he is presently pastor of Foundry Methodist Church, Washington.

"Bauman Bible Telecasts" was given an Emmy Award as the "most outstanding educational program in the Washington area."

Congo Church body severs ties

NEW YORK (UMI) — According to reports reaching the United Methodist Board of Missions here, Bishop John Wesley Shungu has pulled his 80,000-member area out of the recently organized Church of Christ in the Congo, a new federation of most Protestant churches in that central African republic.

Bishop Shungu, the first black African to head the denomination's work in the Congo, has charged that the new organization did not follow legal procedures and came about without sufficient studies. Bishop Shungu is "not against a Protestant council loosely constructed," according to the Rev. Isaac H. Bivens, the United Methodist general secretary for African affairs, but "he's opposed to any structure which in his opinion infringes upon his power as a bishop."

NEWS IN BRIEF

Laymen from the nine-state Southeastern Jurisdiction of the United Methodist Church will gather for their annual United Methodist Laymen's Conference at Lake Junaluska, N.C., July 15-18. "God Cares—And We Care Through Our Ministry" is the theme of the session.

"Ecumenism in the Seventies" will be the theme of the 1971 ecumenical seminar to be held at Interpreters' House at Lake Junaluska, N.C., June 28-July 2.

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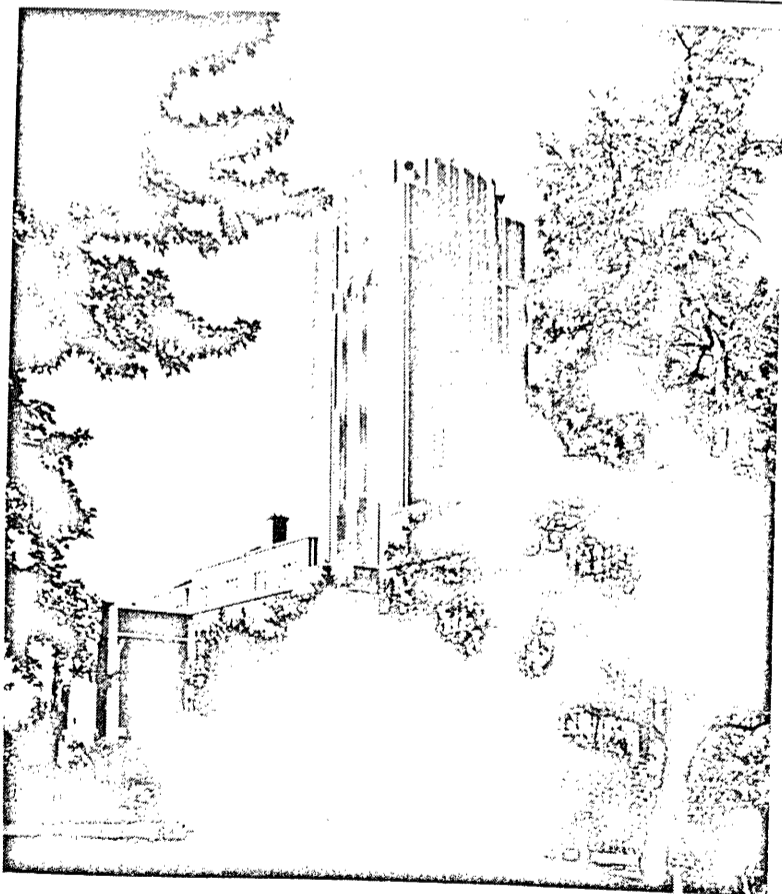
Rabbi Marc Tannenbaum, well-known leader in Jewish-Christian dialogue, in delivering the commencement address at Jesuit-maintained St. Louis University, said: "Anyone with the least religious and historic understanding would have to acknowledge in all honesty . . . that the deep-seated vision of the unity of mankind as we know it in the western world is unthinkable and unimaginable without its profound rootedness in the central Biblical and prophetic visions of Judaism and Christianity."

