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North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly to be held at Sequoyah

"The Tie That Binds" will be the theme of the North Arkansas Conference Laymen's Assembly at Mount Sequoyah, August 7-8, E. Clay Bumpers, Wabash, Conference Lay Leader, announced that the program is being planned to honor Bishop Paul V. Galloway.

Speakers for the meeting will include Governor Dale Bumpers, Dr. Marshall Steel and Bishop Galloway.

Registration for the Assembly will begin at 1 p.m., Saturday, August 7, and the opening session will begin at 2:30 p.m. Governor Bumpers will speak at this session. Dr. Steel will speak at the Saturday evening session, and Bishop Galloway will be the preacher for the Sunday morning worship hour.

Before each of these three addresses "reflections" concerning the life and ministry of Bishop Galloway will be

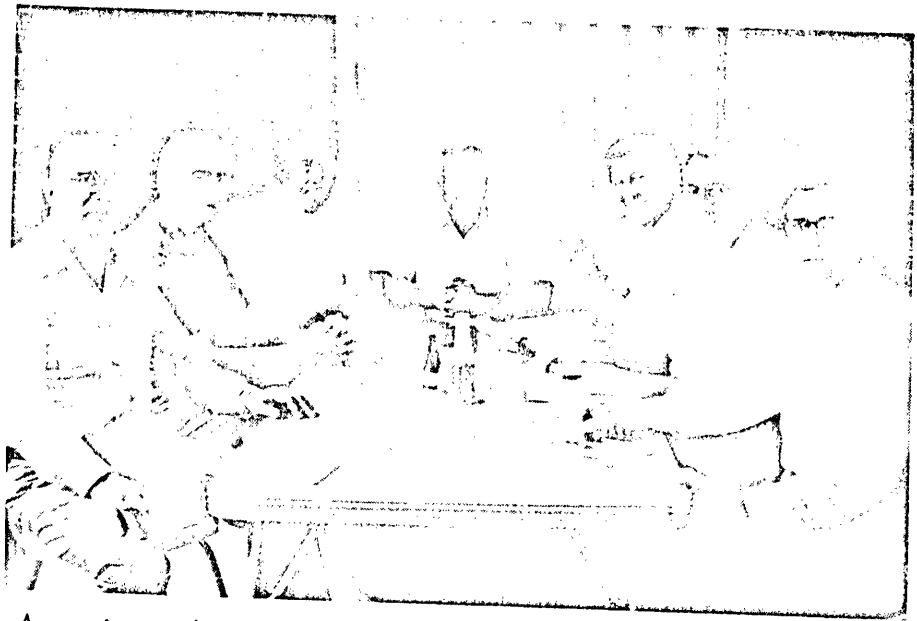
presented by Joe S. Pierce, Associate Conference Lay Leader; W. M. "Bill" Shepherd, business executive of Little Rock; and Dr. Matt L. Ellis, Associate Conference Lay Leader.

On Sunday morning, the Sunday School lesson will be taught by John R. McConnell, Jr., teacher of the Rogers Bible Class, First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith.

Bill Kennedy, song evangelist from England, Ark., will lead the music for the Assembly.

The Program Committee which has been in charge of the planning for the Assembly is composed of Mr. Bumpers, Dr. Ellis, Mr. Pierce, Warren Blaylock, Associate Conference Lay Leader and Jim Wiseman, Conference Director of Lay Speaking.

The Assembly will adjourn following lunch on Sunday, the 8th.



A meeting to determine areas of special need for leadership training in the South Central Jurisdiction was held at Mount Sequoyah during the week emphasizing "The Church: An Agent of Change?" Participating in that meeting were: (l. to r.) the Rev. Prenza Woods, Dr. Virgil D. Morris, the Rev. W. J. Washington, Dr. Richard H. Robinson, the Rev. Bob Pinezaddleby, the Rev. Roy D. Barton, chairman, and Dr. Sam L. Fore.

World Methodist Family Life

Conference to be held at Estes Park

NEW YORK (UMI) — The Christian family will be discussed from different generational, geographical and topical perspectives at the second World Methodist Family Life Conference August 14-18 at Estes Park, Colo. Planned by the World Methodist Family Life Committee, it is one of several events clustered around the World Methodist Conference in Denver August 18-26.

With most reservations believed to be in, Conference officials say total attendance by delegates and official observers will be about 265. An objective sought—approximate balance between U.S. and overseas delegates—has generally been achieved, said the Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young, Park Ridge, Ill., chairman of the World Family Life Committee and over-all coordinator for the Conference. Registration figures show about 100 U.S. delegates and 90 from other countries, he added, with registrations having been received from 35 countries including many in the "Third World" (Asia, Africa, Latin America).

The Conference program has been planned under the leadership of Program Committee chairman, retired Bishop Hazen G. Werner, Carlisle, Pa., and is focused around the theme, "The Christian Family and the Arriving Generation." Plenary session leadership will involve persons of virtually all ages and from 16 countries, Bishop Werner said.

The program is organized around sub-themes, to be presented in plenary and followed by discussion in reaction

groups. Features of the program include: A welcome from Bishop R. Marvin Stuart of the Denver Area; worship to be led by Bishop Eric Mitchell of the Bombay Area and others; a Bible Hour meditation by Bishop Roy C. Nichols of the Pittsburgh Area; an International Night and Informal Witnessing Hour; Summary and Recommendations at a closing session to be moderated by Bishop Eugene M. Frank of the Missouri Area; hospitality functions to be hosted by Mrs. W. Ralph Wark, Syracuse, N.Y., and Mrs. T. Otto Nall, Hong Kong; evening prayers led by the Rev. Leonard Brown of England.

Leaders for plenary sessions at which sub-themes will be presented: "The Impact of the Changing Society on the Growing Person"—Address by Dr. Nalla Tan, senior lecturer in the Department of Social Medicine and Public Health at the University of Singapore, and Methodist laywoman.

"The Church's Ministry to the Growing Person"—Address by Bishop Ole E. Borgen of the Stockholm Area of the United Methodist Church, former World Methodist Council executive, pastor and administrator in the U.S. and Sweden. "The Responsibilities of Parenthood and the Growing Person"—Dialogue with Dr. C. D. Eck, head of the Management Training Department of the Institute of Applied Psychology and Methodist lay preacher; and the Rev. Hyun Ju Shin, associate professor at Sodo Women's College in Seoul, Korea.

"The Family in These Disturbing

New Rison Methodist Church will be consecrated Sunday

Bishop Paul V. Galloway will officiate at the Service of Consecration and Homecoming at Rison United Methodist Church, Sunday, August 1, at 11:00 a.m. This will be the first service in the new building which has been under construction on the corner of Main Street and Dr. Sadler Drive.

Assisting in the service will be Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District Superintendent; the Rev. Harold Sadler, former pastor who gave the lot on which the new church has been built; and the Rev. Louis L. Averitt, pastor.

All former pastors, former members and friends are invited to attend the Service of Consecration and the Homecoming Dinner immediately following. A tour of the new building will be conducted from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m.

As a part of the homecoming activities, there will be a community service with the Rison Baptist Church and the Assembly of God Church joining with the Methodists for the evening service at 7:30 p.m. The Rev. Harold Sadler will be the preacher for this service.

Times"—Address by Bishop Earl G. Hunt of the Charlotte (N.C.) Area and chairman of the United Methodist General Committee on Family Life. "Learning About Sex in the Home"—Presentation by Mrs. Norah S. Shipstone, Lucknow, India, former assistant editor of *Christian Home* magazine in India and author of articles and stories, and Ivor George Baber, director of the Methodist Social Service Center and an accredited marriage counselor in New Zealand.

"Youth and the Changing Concepts of Morality"—Presentation by the Rev. Leslie C. Clements, of the Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society of the World Council of Churches, Geneva, Switzerland; and the Rev. Alan Kirton of Trinidad, a minister in the Methodist Church in the Caribbean and the Americas. "Resolving

Youth-Adult Alienations"—Dialogue with the Rev. Dr. James E. Doty, president of Baker University, Baldwin City, Kansas, and formerly director of pastoral care for the Indiana Methodist Area; and Billy Kaurtei of Koror, Palau Islands, a student at Asbury Theological Seminary, Wilmore, Ky.

A bibliography of Christian family life materials from many countries has been sent to registrants. It was prepared by the Rev. Dr. John M. Vayhinger, professor of psychology and pastoral care at the Anderson College School of Theology, Anderson, Ind., who is chairman of a pre-conference reading and discussion program.

This will be the second world family meeting sponsored by the World Methodist Council. The first was in England in 1966.

**PINE BLUFF/MONTICELLO
MIDDLE HIGH CAMP
August 16-20**

For youth entering 9th and 10th grades of public school this fall. Rev. Virgil Bell, 303 S. Cherry St., Hamburg, Ark. 71646, Director. Registrations and fees should be sent to him by August 9.

**Additions to
Hendrix faculty**

James N. Davis of Little Rock, a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, will join the Hendrix College faculty as an instructor in French in September.

Davis holds the M. A. degree from the University of Chicago, where he studied on a Woodrow Wilson Fellowship. He was also a Fulbright Scholar at the University of Strasbourg and has done further study at McGill University in Montreal, Quebec in Canada.

At Ouachita Davis was a member of Alpha Chi Scholastic Society and is presently a member of the Modern Language Association.

Davis, a bachelor, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Wade L. Davis, 21 Belmont Drive in Little Rock.

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William E. Tanner, 33, a native of Youngsport, Texas, will join the Hendrix College faculty in September as an Assistant Professor of English.