Anglican Bishop Robert Stopford of London said in a recent sermon in St. Paul's Cathedral: "I believe that men and women, especially the younger ones, are beginning to think that the Christian faith may after all be relevant to our modern needs and that before long people will turn away from the boredom of permissive society to find a new purpose in life."

Representatives of a group of Protestant and Roman Catholic agencies prepared a "consensus statement" at the conclusion of a follow-up meeting to a White House Conference on Drug Abuse for Religious Leaders. In that statement they said: "We believe that the role of the religious community is to provide growth and healing ministries to those who are or who may misuse and abuse chemical agents by demonstrating the redemptive love of God which has always been His children's basic source of comfort and strength."

Sen. Hubert Humphrey recently paid tribute on the Senate floor to the late Dr. Reinhold Neibuhr, saying: "I attribute his deep influence on American life to his ability to combine decisive action with a sensitive knowledge of the complexity of life, including politics."

Dr. Robert J. Marshall, president of the Lutheran Church in America, speaking to the executive committee of the Lutheran World Federation, said: "St. Paul did not believe in isolation from the world and did not accept easy roads to purity. Just as he would not make church life more simple and easy by ignoring either God or men, so he rejected a Christian ethic of withdrawal. The Christian has to live both in the Church and in the world."



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Church Task Force on Technology holds initial meeting

NEW YORK (UMI) — A panel of scholars and other experts from widely varying disciplines have entered into a two-year process of examining what are regarded as some of the present and future survival issues for humanity — and the church's relationship to them.

The 32-member group is the U.S.A. Task Force to study "The Future of Mankind and the Role of the Christian Churches in a World of Science-Based Technology," formed last November under joint sponsorship of Union Theological Seminary, New York, and the National Council of Churches.

The executive director of the Task Force is Dr. J. Edward Carothers, New York, former chief executive of the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions. Co-chairmen of the Steering Committee are Dr. Margaret Mead, noted author and anthropologist, and Dr. Roger L. Shinn, professor of social ethics at Union.

The Task Force held its first meeting, a "get-acquainted, grapple-with-the-issues" session, June 3-6 in New York. The group is pointed toward a final report and recommendation in

December, 1972.

Members were oriented at the meeting to their wide-ranging agenda by an address by Dr. Mead and three papers. Though they covered a wide variety of issues and perspectives, and though they provided stimulus for discussion of different areas of inquiry, the four presentations seemed to agree on one fundamental; even if it doesn't appear so, man is in control of technology, and technology is not good or bad in itself — thus man is responsible for how it is used, and to what ends.

The largest part of the time of the Task Force meeting was spent in three subgroups, each dealing with one of three major areas for exploration and for eventual report/recommendations. These areas of inquiry were: "Science, Technology and the Quality of Life," "The Structuring of Society," and "The Meaning of Man."

Dr. Carothers said in an interview that he was "elated" by the progress made by the Task Force in its first meeting. "It exceeds anything I had expected," he said.

■ Boards of Social Concerns and Missions

Tours and Travel Seminars for 1971-'73 period

NEW YORK (UMI) — Several tours and travel seminars for United Methodists and other interested persons are scheduled for 1971, 1972 and 1973 — including a very tentative one to Mainland China in 1973 "if feasible." They are under auspices of the United Methodist Boards of Christian Social Concerns (Washington) and Missions (New York), which have a joint office, "United Methodist Tours," with Miss Barbara H. Lewis of the Board of Missions as coordinator.

Several tours and travel seminars are scheduled under ecumenical sponsorship, Miss Lewis said, and there are tours within the U.S. and to various parts of the world. She listed the following as being offered through United Methodist Tours in the next three years:

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September 23-October 9 — Alaska and Hawaii. The Rev. David Blackburn, Board of Missions field staff representative in the Western Jurisdiction, to be tour leader.

October 4-15 — New Mexico and Arizona Indians. The Rev. Raymond G. Baines, United Methodist ombudsman for American Indians, to be tour leader.

October 6-17 — Rio Grande Annual Conference. Dr. and Mrs. Noe Gonzales to be tour leaders. He is principal of Lydia Patterson Institute in El Paso, Texas.

November 2-18 — Middle East and Europe (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ). Miss Rosemary Roberts, a Dis-

ciples executive in Indianapolis, to be tour leader.

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February-March (28 days) — India, Nepal and Iran (in cooperation with United Presbyterian Church).

April 11-27 — Holy Land (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ).

September — South Pacific. Dr. J. Harry Haines, executive secretary of the United Methodist Committee for Overseas Relief, to be tour leader.

September 21-October 11 — Orient (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ).

October 3-25 — South America (in cooperation with Disciples of Christ and United Church of Christ).

October 14-November 15 (possibly earlier) — World Religions and World Peace (around the world). Dr. Herman Will, associate general secretary for World Peace, Board of Christian Social Concerns, to be tour leader.

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Germany (no definite dates)—Ecumenical, sponsored through United Church of Christ.

Eastern Europe (no definite dates) — Ecumenical, sponsored through United Presbyterian Church.

Holy Land (no definite dates) — Ecumenical, sponsored through Disciples of Christ.

Peoples Republic of China (no definite dates and only if feasible) — Ecumenical, sponsored through United Methodist Church.

News in Brief

The president of the National Council of Churches, Dr. Cynthia Wedel; Bishop James Armstrong of the Dakotas Area; and a prominent black churchman, the Rev. Grant S. Shockley, will be among featured speakers at a Southwestern Jurisdictional Conference on Christian Social Concerns at Lake Junaluska, N. C., July 12-15.

Brazilian Methodists elect six bishops

NEW YORK (UMI) — Brazilian Methodists have elected six bishops to give administrative leadership to their church during the next four years. Three bishops were re-elected and three are new, named to replace two who retired and one who resigned. The 58,000-member Methodist Church of Brazil, autonomous since 1930 and largest Methodist body in Latin America, needed a bishop for each of its six annual conferences.

All six were elected by the annual conferences over which they now preside. That pattern of election represents a sharp change from the past and was instituted along with other changes at a special General Conference last February. Heretofore, bishops had been elected by the church-at-large as represented in the delegates to General Conference. They were elected for five-year terms, the quinquennium being the frequency of General Conference. Now bishops will serve four years—until the 1974 General Conference, as the church has gone to a quadrennial pattern.

Observers said the change in episcopal election procedure from General Conference to annual conference was intended, among other things, to move key decision-making closer to the "grassroots level."

The bishops and their conferences, or "regions" as they are called are: Bishop Oswaldo Dias de Silva, 49, of the Fifth Region comprising the annual conference which takes in much of Sao Paulo state and parts of several other states in central Brazil including Brazil's capital, Brasilia; Bishop Wilbur K. Smith, 58, of the Sixth Region comprising the Parana-Santa Catarina annual conference in southern Brazil; Bishop Sady M. de Silva, 57, of the Second Region comprising Rio Grande do Sul, southernmost state in Brazil; Bishop Omar Diabert, 43, of the Fourth Region comprising the Belo Horizonte annual conference in urbanized east central Brazil, and

- Dr. T. Poe Williams, Foundation director

FLCE receives first cash gift

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — One of the first cash gifts to the National United Methodist Foundation for Local Church Education (FLCE) — \$1,000 from the First United Methodist Church in Dixon, Ill. — will be applied to a pilot project in Jackson, Mississippi.

The new foundation was established last year by the Division of the Local Church of the denomination's Board of Education to "support, encourage and extend the work of education within local congregations."

Director of the Foundation is Dr. T. Poe Williams, Nashville.

In keeping with one of the purposes of the foundation the gift from Dixon, Ill. United Methodists will assist in the development of a pilot project involving a cluster of black churches in the Jackson area.

The Rev. Willard A. Williams, Nashville, assistant to the general secretary for developing ministry in the black community, said the project will

DIVISION OF HIGHER EDUCATION AWARDS PREACHING FELLOWSHIPS

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — The Rev. Walter R. Dickhaut, Jr., Columbus, Ohio; the Rev. Thomas James Herin, New York; and the Rev. Raymond T. Moreland, Jr., Cockeysville, Md. have been awarded Fellowships in Preaching for 1971-72 by the Division of Higher Education of the United Methodist Board of Education.