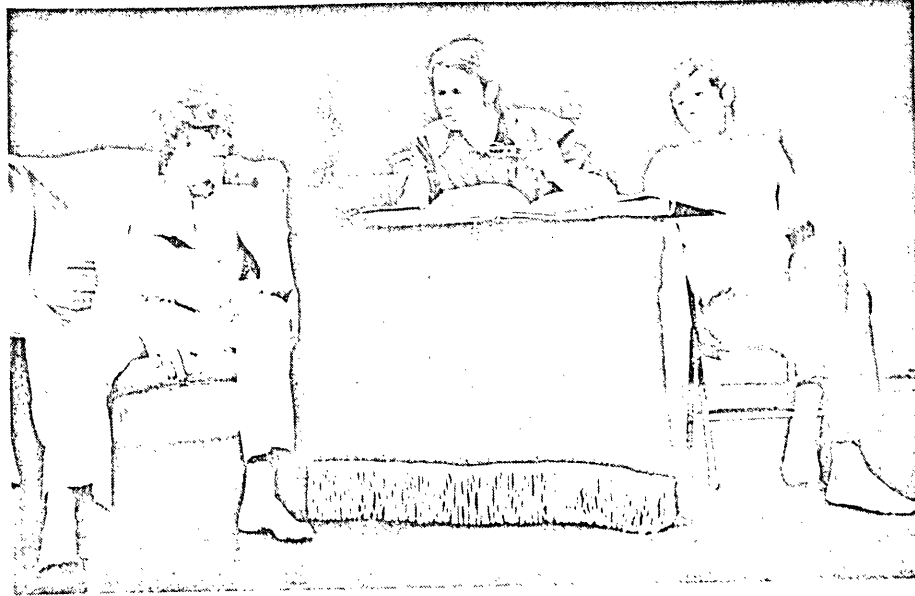
Tanner holds the B.A. degree in English from the University of Texas. He was awarded the M. A. degree in English from East Texas State University and is a Ph.D. candidate at the University of Tulsa.

He has taught French and English previously in Grayson County College and East Texas State University. He has been included in Who's Who in American Education. He is a member of the Modern Language Association and the American Association of Teachers of French.

**WORLD WCTU CONVENTION
TO BE HELD IN CHICAGO**

"Challenging Decisions for Today's World" is the theme for the 25th triennial convention of the World's Woman's Christian Temperance Union in Chicago, the Pick-Congress Hotel, July 28 through August 4, 1971. Representatives of many of the 72 national organizations affiliated with the World WCTU are expected to attend. Mrs. T. Roy Jarrett, vice-president at large of the U.S. Union, is the World president.

Following Official Board and Executive meetings for the World group the program will open with the Hour of Spiritual Challenge the afternoon of July 28. That evening there will be the processional and official greetings of World Officers, followed by a reception tendered by the WCTU of USA in the Gold Room of the host hotel. The Convention will be called to order the morning of July 29 by the World president. Representatives from



Three of the members of the cast of "My Three Angels," to be presented by the college group of Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock, are (from left): Jimmy Argue, Rick Sellars and Ken Keller.

**Pulaski Heights college group
will present play**

"My Three Angels," a play by Sam and Bella Spewack, will be presented by the college group of Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, July 29, 30 and 31.

Showtime is 8:00 p.m. in the dining hall of the main building of the church. Cost of admission is \$1.00 for adults and 50 cents for children. Special prices have been offered youth groups of the Little Rock Conference who would like to come to the performance on Friday evening, bring their sleeping bags, spend the night in the Pulaski Heights youth building, and then attend the Conference Youth Rally at Hall High School on Saturday, July 31. For those interested in bringing a group, reservations should be made through Mrs. W. A. Rice.

Ten or more attending as a group may get in for 75¢ each; 20 or more for 50¢ each under the group rate.

The plot of "My Three Angels" centers around a French family who manage a shop on a French controlled island on which is located a prison camp. They do not own the shop, but merely run it for a mean and conniving uncle in France. The play tells of how their lives are changed by three of the prison's convicts who work in the shop. Overall the play is quite hilarious and many humorous and romantic scenes are included in the action.

This is the fourth annual production by the youth of Pulaski Heights. They feel that this is the best of the four plays they have done.

**Trieschmann is Ebenezer
Camp Meeting preacher**

The Rev. Robert W. Trieschmann, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Nashville, will be the preacher for the annual camp meeting at the Ebenezer Campground, near Center Point, Ark., Aug. 6-12. He will preach at 11 a.m. and 8 p.m. each day, beginning Friday night, Aug. 6 and continuing through Thursday night, Aug. 12.

The Rev. Richard Poss, pastor of Foreman United Methodist Church, will lead the singing, and the Rev.

Bruce Bean is the host pastor.

Additional speakers during the meeting will include: Sunday, Aug. 8, 9 a.m. — Mrs. Frankie Carruthers; 3 p.m. — Bobby Lee; Monday, Aug. 9, 3 p.m. — the Rev. Harold Brent; Tuesday, Aug. 10, 3 p.m. — the Rev. Fred Arnold; Wednesday, Aug. 11, 3 p.m. (Memorial Service), the Rev. J. R. Callicott; Thursday, Aug. 12 — the Rev. Thomas Lowery.

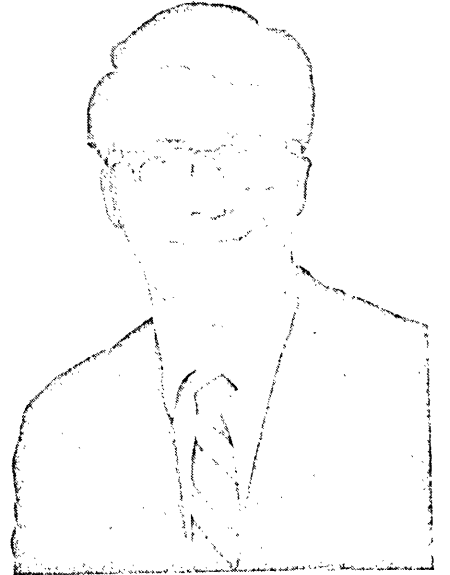
Some camps are still available, and the public is cordially invited.

**LAB SCHOOL PLANNED
FOR FORT SMITH**

The faculty has been announced for the Laboratory School which will be held August 13-14 and 20-21 in First United Methodist Church, Fort Smith, for the churches of that area.

The Lab units to be offered and their instructors are:

- Kindergarten-Nursery — Mrs. Virginia Lindley, Jonesboro
- Elementary I-III — Miss Lula Baird, Morrilton
- Elementary IV-VI — Miss Mary Louise Caldwell, Memphis
- Youth: Systematic — Mrs. Vicky



The Rev. W. Edward Horton

**ASSISTANT CHAPLAIN
NAMED AT METHODIST
HOSPITAL**

The Rev. W. Edward Horton has been appointed Assistant Chaplain at the Methodist Hospital by the Memphis Annual Conference of The United Methodist Church. Reverend Horton, a native Memphian, is a graduate of Southwestern in Memphis and the Candler School of Theology in Atlanta, Georgia.

He comes to Methodist with a unique background which well qualifies him for his duties at Methodist. He majored in pastoral counseling and psychology and is presently working toward a Master of Arts degree in Guidance and Counseling at Memphis State University.

Mr. Horton has served as Associate Minister at Mullins United Methodist Church, Minister at Ellendale United Methodist Church, and Minister of the Good Shepherd United Methodist Church.

Chaplain and Mrs. Horton live with their three children, Frank, age 9, Calli, age 7, and Heather, age 4, at 1106 Woodrow Drive. Chaplain Horton will be working in close association with Senior Chaplain George E. Stewart.

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**"SUMMER SINGERS" PROVIDE
CHILDREN'S CHOIR TRAINING**

For the fourth summer a program called "Summer Singers" has been conducted at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock. These sessions provide training in musical theory, hymn singing and the learning of several anthems.

As a climax of the training, the choristers participate in the Morning Worship Service.

It has been customary to invite another Methodist Church to participate in this experience. This year, boys and girls from St. Paul United Methodist Church, Little Rock, have shared in the program.

Richard Lines is the director of music at Pulaski Heights Church, and Mrs. Hess Hall is the children's choir director at St. Paul.

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Allen, Conway
Youth: Informal — The Rev. Herschell McClurkin, Russellville.

REFUGEES IN INDIA CALLED "GREATEST EMERGENCY OF OUR TIME"

The refugee problem resulting from the massive flight into India of persons from East Pakistan has been called "one of the greatest and most difficult emergency actions of our time." As more of the facts come to light in this situation, the other nations of the world are coming to realize that they must find ways of facing up to the human need in this situation.

Relief agencies of the churches have been doing some things to alleviate the suffering, but the magnitude of the problem brings home to all of us the fact that all that has been done to this point is only a small "drop in the bucket" of the massive human need.

You will recall that two circumstances conspired in creating the pressure in East Pakistan which has driven millions of the citizens of that country to seek refuge in India, a nation that normally sees hundreds of thousands of its own die from starvation every year. First there was the catastrophic tidal wave and the resulting flood which claimed the lives of at least 600,000 people. Then there followed a period of civil war which produced the cruelest kind of police pressures on the part of government troops. Millions of the people felt that life there had grown intolerable and began the massive movement across the border into India.

From the information we have been able to see, it is apparent that India is doing a heroic job of trying to deal with the twin specters of starvation and cholera which have been so widespread. They have undertaken to move great numbers of the refugees away from the border. But this is a task far too great for that nation — the other nations of the world must come to their assistance.

The size of this problem was recently described for members of the U.N. Economic and Social Council at a meeting in Geneva. At this time an appeal was issued to India and Pakistan to create conditions which could lead to the quick repatriation of the East Pakistan refugees.

The major statement of the Geneva meeting was made by the U.N. High Commissioner for Refugees, Sadrunnig Aga Khan, who reported in detail on the humanitarian needs of the refugees. His office is coordinating

the humanitarian assistance system on behalf of the refugees. Members of the Council also heard a report on relief operations that are underway in East Pakistan itself.

Mr. Khan described the refugee problem as "one of the greatest and most difficult emergency actions of our time." He said that as of July 16, \$99.4 million for aid had been pledged to the governments, United Nations agencies and non-governmental organizations. However, he noted that India has estimated that, to care for an average population of 6 million refugees for only six months would require aid in the amount of \$400 million.

The new figure of Pakistani refugees in India provided by the Government of India, as of July 13, showed a total figure of 6,849,000. "There is no doubt," Mr. Khan said, "that we are confronted with one of the major population movements in modern history, with all the tragic aspects of human misery and suffering that such movements entail."

In seeking to deal with the massive problem of shelter, a large emergency allocation of funds from UNICEF, plus governments and voluntary agencies is meeting a major part of the need. Additional deliveries are expected on a weekly basis from various parts of the world. The Indian government is undertaking a program of building light huts made from local materials for 3 million people.

There are acute shortages in food. The key commodity is, of course, rice, of which it is reported that only about 160,000

tons were available against 600,000 tons needed.

Eleven million doses of cholera vaccine were sent to the Indian government from all sources, and the World Health Organization feels that supplies should be continued in case of further outbreaks.

The problems of transportation would stagger the imagination, even if all the commodities and supplies were now on their way to India. India has requested 768 trucks, 480 jeeps, 244 trailers and 120 ambulances. UNICEF has already supplied many of these vehicles and placed orders around the world to cover the needs. As Mr. Khan said, "The problem of transport necessitates a most imaginative response and may indeed require an increasing use of sophisticated means of delivery, including possible helicopters to avert disaster."

Ambassador Agha Shahi of Pakistan reported that President Yahya Khan has appealed four times during the past two months to the refugees to return to their homes. However, he said that many are afraid to return home, even with the announcement of amnesty. The governments of both countries are cooperating to overcome this fear among the refugees. This, of course, is the long-range program, but while it is being developed the world community must recognize the heavy burden of responsibility that is theirs.

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"CAUTIOUS OPTIMISM" URGED CONCERNING RELIGIOUS SITUATION IN USSR

We have been interested to read in the last few days of the visit of an interreligious delegation to Moscow and their report that it views the religious situation in the Soviet Union with "cautious optimism."

The trip sponsored by the Appeal of Conscience Foundation, was made by four officers of that organization: Rabbi Arthur Schneier of the Park East Synagogue in New York, president; Dr. Harold Bosley, minister of Christ Church (United Methodist) in New York, and Father Thurston N. Davis, S.J., vice-presidents; and former New York Congressman Francis E. Dorn, a Roman Catholic, secretary-treasurer.

Rabbi Schneier said that it appeared likely that the first Russian rabbinical students would be allowed to begin their training this fall at the Jewish seminary in Budapest. The course will require at least three years, even on a "crash" basis, he said.

The group found the prospect of young Jews being allowed to undertake rabbinical studies particularly significant in view of the advanced age of the few remaining rabbis in the Soviet Union.

All four members of the delegation placed heavy stress on what they termed the "detrimental" effects of the activities of the Jewish Defense League.

Father Davis said that it was clear from all the people they talked with—Baptist, Orthodox, Catholic, and Jewish leaders, as well as officials of the government and the U.S. embassy—that the JDL's activities were not only "befogging the whole atmosphere" but were "extremely dangerous."

A privately-financed agency, the foundation has sponsored visits to investigate problems of religious liberty in such areas as Spain and Northern Ireland, as well as Communist countries.

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A Toronto pastor, the Rev. Arnold Reimer told his congregation that men are to blame for some of the revolutionary women's activity because they abdicate their role of leadership. The pastor of the Christian and Missionary Alliance church there said that according to the Scriptures, God has given man the authority to rule his home. He quotes Ephesians: "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands, as unto the Lord." Then he added that the Scriptures call for men who are believers, leaders, lovers, providers and teachers. Perhaps, he said, this list "overwhelmed" man, who cried, in horror: "Help, I'm a man."

A onetime British Army Commando chaplain, who participated in the 1944 D-day landings, has been nominated to be the next Anglican bishop of the 900-year-old diocese of Norwich in eastern England. Prebendary Maurice Arthur Ponsonby Wood, 54, will succeed Bishop Launcelot Fleming, 65-year-old former polar explorer and geologist — soon to become Dean of Windsor. Wood has been regarded as the authoritative leader of the Conservative Evangelicals in the Church of England. His conciliatory approach to many controversial issues in recent years is said to have led to wider participation by evangelicals in general Church life.

Jarrell F. McCracken, Waco, Tex., former ministerial student and head of the world's largest religious recording company, has been named Special Gifts Chairman for National Bible Week. National Bible Week, sponsored by the Laymen's National Bible Committee, is held annually during Thanksgiving Week to coincide with the nation's only non-sectarian religious holiday. The Baylor University-educated president of Word, Inc. worked his way through school as a radio sportscaster. His reading of an allegorical football game between the forces of good and evil, drew such heavy mail response that he recorded "Game of Life" with special sound effects. In 1951 he established a recording company, and has since expanded into book publishing and other areas of religious enterprise.

The 18 conference bishops of the American Lutheran Church have been replaced on the denomination's policy-making Church Council by parish pastors, one elected from each district. As a result of constitutional changes approved by the ALC's district conventions, the bishops will be retained as advisory, non-voting members of the Council. Each district will continue to have a lay representative. An amendment to the ALC constitution acknowledged a "pledged mutuality of authority, power, and resources" between congregations and the denomination.

For the first time for some years, the crucial issue of Methodist union with the Church of England (Anglican) was not on the agenda of Britain's 1971 Methodist Conference assembled in Harrogate, England. This was because the Methodist Conference has twice voted in favor of the existing union plan and is now awaiting a positive response from the Anglicans.

An American Lutheran Church bishop has recommended that congregations under his jurisdiction give the right to vote to young people at the time of confirmation, usually between the ages of 14 and 16. Bishop Clarence Solberg, president of the ALC's North Pacific District, said that the congregation is a family and "needs the voice of every possible member of that family."

A noted Seventh-day Adventist broadcaster told the annual camp meeting of the Colorado Conference of Adventists that "if our government leaders found themselves on their knees every day, inviting God's guidance for their responsibilities, they would be more readily believed, because they would be led by the One Who has never told a lie." "Who ever heard of a praying people plagued by a 10 per cent annual rise in crime?" he asked. "What strife — at home or abroad—cannot be resolved by the heavenly intelligence found in prayer?"

Three Cambridge seminaries—two Anglican and one Methodist—will work together more closely under a new "federal relationship." According to an official announcement from Cambridge, England, the plan is designed to "strengthen the contribution of each college in preparing ministers for the problems of the modern world." Each of the schools will continue to be responsible for the appointment of its staff and the enrollment and training of its students, and also for maintaining and developing its own traditions. But there will be joint consultation at all points.

A monumental new hall for mass papal audiences in the south corner of the Vatican was inaugurated by Pope Paul VI at his customary general Wednesday audience on June 30. The structure, of reinforced concrete, covers 107,600 square feet, and includes an air-conditioned audience hall which will seat 6,300 people and will accommodate 12,000 if the seats are removed. According to unofficial information, the ultra-modern audience hall is believed to have cost about \$10 million. A spokesman said that Pope Paul's intention in having the hall constructed was "to add to other Vatican buildings, which are recognized as the common cultural heritage of all mankind, a building which would be worthy of those other structures."

An organization involving conservative members of eight Protestant denominations is exploring the possibility of becoming a "holding body" for congregations not wishing to become involved in church mergers. The National Presbyterian and Reformed Fellowship voted in a meeting in Atlanta to "explore the legal and practical implications" of functioning as a "pole around which displaced congregations as well as denominations" might rally.

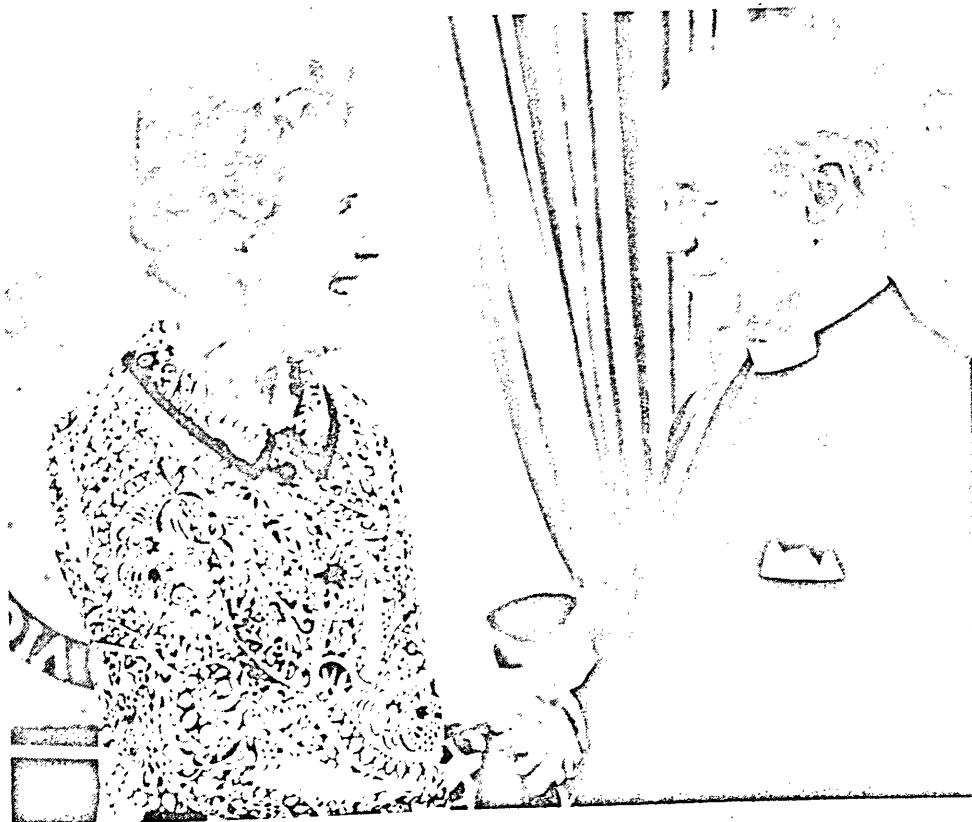
Bishop Ralph E. Dodge, whose retirement as a United Methodist missionary was announced during a recent Missionary Conference at Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., predicts that the countries of southern Africa someday will be ruled by the majority of people there. (Now, in five countries black majorities are ruled by white minority governments.) "The timing will depend on world circumstances," said Bishop Dodge.

Differing points of view may be a source of strength for the Church, the moderator of the Church of the Brethren told 3,500 delegates meeting in St. Petersburg, Fla. Dr. Harold Z. Bomberger, McPherson, Kan., pastor, acknowledged that "we might well come to the place where our differences are irreconcilable. But as members of the community of faith we do not break fellowship. Dr. Bomberger noted that "our diversity, left unchecked can negate the good we attempt to do; can paralyze us into inaction; can erupt into unrestrained conflict and tear us to pieces. Or it can be managed by the grace of God as an opportunity to further his purpose." "To find strength amidst our diversity, it is necessary to affirm not only the fact of diversity but the inherent right of another to be different," he said.

The Sudan Interior Mission (SIM) has turned over 35 mission stations, dispensaries and Bible schools to the Evangelical Churches of West Africa in Nigeria. Dr. Raymond J. Davis, mission director, said the Evangelical Churches in Nigeria will be given all SIM schools, including a seminary, by 1974. In recent months a trend toward handing over mission property to national Churches has become evident.