Supported by regular World Service funds, the awards are made by the Department as a part of its post-graduate education program. Up to five fellowships are given annually with the amount of each ranging up to \$5,000, depending on need.

The 1971-72 Fellowship granted to Mr. Dickhaut is the first to be given in honor of the late Bishop Everett W. Palmer who served as president of the Department of the Ministry from 1964 until his death in January, 1971.

Optimism Voiced On Ethnic Representation

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — The chief executive of the United Methodist Commission on Religion and Race has voiced optimism that the denomination's 1972 General Conference may be the most racially and ethnically inclusive in the church's history.

At the same time, however, the Rev. Woodie W. White, Washington, commission executive secretary, urged that United Methodism's 82 annual conferences give "the most serious attention to electing General Conference delegations that have representation from all ethnic groups." Ministerial and lay delegates to the 1972 General Conference, to be held in Atlanta, Ga., in April, are being elected at 1971 annual conference sessions in May and June.

Bishop Alipio Jo S. Lavoura, 44, of the Third Region comprising the large, populous metropolitan Sao Paulo annual conference.

test appropriate educational methods and resources with black children and youth in a controlled setting.

"If adequate funds are received for the project it could become a model for use in other areas of the country," Mr. Williams said. "The goal is to help improve the quality of life for blacks and to motivate them to take advantage of growing opportunities in higher education which will aid them in reaching their fullest potential."

The Jackson project is only one of several being developed for possible funding through the new Foundation. Other projects include research in new methods of education, studies in and service to small rural churches, participation in local church, districts, and annual conference projects, new styles of communication, career guidance and enlistment in church occupations, leadership training in all age levels, services to designated leaders, and missionary education.

NEWS and NOTES

JACK H. BLUME, Heber Springs, is the writer of the meditation for July 1 which appears in the July-August edition of the Upper Room, daily devotion booklet.

THE JACK MAYFIELD Memorial United Methodist Church had the dedication, May 30, of 80 new Methodist hymnals given as memorials. Assisting the Rev. Robert H. Jackson in the dedication services were: Wayne Hendricks, chairman of Administrative Board, Grady Canady, church lay leader, and Clifton Bolding, chairman of the trustees. This church is located in Huttig, in the Camden District.

A SEMINAR on the Holy Spirit was held recently at the Primrose United Methodist Church in Little Rock. For several weeks prior to the Seminar, the participants met in special groups to study the Holy Spirit. The church celebrated Pentecost Sunday with special music and personal testimonies from several of the church members. The Rev. Shelton Kilgore is pastor.

THE REV. AND MRS. RALPH MANN left El Dorado on June 3 for a 21-day trip to Taipei, Taiwan, to visit their son and family. Mr. Mann is associate pastor of First Church, El Dorado. Their son, Jerry, is a member of the medical staff in the U.S. Navy Hospital.

MASSARD CHURCH at Fort Smith held a reception and kitchen shower Sunday evening, June 13, for their new pastor, the Rev. Doyle Millard and his family.

SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to Dr. and Mrs. Otto W. Teague, both of whom recently lost brothers. Major Charles O. Teague died on March 29, and Leonard W. Young in El Paso, Texas, on May 18.

A REVIVAL is being held this week in the Western Hills United Methodist Church at Little Rock. The Rev. Kenneth Reed, pastor of the Chapel Hill United Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas, is the guest preacher, June 20-24. The Rev. Bob Robertson is the pastor.

TIGERT MEMORIAL CHURCH, Hot Springs, received a gift to the building fund in memory of Mrs. Dorothy Beasley, from her aunt, Mrs. Charles J. Greene of Evanston, Illinois. Mrs. Beasley was the wife of retired minister, the Rev. Robert S. Beasley. The Rev. Robert E. Woody, Tigert minister, reports the purchase of 30 Pew Bibles from Cokesbury, all given as memorials by members and friends.

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summer youth activities

DON HALL is on the summer staff of Grand Avenue Church in Stuttgart, working with the Rev. Louis Mulkey. A music major, he graduated from Arkansas State University at Jonesboro in May. He plans to enter Perkins School of Theology at S.M.U. this fall.

THE ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT "Youth Adventure" was three days by chartered bus to Dallas and "Six Flags Over Texas." Forty-six youths made the trip June 14-16.

THE BRINKLEY UNITED Methodist Church has secured Mark Lasater of Pea Ridge as summer youth worker. A Hendrix College student, he is president of the Pre-Theologians Club. He is working with the Rev. John R. Chapman who was recently appointed to Brinkley.

TOM SHAY OF DARDANELLE is working with the youth of St. Paul Church in Fort Smith this summer. He is a student at Hendrix College, and at one time lived in Fort Smith. Activities include visits to Ft. Smith nursing homes, to a child study center near Mansfield, to Devils Den State Park and to Tenkiller Lake, Oklahoma. The St. Paul minister is the Rev. W. L. Douglas.

TEXARKANA FIRST CHURCH has employed Bill Reed of Star City to work with young people during the summer. Bill will be a senior at Hendrix next fall. He was a member of the Hendrix Choir making the tour of Europe last summer. Dr. Ralph Hillis is the First Church pastor.

DAVID DRIVER, a student at Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, is directing summer youth activities at the Heber Springs United Methodist Church. In previous summers he has worked in churches at Stamps, Smackover, and in South Carolina. He attended Central High School, Little Rock, Southern State College, and is a 1969 graduate of Hendrix. The Rev. W. M. Womack is the Heber Springs pastor.

COLLEGE HILL CHURCH, Texarkana, honored seniors at a chicken spaghetti dinner in May. Mrs. Neva Lingo was program chairman and was assisted by Mrs. Carole Watts in presenting "This is Your Life," showing pictures of each senior from birth until the present, commenting on each. The Rev. Carl Beard introduced the Rev. Howard Williams of Magnolia, guest speaker. The affair was sponsored by the WSCS, Mrs. Elwyn Allen, president, and the WSG, Mrs. Jennie Burroughs, chairman.

KRISSY PLUMMER OF BENTON is on the staff of Wesley Church in Pine Bluff this summer. A Hendrix student, Krissy is working with the Rev. Robert A. Regnier at Wesley, providing a program for junior and senior high youth and an additional program for students in grades 4, 5 and 6.



THE LAKEWOOD United Methodist Youth Fellowship will have a carnival on Saturday, June 26, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The proceeds will go to the youth service fund of the United Methodist Church. There will be fun and prizes for everyone. The cost will range from 10¢ to 25¢ in all of the 16 booths. The church is located at Fairway and Topf Road in North Little Rock, and the Rev. John B. Hays is pastor.

DAVID SWIFT is the summer youth worker in First Church, El Dorado. He is the son of the Rev. and Mrs. Clyde Swift of Lake Village, recently of Asbury Church, Magnolia. David will be a senior at Southern State College in Magnolia this fall. He is working with Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor.

STUDENT DAY AT MABELVALE Church, Little Rock, was observed June 13. Young people participating included Jan Sparks and David Hines, who brought messages, Candy Smith, vocal solo, Eddie Tarvin, leader, and 11 other youths. The Rev. Ben Hines is pastor.

MRS. CAROL LASCARO, a native of Harrison, is serving as student assistant pastor at Amboy United Methodist Church, 311 Military Drive, North Little Rock, during the summer months. Mrs. Lascaro is a graduate of Hendrix College and is presently a student at Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary, Austin, Texas, working toward a Master of Divinity Degree and will graduate in 1972. Dr. Myers Curtis is the Amboy minister.

SERVICES AT LAKESIDE United Methodist Church, Pine Bluff, June 13, were conducted by youth. The group involved worked together for a six-week period as a covenant group, and the writing of the ritual for the services was a part of this experience. The theme was "Brotherhood," and the sermon was presented as a dialogue on I John 4 by Ed Matthews, minister at Lakeside, and Doug Bolding, a junior at Pine Bluff High School. Other liturgists in the service were Teresa Morris, Debbie Beard, Lue Bogy, Clyde Ragland, Carol Haynie, William Buckholtz, director of music, and Kathy Fadick, director of activities.