The New York State Christian Endeavor Union has launched a state-wide teen-age evangelism program aimed at offering alienated youth an option to the nation's "drug and sex culture." Bud Jenson, president, announced at the annual convention that some 2,000 members — particularly teenagers — will be involved in the campaign to win other youths to Christ. "We move now from a flirtation with situation ethics, the God-is-dead theology and experimentation with drugs to quest for meaning and purpose in existence," Jenson said. Christian Endeavor is said to be the oldest ecumenical, interracial organization for Protestant young people.

(Religious News Service Photo)



WASHINGTON, D.C. — The Rev. Wilmina M. Rowland receives the congratulations of Dr. Edward L.R. Elson, chaplain of the U.S. Senate, after becoming the first woman to offer the opening prayer in the United States Senate. Miss Rowland, a United Presbyterian minister who serves with the denomination's Board of Christian Education in Philadelphia, asked God during her prayer to help Americans to realize "that all wisdom does not reside in us . . ."



FROM LEFT: The Rev. J. Leon Wilson, honoree, and Dr. Earl Hughes, who presented the itinerary for an all-expense paid trip to Paris.

Earle pastor is honored by his congregation

On July 11, the congregation of First United Methodist Church, Earle, surprised their pastor, the Rev. J. Leon Wilson, with a "This is Your Life" program for which J. B. Edwards served as master of ceremonies.

Persons attended from every charge he has served, giving important experiences in his life. Churches represented were: Stanford-Warren's Chapel, Lake City-Lake View, the Pelham Charge in Tenn., Yarbrow-Promised Land, Springdale, First Church, and Hendricks Hills, Fort Smith. The Earle Church was represented by W. P. Morrison, Jr. and Fred Rhodes.

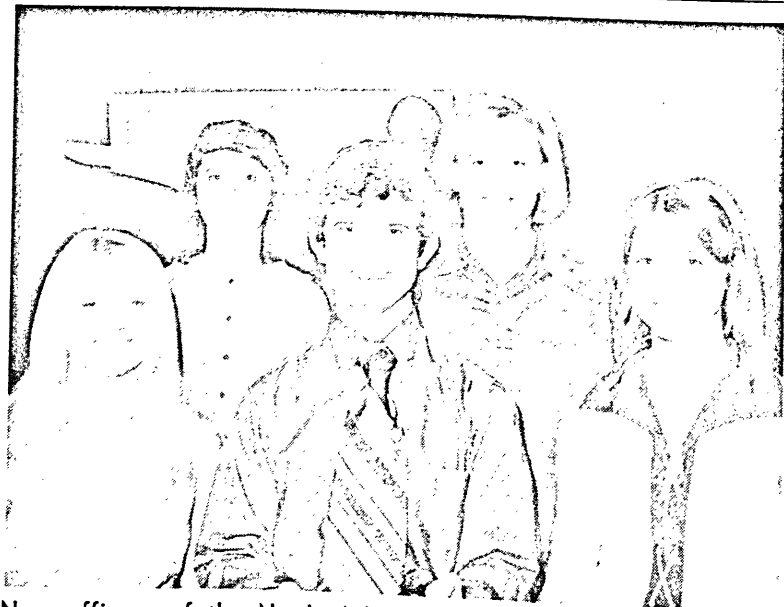
Other persons on the program were childhood friends from Jonesboro. Several Methodist ministers attended including the Rev. Gaither McKelvey, a former pastor at Earle; a former district superintendent, the Rev. A. N. Storey, and Dr. Ethan W. Dodgen, his present district superintendent. The

Rev. Howard Williams, a former district superintendent, sent a tape recording, and another former superintendent, the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, sent a letter. President Nixon sent a picture of himself and congratulations.

Members of Mrs. Wilson's family also attended.

Mrs. Wilson was given a dozen long-stemmed red roses and Mr. Wilson was presented with: a "This is Your Life" book, a bronze plaque, and an all-expense paid trip to Paris, Moscow, Egypt, Cyprus, the Holy Land, Rome and England. Dr. Earl Hughes of Forrest City, representing the Jackson Travel Agency, presented the itinerary of the trip. Mr. Wilson left on his trip on July 21.

Following the program, the J. B. Edwards family entertained the Wilson family, friends and guests with a reception in their home.



New officers of the North Arkansas Conference Youth Council photographed at recent assembly. FROM LEFT: Pam Braddy, Danville, vice chairman; Jane Ann McClintock, Helena, treasurer; Allen Kimbrough, Siloam Springs, chairman; Mona Marshall, Batesville, secretary, and Margaret Brown, Fort Smith, director of publications. One hundred and two participants were involved in the July 19-24 assembly.

MRS. J. R. CLAYTON

Mrs. Pallie McMahan Clayton, aged 83, of Magnolia, widow of J. R. Clayton and the mother of Dr. J. Ralph Clayton, District Superintendent of the Conway District, died Wednesday, July 21, in Little Rock. She was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Magnolia.

The funeral service was held in Magnolia on Friday, July 23, with Dr. Leland Clegg and the Rev. Don Nolley officiating.

In addition to Dr. Clayton, she is survived by another son, Glen A. Clayton of Dallas, Tex.; two daughters, Mrs. Newton Vick of Little Rock and Mrs. Bill Nalley of Longview, Tex.; two brothers, George McMahan of Magnolia and Delton McMahan of Springhill, La; a sister, Mrs. Grady Hudson of Magnolia; seven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Washington church adds new staff position

WASHINGTON, D. C. (UMI) — A new church position grew out of this spring's protests and demonstrations in Washington — an associate pastor of community relations, to deal with participants, police and other agencies. Believed to be the first staff member with such an assignment, he is at Capitol Hill United Methodist Church.

The associate is the Rev. John P. Adams, which adds another unusual element, because his regular work is on the denomination's national staff as director of the Department of Law, Justice and Community Relations of the Board of Christian Social Concerns.

The assignment grew, according to the Rev. James P. Archibald, pastor, out of the discovery, during the April and May demonstrations for peace and other causes, that many needs growing out of crisis situations were not being met. Only five blocks from the U.S. Capitol, the church served some of the protesters in such ways as getting food to the jails and stadium for those arrested, relaying messages, securing releases for some arrestees. It also

CHARLES C. HAWKINS

Charles C. Hawkins, father of the Rev. Raymond Hawkins, pastor of the Mountain View United Methodist Church, died at Parks, Ark. on June 26, 1971. Other survivors are his wife, Mary Thompson Hawkins; a son, Claude of Sand Springs, Okla.; two daughters, Mrs. Luretha Loyd of Parks and Mrs. Mittie Craft of Garland, Tex.; four brothers, Gilbert of Paragould, John of Longview, Tex., Eck and Roman of Parks; and three sisters, Miss Missie Hawkins and Mrs. Temple Davis of Norfolk, Va., and Mrs. Odie Cates of Los Angeles, Calif.

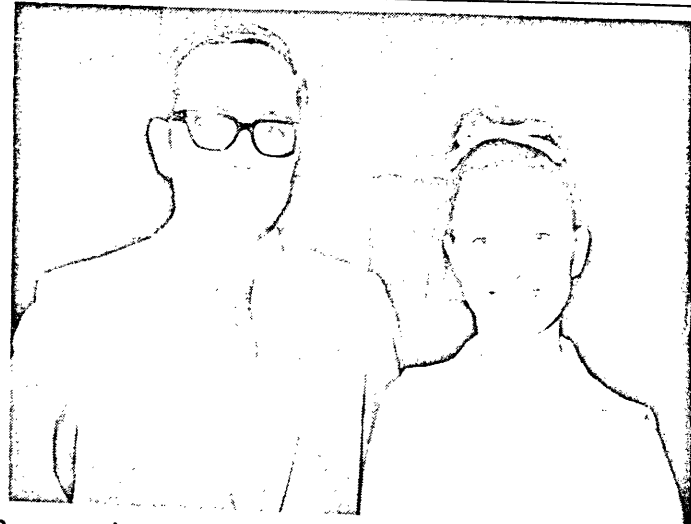
The funeral service was conducted in Parks United Methodist Church, June 28, with burial in Hawkins Cemetery at Parks.

Mr. Parks, or "Uncle Charlie" as he was generally known, lived all of his life in the Parks community, but he was known throughout Scott County as an outstanding Christian. Never pushing himself into the limelight, he was at all times ready to do anything that needed to be done.

He was instrumental in the building of the Parks Methodist Church, helping to cut the logs from which it was built. He responded to every request made by his pastor, no matter who was serving his church. In short he was, throughout his life, one of the stalwarts of the church. His passing is mourned by a host of friends, all of whom have been influenced by him in his own quiet way.

helped the police and the Justice Department by assisting with communication and by service to wounded officers.

Adams at that time was engaged in the liaison between officials and protesters as part of his regular job. Since then, he has worked with police to secure credentials for clergy, thus enabling them to move freely within crisis areas; works with other "involved" ministers of the city, and with Capitol East Community Organization and similar community efforts, especially ecumenical programs, according to Archibald.



Past coordinator of Youth Ministries, the Rev. Tom Weir of Fort Smith, with the present coordinator, Mrs. Saville Henry of North Little Rock, at July 19-24 North Arkansas Youth Assembly held on the Hendrix College Campus. Fifteen youth and adults from the Conference are involved in the Jurisdictional Youth Ministry Enterprise meeting at Mt. Sequoyah from July 26-30. Warren Casteel of Batesville is on the planning committee and the Rev. Vic Nixon of Fayetteville is on the staff.

NEWS and NOTES

DR. JOEL A. COOPER, pastor of Central Church, Fayetteville, was guest speaker at Tulsa, Oklahoma, July 18, in the Boston Avenue United Methodist Church where Dr. Finis Crutchfield serves as pastor.

A LAY WITNESS MISSION is being planned for the weekend of August 20-22 at the Holly Grove United Methodist Church. Committee chairmen have been appointed and advance preparations are in progress, according to the Rev. Charles Nance, pastor.

PARAGOULD DISTRICT'S Shiloh United Methodist Church members heard "native son" Alan Weaver as guest pulpit speaker on Sunday morning, July 11. Mr. Weaver attends Paragould First United Methodist Church where he is a teacher of the Men's Bible Class. The Rev. Elbert Bruner is pastor of Shiloh and Sedgwick Churches.