"TANK" HARRISON of Memphis will be the co-ordinator for a Youth Lay Witness Mission at Levy United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, June 25-27. A special feature of the mission will be a religious rock group, "The Resurrection," at 1 p.m. Saturday afternoon. The evaluation session on Sunday evening will be led by Kurt Wulfekuhler, youth director. The pastor is the Rev. Gerald D. Hammett.

DANNY HECKE of Hot Springs is working with the Rev. Charles Ashcraft at First Church, Malvern, during the summer and each week-end of the coming school year. He is a student at Henderson State College in Arkadelphia.

THE JASPER Vacation Church School was in session from June 7-11, with 40 children enrolled. The Kindergarten Class was under the direction of Mrs. Bill Black and Mrs. Kathy Breedlove. The Elementary Class grades 1-2-3 was under the leadership of Mrs. Joe Phillips and Miss Belinda Phillips. The Elementary Class grades 4-5-6 was under the leadership of Mrs. H. A. Tomasich. Nioba Harrison and Vicki Sue Petree helped with refreshments and recreation. Mrs. G. H. Orr was the over-all advisor. An offering from the children was sent to the Methodist Children's Home. The new pastor is the Rev. Fred Witta.

BOBBY McMAHEN, a student at Louisiana Tech, Ruston, whose home is in Magnolia, is working with the young people of Grand Avenue Church in Hot Springs this summer. The Rev. Ralph E. Hale is the Grand Avenue pastor.

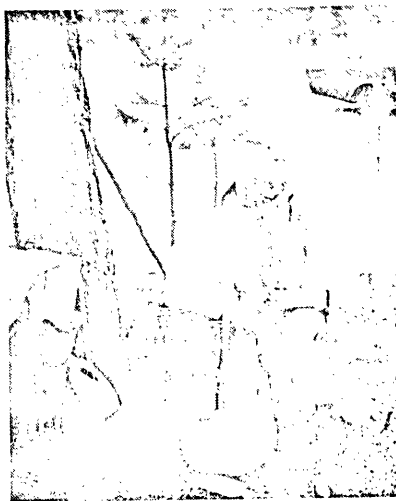
INTER-CHURCH GROUP ELECTS

The Department of Youth Ministry, Arkansas Council of Churches, held an organizational meeting in May. Teresa Taylor, Miles Chapel CME Church, Little Rock, was elected president. Warren Casteel of Batesville was elected co-president. Warren is chairman of the North Arkansas Conference Youth Fellowship of the United Methodist Church and is the son of Dr. Charles Casteel, pastor of Central United Methodist Church, Batesville. Dolores Cullivan, St. Mary's Parish of the Roman Catholic Church, North Little Rock, was elected secretary. Dolores is also secretary of the diocesan CYO. Jane Nahlen, St. Mary's Parish, North Little Rock, was elected treasurer. Jane is the diocesan CYO president. The Rev. William Johnson, minister of Miles Chapel CME Church in Little Rock is the adult leader. Mrs. Frances Wood, Council co-ordinator, serves as co-leader. The group seeks opportunities for study, worship and fellowship of an ecumenical nature.

North Arkansas Trail Campers



Adult leaders for North Arkansas Conference Trail Campers: the Rev. and Mrs. Jim Beal, the Rev. and Mrs. Sam Teague, the Rev. and Mrs. Jon Guthrie, and Ron McCaskill.



Youthful hiker checks equipment.