MISS DANA McBRIDE, youth director at First Church, West Memphis, was married to Alton Speer on Sunday, July 11. The Rev. Wayne Jarvis read the ceremony in First United Methodist Church, Rector. The couple will live in West Memphis while he attends Memphis State University and Dana will continue as full-time youth director.

DR. WILL K. ANDRESS, native of El Dorado and former director of music at First Baptist Church in West Memphis, has been selected to serve as minister of music at First United Methodist Church, Shreveport, the largest Methodist church in Louisiana. He received his doctorate in music from Florida State University, Tallahassee, in June and moved to Shreveport with his wife and two children, July 1.

P.K. KORNER

THE REV. RAY McLESTER, retired and living in Paragould, recently had the privilege of baptizing his great-grandson, Cory Ray McLester. Present for the ceremony in Griffin Memorial Church were Cory's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Fara Ray McLester, and parents, Mr. and Mrs. Randell McLester, all of Rockford, Illinois, and his great-grandmother, Mrs. Ray McLester.

HARDIN GAY ENGLEHARDT was born July 12 to the Rev. and Mrs. George Englehardt of New Haven, Conn. Mrs. Englehardt is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Hardin, members of Rockport Church, Malvern. Mr. Englehardt is a Methodist minister in New Haven.

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THE REV. GERALD FINCHER, Prescott Methodist minister, was preacher for the revival held July 18-25 at Emmet Church where the Rev. Calvin Miller serves as pastor.

JUDGE LAWSON CLONINGER was the speaker when United Methodist Men of Hendricks Hills Church, Fort Smith, met on Thursday, July 15. Harry Lewis is president of the Men's Club. The Rev. C. Waymon Hollis is pastor.

POTTSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN and Methodist Churches have held union revival services each year since 1922. This year the services were in the Presbyterian Church, July 18-25, with the Rev. T. G. Morris, Sr. as host pastor. The evangelist was the Rev. James Fee of Fayetteville, Tenn. Methodist minister, the Rev. James Pollard preached the opening sermon.

LOUIS THROGMORTON, lay speaker of Dallas, will be guest speaker next Sunday, August 1, in McArthur Drive United Methodist Church, Jacksonville, where the Rev. Irl Bridenthal serves as pastor. He will also speak at the family picnic which will follow in the Jacksonville Park.

THE NEW SALEM CHURCH vacation church school was directed by Mrs. Grace Dwyer, church and community worker of the Hot Springs area, and the Rev. Claude Barron, pastor. Staff members included Mrs. Bob Singleton, Elaine Brown, Linda McGrew, Judy Edwards, Carol Frazier, Doris Lee Singleton, Mrs. Clyde Minton, Edd Robertson and Greg Arman. The school concluded with Open House at which songs, slides, drama, tapes, and craft exhibits were shared.

PARK VIEW Church, Benton, has put a central heat and air-conditioning system in the parsonage. Charles Rowland is president of the Board of Trustees; Robert Hughes is Administrative Board chairman. The Rev. Horace M. Grogan is pastor.

CONTACT, the telephone ministry in Pine Bluff, is offering new training sessions for prospective workers. The first class was held Monday, July 26, at Brown Hall, Grace Episcopal Church, Pine Bluff, and will continue on Mondays and Thursdays for 12 weeks.

DR. JAMES B. ARGUE has recovered sufficiently from his recent heart attack that he will return to his pulpit at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock, Sunday, August 1, preaching at the 10:50 service only.

MENA CHURCH members are preparing for a New Life Mission, August 1-6. The Rev. Ralph Hale, pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church, Hot Springs, will be the visiting minister. Mrs. Vernon Rodgers is serving as group coordinator. "Faith Alive" seminars were led by laymen during the Sunday evenings of July. The Rev. Osborne White is the Mena pastor.

DR. AND MRS. CHARLES RICHARDS are spending three weeks in Europe, visiting daughter Jackie and family (the Thomas Gentrys) in Schwabisch Hall, Germany, returning August 19. In his absence, the Searcy First Church pulpit will be occupied by Dr. Harold O. Eggenesperger, Dr. Willis Alderson, and the Rev. Floyd G. Villines, Jr.

THE REV. LOUIS MULKEY of Stuttgart, chairman of the Little Rock Conference Board of Social Concerns, and the Rev. Bob Trieschmann of Nashville, board secretary, attended a national interfaith seminar on Alcohol and drugs at North Conway, New Hampshire, June 21-25.

SCOTT COUNTY United Methodist churches held laymen-led revival the week of July 19-25. All services were in First Church, Waldron. Bill Bennett of Wyatt Memorial Church led the singing. Men, women, and youth speakers were from Fort Smith, Clarksville, Danville and Spiro, Oklahoma. The revival theme was "JOY: Jesus-Others-You."

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.

Aug. 1—Sunday	Joshua 3:14-17
Aug. 2	Joshua 6:6-20
Aug. 3	Judges 15:1-19
Aug. 4	I Kings 17:14-16
Aug. 5	II Kings 2:7-14
Aug. 6	II Kings 4:2-7
Aug. 7	II Kings 4:42-44
Aug. 8—Sunday	II Kings 5:10-27

KITCHEN HOSTESS NEEDED

St. Paul Church, 2223 Durwood Rd., Little Rock, needs part-time kitchen hostess and cook. Must have car and health card.

Call 666-9429 week days.

THE REV. M. E. SCOTT was guest preacher in the Malvern First Church pulpit, July 11, at both morning services in the absence of the Rev. Charles Ashcraft who was conducting a group tour of Europe. Mr. Scott began his ministry 50 years ago on the Malvern Circuit.

MRS. C. W. LESTER died on July 3 in California. She was the widow of the Rev. C. W. Lester, the first pastor of Dodson Avenue Methodist Church in Fort Smith, now known as Goddard Memorial United Methodist Church, according to the bulletin from that church.

WESLEY CHURCH OF CONWAY plans a revival to be held the week of August 8-13. Evangelist will be the Rev. J. Albert Gatlin, pastor of Griffin Memorial United Methodist Church, Paragould. The Wesley pastor is the Rev. Britt Cordell.

MISSIONARIES WHO SERVE the Navajo Indians at Farmington, New Mexico, were guest speakers in First Church, Bentonville, recently. The Rev. and Mrs. Bruce Hestwood were visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Hestwood, following a year at Scarritt College. The Rev. Maurice Lanier is the Bentonville pastor.

THE TILTON CHURCH had 69 children and 14 teachers working in the vacation church school held June 21-25. Mrs. James Barton and Mrs. B. J. Burnett served as co-directors. Other teachers, nursery through grades VI, included: Mrs. Frank Crouch, Mrs. J. R. Cartillar, Ann Cartillar, Mrs. Bryce Smith, Mrs. J. F. McClannahan, Mrs. Lester Pribble, Mrs. Tommy Parrish, Mrs. Vernon Pribble, Mrs. Chuck Glass and Mrs. Jimmy R. Pulley. Mrs. Rural Baldwin assisted the pastor, the Rev. James Barton, in teaching the junior high group. A picnic concluded the school.

The Moorefield Church, Batesville District, recently completed a week of vacation church school with 35 children and workers in attendance. The Children's Fund for Christian Missions received \$10 from the sharing project of the children. The Rev. John Lee is the Moorefield minister.

JULY 29, 1971

Five women benefit from Laskey Fund

NEW YORK (UMI) — Five women are studying, or have studied, in theological seminaries this year as recipients of the Laskey Fund of the Women's Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

One received scholarship aid in 1969, the first beneficiary of the Fund, and there are four additional recipients in 1970. Laskey Fund recipients this year, as announced by the Women's Division, are:

Mrs. Davida Foy Crabtree, Newton Centre, Mass., and Litchfield, Conn., who is studying at Andover Newton Theological Seminary, Newton Centre, Mass. Active in the church renewal movement, she is a member of the United Church of Christ and a vice-president of the National Council of Churches. She graduated from Marietta College, Marietta, Ohio.

Mrs. Julicanne S. Hallman, Southwick, Mass., who is studying at Hartford Seminary, Hartford, Conn., toward a bachelor of divinity degree to be conferred by Chandler School of Theology at Emory University, Atlanta, Ga. An ordained deacon in the Southern New England United Methodist Conference and a graduate of Berea College, Berea, Ky., she serves in a team pastorate with her husband at the Southwick and Agawam United Methodist Churches. They have two children.

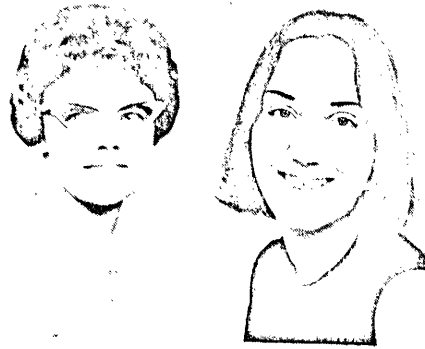
Miss Peggy LaDora Halsey, Gainesville, Fla., a 1966 graduate of Pfeiffer College, Misenheimer, N.C., who completed her work for a master of religious education degree at Union Theological Seminary, New York, this year. She has been a special-term home missionary (US-2) of the United Methodist Church in Portland, Oreg. She is now working on assignment at Board of Missions headquarters in New York.

Miss Charlene Saunders, Boston, Mass., and St. Albans, Vermont, who is studying at Boston University School of Theology. She is a graduate of Union College, Barbourville, Ky. She is



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an ordained deacon in the Troy United Methodist Conference and has been a Methodist church-and-community worker in northern Vermont for several years, and pastor at First United Methodist Church, Winooski, Vt., and associate at First United Methodist Church, Burlington, Vt.

Mrs. Phyllis J. Wayman, Washington, D.C., and Sioux Falls, S.D., who is in her third year as a master of theology degree student at Wesley Theological Seminary in Washington. In 1969 she was the first Laskey Fund recipient.

The Laskey Fund, in the amount of \$50,000 was established by the Women's Division in 1968 in honor of Mrs. Glenn E. Laskey, Ruston, La., who was president of the Division from 1964 to 1968 and served on the Division 1956-68.

Purpose of the Fund is to further the theological education of women, and the Division said that the Fund "would not only honor an outstanding Methodist leader but is intended as a contribution to the ecumenical movement." The Division noted Mrs. Laskey had often said that as the church moved into the ecumenical movement, "it has lacked an adequate number of trained women theologians, who would be able to make the contribution that the church needs to have made by women."

Descriptive material prepared by the Women's Division about the Laskey Fund notes that the requirements "are minimal. Any woman interested in theological study, and who is accepted by an approved seminary, can

apply." The description also states: "There are those who feel that the church's large constituency of women needs some theological challenge through the teaching, preaching and writing of theologians whose life experiences resemble somewhat their own."

(Women interested in the Laskey Fund may write to: Miss Theressa Hoover, Associate General Secretary, Women's Division, Room 1509, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, New York 10027).

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MRS. PAUL V. GALLOWAY spoke, July 19, at the combined meeting of the Norine Bettis Wesleyan Service Guild and Gwendolyn Landrum Guild, both of First United Methodist Church, Little Rock. Mrs. Galloway's subject was the Laubach literacy program in Arkansas, of which she is co-chairman.

"IN TRAINING" for officers of the Hickory Ridge Women's Society was held recently with Mrs. Roy Weld, Jonesboro District WSCS vice-president, as leader. Officers for the coming year are: Mrs. Emma Vanaman, president; Mrs. Gene Goodhart, vice-president; Mrs. Clifton Vanaman, secretary; Mrs. Pop Slocum, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Freeze, missionary education; Mrs. Benny House, spiritual growth; and Mrs. I. E. Smith, chairman of nominations.

ESTON WILLIAMS, recent Hendrix graduate, was the speaker for Youth Week in Lakewood Church, North Little Rock, the week of July 12. Mackey Yokem serves as minister to youth at Lakewood.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED OF CENTRAL ARKANSAS

Business Women's Group

BOOK REVIEW:

MY HEART HAS 17 ROOMS, by Carol Bartholomew

Reviewed by: Vanda Lipscomb

Friday, August 6, 1971

7:30 P.M.

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church

Donation: \$1.00 for special projects — One which Church Women United is supporting is the Lakes and Leisure Ministry, one of the newest projects which seeks to serve the individual and family involved in vacations and leisure activities.

BATESVILLE DISTRICT Ministers held the annual family picnic at the dam site on Greer's Ferry, June 29. Before the meal, men and women had separate meetings. The wives were called to order by the out-going vice president, Mrs. Elsworth Watson. Mrs. Floyd Villines, Jr., wife of the new district superintendent, welcomed the group and introduced those who are new in the district. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Elsworth Watson, president; Mrs. James Southerland, vice president; and Mrs. Lewis Ernest, secretary-treasurer.



Mrs. Everett Vinson, at left, wife of the superintendent of Monticello District, was honored at a reception given by Mrs. William D. Elliott, wife of the Monticello pastor. Shown with Mrs. Vinson is Mrs. Earl Baxter, president of the Monticello Women's Society.

CHRIS COOPER of Fayetteville, Hendrix College student, is summer youth director in First Church, Bentonville, this summer. He is working with the Rev. W. Maurice Lanier.

NANCY ELPHINGSTONE of La-Grange is the summer youth worker in First Church, Marianna, where the Rev. Leonard Byers is pastor. She is a student at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro.



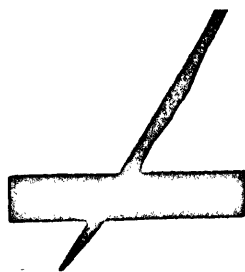
Ministers' wives of the Little Rock District elected Jean Stewart, at right, to serve as president this year. Atha Webb, standing, is vice-president; Susan Dill is secretary-treasurer. The annual picnic for ministers' families was held at Aldersgate.



Conway District Ministers' Wives elected officers when the annual family picnic was held at Aldersgate Camp. Marie Jordan, 2nd from right, was elected president; Velma Cordell, left, is vice-president; Donna Williams, 2nd from left, is secretary-treasurer; and Wilma Mooney, right, is sunshine chairman.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR AUGUST 8, 1971: The Family Finding Reconciliation

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Genesis 27:1 through 28:5; 33; Matthew 21:28-31a

MEMORY SELECTION: Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you. (Ephesians 4:32)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To show the important role of the family as an agent of reconciliation; to discuss the important role of forgiveness within the family and underscore the tragedies that result when it is missing.

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In the last of three lessons dealing with the family we are to consider one of the most important of all the functions of the home — that of serving as an agent of reconciliation. All of us can name individuals we know who have been scarred for life because of alienations within the family which were never reconciled. We know that the deepest love can be known within the family. We likewise know that the greatest hurt can take place there. Unfortunately many members of families have never caught the vision of reconciliation and have let their lives be ruined by its absence.

Sometimes we hear persons tell of how long they have been married without exchanging any cross words or having any quarrels. Normally family life does not move on such a plateau. Cross words are spoken, and sharp differences of opinions do come. The important thing is not that they come, but how we handle them when they come. Last week we discussed the roles within the family and discovered that conflict is the natural by-product of playing these roles. It is the inter-play of these conflicts and the reconciliation that follows that provides some of the richest moments in the home.

The so-called "generation gap" is one of the areas in which the members of today's families are challenged to build bridges of reconciliation. Marriage counselors and juvenile judges tell us of the many tragedies which could be averted if parents would only remember that nothing a child ever does or says can change the fact that he is a member of the family. Likewise the children should make the effort to remember that beneath sharp words and acts of discipline is parental love that wants the best for them.

Persons have been alienated through family quarrels and have gone through life with the bitterness generating an internal poison which kept them from ever maturing into real persons. In a few instances the parties to these quarrels have been rallying points around which others became involved. The family should not be the agent that accentuates these differences—it was intended to be the agent of reconciliation by which the wounds could be healed. This is what our lesson is about today, and we trust you will find here some suggestions that will be helpful in your own family life and that will help us bring this series of lessons to a meaningful conclusion.

The Bible has a great deal to say to us about the tragedy of family conflict and the enriching experience of reconciliation. This is a book which portrays man in both his weaknesses and his strengths, containing many stories of family strife, beginning with Cain and Abel. On the other hand, the Bible also offers many examples of happy family life, stating the principles by which this can be attained, and indicating ways by which harmony may be restored to broken relationships. Today's study of conflict and reconciliation in the family of Isaac should help us recognize the things which make for harmony or discord in family life and lead us to commit ourselves to follow the ways of reconciliation and peace.

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FAMILY CONFLICTS IN THE STORY OF JACOB AND ESAU

Do we need to sketch for you the details of the conflict between Esau and Jacob as recorded in Genesis 25:19 through 37:1? We hope you will want to read this entire passage, but for those who may not do so we will briefly summarize the story. The conflict and jealousy felt between these brothers arose from the fact that they were twins. Esau was born first, and, under Jewish law and tradition, he enjoyed a great number of privileges that Jacob wanted.

Additional conflict was generated by the fact that Esau was obviously the favorite of his father, Isaac, while Rebekah, the mother, was partial to Jacob and encouraged him in the acts of trickery by which he cheated Esau out of his birthright. Esau resented what his brother had done, hated him, and resolved to kill him following his father's death and regain the dominant role in the family. You can hardly imagine any greater family alienation than this. But stay with us until we come to the happy conclusion of the story in which reconciliation comes.

When Rebekah learned of Esau's plan, she persuaded Isaac to send Jacob to visit her brother Laban in another region. She felt that time would soften Esau's anger, and she promised to send word to Jacob when it was safe for him to return. Jacob continued his trickery after marrying two of Laban's daughters, but eventually he decided to return to Canaan.

Esau learned that Jacob was returning and went out to meet him. Accompanying him was a large bodyguard of 400 men, and there was reason for Jacob to be fearful of the reception he would receive. He sent a generous gift to Esau and divided his family and flocks so that some part might escape Esau's wrath. But the climax of the story did not follow the anticipated course. Esau was more brotherly than Jacob had any reason to expect.

Dr. Floyd V. Filson speaks of the meeting in *The International Lesson Annual*: "Any thoughts of revenge that Esau may have had were overcome at least in large part by the gifts Jacob sent forward. It also is indicated that Esau believed any attack on Jacob would bring God's judgment on him. Esau could also have felt something of family loyalty rising up to keep him from evil revenge."

Reconciliation did occur and, although the brothers decided for practical reasons to make their homes some distance apart, there was a restoration of the family relationship and Esau did not seek the revenge that he had threatened. Dr. Charles Laymon speaks of the healing value of time in this and other instances of family reconciliation. He says: "Time is a precious commodity. It is far more than the ticking of a clock or the movement of stellar bodies. Time gives opportunity for growth, an occasion for understanding, a period for reconciliation and peace-making."

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ALL TYPES OF ALIENATION PICTURED IN THIS GENESIS STORY

If you look back at this Genesis story for a second time and review its background, you will discover that it provides examples of almost every kind of family alienation that can be imagined. First, some writers suggest that a breach was created between Isaac and Rebekah when during a stay in Gerar (Gen. 26:6-7) the husband had risked his wife's virtue to save his own skin. This mutual mistrust crystallized into antagonism when Isaac sought to give his paternal blessing to Esau, and Rebekah was determined to do almost anything to see that it came to Jacob.

Then there is the conflict between brother and brother in the trickery used by Jacob to gain the

parental blessing. During the sojourn in Haran there were other instances of deception and family alienation. First, Jacob fell in love with Laban's daughter, Rachel, and was told that he could have her as his bride if he served her father for seven years. But Laban, taking advantage of the fact that an oriental bride came to her husband veiled, substituted her sister Leah. Jacob had to wait another seven years to obtain the wife of his choice.

Still later when Jacob started back to Canaan with his family, there was further deception in the division of the cattle and the selection of the flock which would be Jacob's for the journey. The whole story is one of family jealousy leading to expedients which aggravated rather than improved the situation. Throughout this sordid story we recognize a number of causes for family conflict and unhappiness. Chief among these was the failure to trust God to do things in his own way. Plots and counterplots resulted from people trying to manipulate events for their own advantage.

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ALIENATIONS ARE CONTAGIOUS

There are many ways by which conflicts within the family may be reconciled. One of the first steps in the process is the recognition that tensions are certain to arise and that a marriage is not going on the rocks because of an occasional quarrel. All members of Christian families must seek to develop skills in dealing with tensions and problems in such a way that through them they will develop deeper understanding and appreciation of each other.

Important in this growth toward mature family relationships in which reconciliation will be possible is the development of a sense of values which can be shared. Dr. Donald M. Maynard says, in his book *Your Home Can be Christian*, "If a marriage is to succeed, it is exceedingly important that both husband and wife shall have a sense of values that enables them to see events in their true perspective."