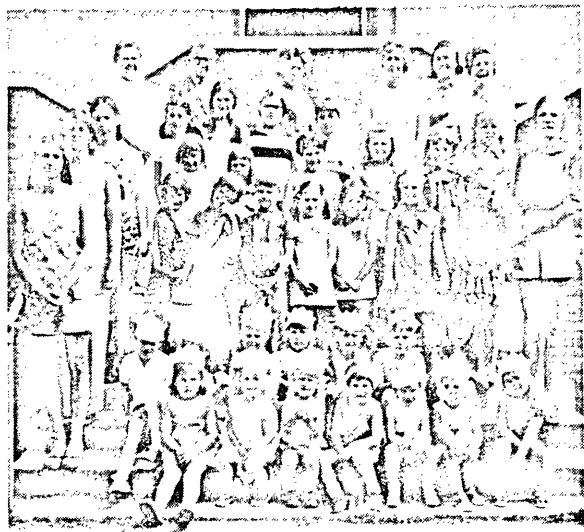


Walking sticks were standard equipment for the 29 campers who began their trek Monday afternoon, June 14 with the expectation of arriving at Blanchard Springs on Saturday morning, June 19. Youth making the trip ranged in age from grades seven through 12.

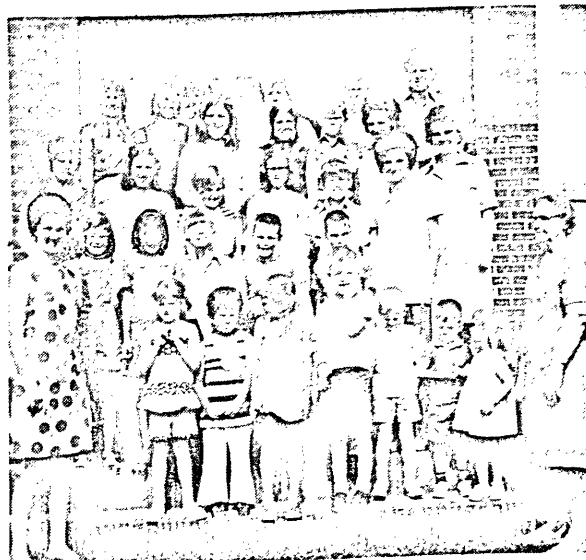


Cooks prepare food to satisfy whetted appetites.

Graduating seniors at Fairview United Methodist Church, Camden, were honored recently by the Women's Society of Christian Service and Wesleyan Service Guild with a breakfast and with individual gifts of Bibles.



Vacation Church Schoolers at Hughes United Methodist Church presented a closing night program. Mrs. Kuhrow Meurrier served as director; the Rev. H. M. Sanford is pastor.



Twenty-three children received certificates at the close of vacation church school at Welcome, Arkansas. Their special project was the offering taken to help build the children's wing at the Methodist Hospital in LaPaz, Bolivia. Eight adult workers provided leadership for the VCS; the Rev. L. D. Yates is pastor.

Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

Someone has observed that "hands folded in prayer open in compassion."

Symbol of Character

The graceful yet humble praying hands of youth
ALBRECHT DURER, embossed in gold portrays
To the viewer - the power of prayer -
Which is peace, symbol of truth,
Masterpiece of strength, and gives an
Up-lifting feeling to all those who seek
Spiritual guidance . . .
The soft touch of the fingertips caressing
the hands denote - lapse of time -
. . . Age the deep veins - gnarled fingers -
Worn fingernails significant of suffering,
And a "SYMBOL OF CHARACTER" . . .
In the many walks of life - man the laborer,
The professional, or the gentleness of youth
Receive a touching blessing from
ALBRECHT DURER'S PRAYING HANDS . . .

-by Cleo Sorrels

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H A N D S

Devoted are the parent hands
that tend the questing, wayward child,
that lift him out of danger's path
into environments safe and mild.

Beloved are the baby hands
that test, explore the world, yet cling
to parents, sensing strength and love
their sure protection bring.

Endearing are the hands of youth
that grasp the world's great load of toil;
eager, strong, and never heeding
taxing drudgery nor soil.

Revered are knotted hands of age
that try but fail, where once they moved
with strength and ease in kindly deeds
of loving usefulness approved.

Gracious hands, imploring hands,
and hands all worn with care;
the happiest ones and those most blessed
are hands that, trusting, fold in prayer.

-by Louise Wanger