Just as strife between parents can be felt by all the members of the family, so can happiness and adjustment be caught. President Dwight D. Eisenhower came from a large family of boys who distinguished themselves and honored their home. He said on one occasion, "Friends often ask why there had not been a black sheep in the family. The answer lies, I think, in the fact that our family was free from parental quarreling and filled with genuine, if not demonstrated love."

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THE MOVEMENT TOWARD RECONCILIATION

As we seek guidelines for reconciliation in our own family relationships, we should look back over the experience of Jacob and Esau at the time of their confrontation following the long separation. We would like to know exactly what changes had come in the life of Esau which prepared him for this reunion of which we read in Genesis 33. There seems to be no question that both Esau and Jacob had matured during the interim. Esau had been so angered at Jacob that he wanted to kill him. Instead he embraced him. No doubt Jacob also grew in the time he had been gone and saw how essential it was that he and his brother learn to live together. Dr. Laymon says: "Jacob and Esau had separated, and apart from each other they had 'found' themselves, so they could again find each other. But may we not also come to the place of reconciliation in our homes as we experience family life together?"

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FORGIVENESS COMES FROM GOD

At the heart of reconciliation whenever it comes is love. One of the most erroneous statements that can be made is, "I'll forgive, but I'll never forget." When Jacob and Esau embraced in reconciliation, it was an expression of love. Esau's sincerity can not be doubted when he refused to accept the gifts Jacob offered him.

Reconciliation goes to the very heart of God. In Genesis 33:10 we read the words of Jacob: "To see your face is like seeing the face of God. Forgiveness that brings reconciliation is of God and leads to a deeper experience of God for those who participate in it. This whole scene reminds one of the words of Jesus when he said, "Blessed are the pure in heart for they shall see God." Reconciliation is a gateway that leads into the presence of God.

the British scene



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

Unity — a constantly recurring theme in the church life of Britain—has again been making the headlines, and this week has seen two very different aspects of the subject.

"Must Churches wait until organic reunion has taken place before they can present a sufficiently united front to state their case and commend the Gospel of Christ?" asked the Archbishop of York at the end of his Presidential Address to the General Synod of the Anglican Church meet-

ing at the University of York, in what the *Church Times* described as "an impassioned plea" for the consummation of the Anglican-Methodist unity scheme.

"So long as my Methodist brother and I cannot kneel at the Sacrament of the body and blood of Christ without asking questions, there is a scandal which cries out for remedy" he added. He was speaking at the Synod which finally gave overall approval to the scheme by a majority of 65.3%. Thirty-five Bishops voted for the scheme, and only two against. 140 Clergy voted for, with 81 against, and 132 laity voted for with 80 against.

The decision was only reached after a number of amendments which had been designed to wreck the proposals had in turn been defeated, and the general reaction has been favourable, although there is an increasing number of people who feel that the time for talking is over and that action must begin very soon.

The whole matter now goes back to the local areas, and will have to be confirmed at the next General Synod, so there is a further procedural delay. However, this is an encouragement, and one which helps forward

the date of the Services of Reconciliation which will have to take place before Stage One of the scheme actually operates.

On local levels there will now be, it is hoped, further activity which will keep an already too slow pace quickening, and this is certainly the hope, for there are many of the younger generation as well as the older ones who are tired of delay.

CHARISMATIC PEOPLE

Unity also came in for attention at a very different occasion at another University in the same week. At the University of Surrey, in Guildford, and at the Guildford Cathedral, itself the Cathedral of the Holy Spirit—there was a conference organised by the Fountain Trust. The theme of the conference was The Charismatic Movement. It was attended by people from all over the world — about 450 visitors full time and 200 day visitors. There was an astonishing range of representation — from Roman Catholic priests and nuns to Pentecostals and they listened to addresses from a wide spectrum of speakers who included Dr. J. Rodman Williams of Texas, Ralph Wilkerson of Melody-

land near Disneyland in California, and Dr. Leslie Davison of the British Methodist Home Mission Department.

The relationship between the Charismatic Movement and the Ecumenical Movement was a recurring theme with many of the speakers, and it was evident that this group of people—many of whom came from America—felt that without the charismatic gifts of the Holy Spirit not only the ecumenical movement but the whole church could not fulfill its vital role. While there was insistence by Ralph Wilkerson on the speaking in tongues, and in his televised session—put on videotape by my own Churches Television Unit Outside Broadcast crew — a happening of this kind; there was also a rejection of the absolute necessity of this particular gift by Kevin Raghavan, a Roman Catholic lay theologian.

Altogether the happening at Guildford was one which brought a lot of new light and hope, because those who have so far been suspicious of what the Charismatic Movement might mean were reassured at the seriousness of tone and the general irenic quality of approach.

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News of the Mass Media

Texas Communications group develops news tapes

DALLAS, Tex. (UMI) — Plans for a national cassette news tape series focusing on the issues and actions of the 1972 United Methodist General Conference in Atlanta have been announced by the United Methodist Communications Council of Texas.

The Council's first attempt to report a major United Methodist event on cassette news tape was the 1970 General Conference in St. Louis. Subsequent cassette news tape reports have been made directly to individual subscribers across the nation by United Methodist News Briefs, a division of the Council.

A series of 10 cassette tapes will be available to subscribers from United Methodist NewsBriefs beginning in November and continuing monthly through the General Conference. The first six tapes (Nov.-April) will focus on the major issues that are expected to be considered by the United Methodist policy-making body. The remaining four news tapes will report the actions of the Conference throughout its April 16-30 meeting.

All tapes will be delivered by first class mail with the exception of those General Conference delegates who request the last four tapes delivered to them at the Atlanta Conference.

"We expect to report every side of the major issues facing General Conference," said Robert L. Robertson, executive director of the Texas Council. "Our experience with this news medium has proven that fast, accurate reporting of the actual sounds can provide individuals with information to make responsible decisions."

According to Mr. Robertson, United Methodist NewsBriefs is owned and operated by the six annual conferences in Texas under the United Methodist Communications Council. The Council also publishes a weekly newspaper, *The Texas Methodist*, and operates the Texas office of United Methodist Information.

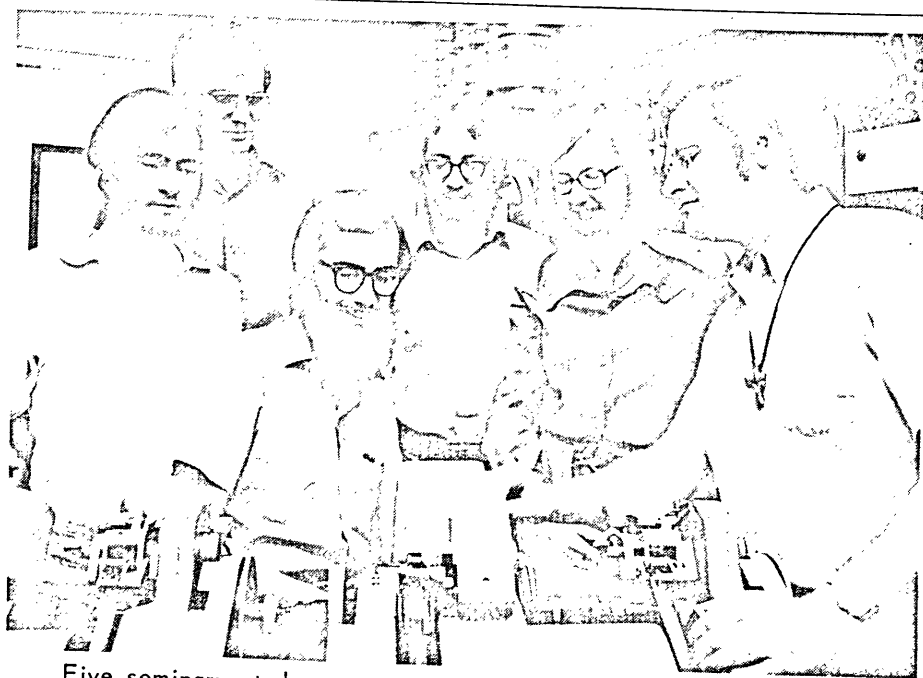
Editor for NewsBriefs is the Rev. Jack McGee, a United Methodist pas-

tor, trained journalist, and former radio news reporter.

Mr. Robertson said the possibility of continuing NewsBriefs as a monthly news service is being considered by the Council. The cassette news tape format, if continued, would report general news of the United Methodist Church directly to subscribers across the nation, he said.

United Methodist NewsBriefs is also planning to report the World Methodist Conference meeting in Denver in August.

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Five seminary students are serving as summer interns in the Nashville studios of the United Methodist Program Council's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFCO). Participating in the pilot program are (from left): Stephen Mallett, Little Rock, Ark. (a member of Second Presbyterian Church in that city), and Richard Dohrman, Wauwatosa, Wis., student at Chicago Theological Seminary; Ronald Hines, Fort Lupton, Colo., a student at Claremont School of Theology; Mike Elliott, Paducah, Ky., and Penny Pierce, Indianapolis, Ind., both students at Vanderbilt Divinity School, Nashville. The Rev. Sam A. Barefield, right, director of TRAFCO's Communications Education Department, is coordinating the 10-week period which allows the students to design and execute their own media plans, help with TRAFCO projects, and earn field work credit.

ABINGDON ANNOUNCES STEREO ALBUM RELEASE

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Abingdon, America's oldest religious publisher, based in Nashville, center of the record-pressing industry, is launching a new phase of its operation with the release of "I'll Tell the World," a stereo album by Cliff McRae.

The 11-song album is also a first for McRae, manager of The Methodist Publishing House's Cokesbury Bookstore in Birmingham. However he has sung in evangelistic meetings and concerts across the country; has appeared on national television; and has sung with Gordon MacRae (no relation) and with Robert Wheaty of The Metropolitan Opera.

Included on the album are "I'll Tell the World," "Go Tell It On the Mountain," "Do You Know My Name?", "Balm in Gilead," and "Amazing Grace."

Abingdon, the book publishing department of The Methodist Publishing House, is the largest denominational publisher in the world.

Departing from the print medium, Abingdon launched earlier this year a multi-media program known as Abingdon Audio-Graphics including two new cassette tape series titled RAP and SOS and another series of records called Disco-Teach. Both are for use in group educational experiences.

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CBS-TV PROGRAMS TO ACCENTUATE INVOLVEMENT

NEW YORK (UMI) — Five programs on CBS-TV's "Look Up and Live" Sunday morning series are recommended by a United Methodist leader. The shows, scheduled 10:30-11 a.m. EDT, began July 25.

They are produced by CBS-TV in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) of the National Council of Churches. "These

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United Methodist leaders react to President's announcement of plans to visit Red China

NEW YORK (UMI) — Reactions by United Methodist leaders were generally favorable to President Nixon's surprise announcement July 15 that he would visit mainland China before next May at the invitation of Premier Chou En-lai.

Several of the leaders, including bishops and executives in missions and Christian social concerns (some of them veteran "China watchers"), said communication is better than non-communication even though there may be great variance on issues and in ideology. Some noted that the churches have for some time been urging moves toward reconciliation between the United States and the People's Republic of China.

The purpose of the Nixon visit is to "seek normalization of relationships between the two countries and also to exchange views on questions of concern to the two sides." The announcement said U.S. action in "seeking a new relationship" with Communist China "will not be at the expense of our old friends," meaning presumably Nationalist China (Taiwan). Among United Methodist leaders commenting were these:

Bishop Paul Hardin, Jr., Columbia, C.C., president of the Council of Bishops: "Personally, I favor any kind of direct communication with China that is possible. Communication does not imply agreement, but it is absurd for any two great powers, no matter how wide their differences in philosophy, to

be unable to communicate with each other. There are millions of people in China who are a part of the world's total constituency, and any effort on our government's part to try to establish better relations with such a vast number of people is to be commended in the hope that better understanding may promote a better world situation."

Bishop Lloyd C. Wicke, New York, president of the Board of Missions: "President Nixon's announcement provides a welcome occasion for general gratitude and rejoicing. Closed doors may now be opened. Silences should be broken. Recrimination can give way to reconciliation. May we all embrace the opportunity wholeheartedly."

The Rev. Dr. A. Dudley Ward, Washington, general secretary of the Board of Christian Social Concerns: "I want to express support for the President's announced visit to China and to indicate hope for really fruitful results. The churches have long since supported such relationships, and this visit is a move in the right direction."

Herman Will, Jr., Washington, Board associate general secretary for the Division of World Peace: "I heartily support the President in this move toward normalization of relationships with China. At the same time, I wish he would end the war in Vietnam by withdrawing U.S. forces and would immediately halt the U.S. arms shipment to Pakistan."

The Rev. Dr. Tracey K. Jones, Jr.,

New York, general secretary of the Board of Missions and a former missionary to China: "This is a welcome announcement and good news. It opens up a new era of possibilities for the future in Asia. It should be noted that the churches have been working for two decades for reconciliation between the peoples and leaders of these two countries."

The Rev. Edwin O. Fisher, Jr., Board of Missions executive secretary for China, Philippines, Hong Kong and the South Pacific: "The news that President Nixon will visit the People's Republic of China at the invitation of Premier Chou En-lai must certainly rank as the most significant diplomatic event of 1971. The announcement brings a special pleasure to those who have labored over a number of years for a reconciliation of relationships between the United States and China. While we are delighted with the President's announcement, we also recognize the pitfalls of diplomacy and the sometimes seeming snail's pace of progress toward peace. We're certain therefore that churchmen and persons of peace everywhere will be much in prayer for the President and the Premier as they enter these far-reaching negotiations. It seems to us much too early to speculate on the future of church relationships in China."

The leaders' reactions to the President's announcement of his intention to visit mainland China follow statements by United Methodist groups

earlier this year welcoming the thaw in U.S.-China relations. The denomination's official position was adopted by the 1968 General Conference which said the "Christian gospel involves reconciliation by encounter and by communication regardless of political considerations," commended the "expressed willingness" of the U.S. to re-examine policies toward China (and some other countries) and urged the U.S. and other nations to "work toward improved cultural, economic and political relations with . . . all countries."

The President's April announcement of U.S. actions aimed at improving relations with China was greeted with "wholehearted approval and support" by the staff of the Board of Christian Social Concerns, who reminded that in 1969 the Board had asked the U.S. to withdraw opposition to seating the People's Republic in the UN. The Council of Bishops, meeting in San Antonio in April, expressed "deep gratitude" for "evidences of relaxation of tension between the United States of America and the People's Republic of China." The Board of Missions, meeting in May in Buffalo, commended the U.S. and China governments for their moves to improve relations, and reaffirmed support for UN membership and other measures "to enable the People's Republic of China to enter into normal relationships with the full international community."

Human relations program set for Army chaplains

NEW YORK (RNS) — A human relations company here, headed by two United Presbyterian ministers, will conduct a seminar for Army supervisory chaplains to provide them with psychological techniques to deal with new G.I. tensions.

Brig. Gen. Gerhardt W. Hyatt, who will become Army Chief of Chaplains in August said here after an introductory seminar that drug abuse and racial tensions are the most serious behavioral problems confronting Army chaplains in their ministry to U.S. soldiers.

Chaplain Hyatt, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman, said these problems are basically human relations problems and the Army is thus taking a new approach to training its clergy.

Instead of lecturing or preaching on moral issues as the chaplain has in the past, he is now being educated to lead his men in small group discussions in which they try to work out their own solutions to frictions and problems, Chaplain Hyatt said.

The seminar conducted by Reed & Di Salvo Associates, Inc., will be an introduction to a group dynamics program that the company will hold for chaplains at key Army bases in the U.S. and overseas later this year.

The Rev. Charles Di Salvo, a former draftee who later served with distinction as a chaplain in the Korean

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CBS programs

programs show the church in mission to people who have been ignored or suppressed; they show a church alive with the vitality of the spirit of Jesus for struggling, emerging people," said Nelson Price, New York, chairman of the BFC Broadcast Operations Committee and United Methodist executive for Broadcast Communication. The shows as presently scheduled:

July 25, August 1, August 8 — Three-part series on empowerment of minorities. Listed for probable coverage are Chicanos (Mexican-Americans) in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas, Indian empowerment in the Tacoma (Wash.) area and black empowerment in Chicago.

August 15 — Program on the Delta Ministry in Mississippi. This church-sponsored project has worked since the early 1960s in such fields as voter registration/education and economic development. United Methodist agencies have supported it.

August 22 — A look at Glide Memorial United Methodist Church in San Francisco, which has become known for its multi-phased ministry to the pluralistic Bay Area. Scheduled is a segment on new forms of worship.

War, is president of the company. Vice-president is the Rev. Roland R. Reed, who served as a Marine Corps corporal during World War II. Both are psychotherapists.

New staff leadership for UMCYM

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — They're "changing the shift" in the United Methodist Council on Youth Ministries (UMCYM).

David Harvin, who has just completed a one-year term as youth associate on the UMCYM staff here, has returned to Laurinburg, N.C., where he will continue his college studies, enrolling this fall in St. Andrews College there.

Replacing Harvin at Dayton is Steven Harding, 18, of Camden, N.J.,

SEMINARY SURVEY: GRADUATES OF '30S REPORT GREATER JOY IN WORK, SENSE OF ACCOMPLISHMENT

EVANSTON, Ill. (RNS) — Older clergymen find more enjoyment in their work and have a greater sense of accomplishment than do seminary graduates of the 1960s, according to a study of the alumni of Garrett Theological Seminary here.

The United Methodist school has found that 70 per cent of those graduating in the 1930s are highly satisfied with their work — as against only 55 per cent of the graduates of the 1960s.

Similar percentage gaps were reflected on the question of the feelings of accomplishment and whether the jobs held gave graduates an opportunity to do things they like best.

While the data collected by Garrett Theological shows greater dissatis-

a recent high school graduate who will serve for the next year in charge of UMCYM's Dayton Office. Already active in youth work, he has been president of the South New Jersey Conference Youth Council and is a youth member of the General Board of the Laity.

Miss Myrna Gum, who served here for part of last year and then transferred to UMCYM's Nashville Office, has left for her home in Wyoming and will enroll this fall in the University of Wyoming at Laramie.

In Nashville, a trio from Florida will work as one-year volunteers on subsistence salaries, giving special attention to the Youth Service Fund. They are Dick Cash, 18, of Tallahassee; Gary Thomas, 19, of Fort Pierce, and Larry Jacobs, 18, Satellite Beach. One vacancy is yet to be filled in Nashville. Continuing as a full-time staff member in the Youth Service Fund office is the Rev. James Ling.

Another vacancy in Nashville is yet to be filled.

faction among the younger seminary graduates, the results of the study do not necessarily point to increasing clergy disaffiliation. A variable is the fact that there is no data on how ministers who are older today felt when they were younger.

In fact, the survey showed that a consistently high percentage of graduates, yesterday's and today's, stay in church-related vocations.

summer youth activities

HARRY FOSTER is directing the summer youth program in Salem United Methodist Church, Batesville District. Cookouts, softball games, coffeehouses, "walks for Christ," and a fund-raising auction have been featured. He is working with the Rev. L. L. Bounds, pastor.

RECTOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES Week is featuring as speaker the Rev. James Keith, pastor of Sylvan Hills Church of North Little Rock. The theme is "What Will I Do with My Life?" The Rev. Wayne Jarvis is pastor.

HOPE UMY MEMBERS were guests of Geyer Springs young people the weekend of July 23-25. The program included a Mexican lunch, river excursion on the Border Star, cookout and swimming on Saturday, Sunday school and worship followed by lunch served by WSCS members on Sunday.

BATESVILLE Sub-District UMY officers are: president, Steve Street, Central Avenue Church; vice-president, Cheryl Rainy, Cave City; secretary, Kay Porter of Central Avenue; treasurer, Darleve Williams, Bethesda.

PANAMA CITY, FLORIDA, was the destination of 35 youths and adults of First Church, Hot Springs, who chartered a bus for the trip July 9. David Aston, minister of music, and Mrs. Harry Bischof, educational director, accompanied the group.

A LABORATORY SCHOOL for Junior high and senior high students and teachers will be held at Central Avenue Church, Batesville, August 1, 2, 3, 9 and 10. The Sunday session will be from 4-6 and 7-9 p.m.; the weekday sessions from 7-10 p.m. Mrs. Vickie Allen will lead the senior high lab and Dr. Charles Casteel, host pastor, will lead junior highs.

MELINDA MORSE of Crossett is serving as summer youth worker in First Church, Crossett. She is a music major student at Hendrix College. She is working with the Rev. Ferris Norton.

gleanings

If you've ever been around a border town, you know that there are always a lot of people who are bi-lingual, i.e. they speak the language of the countries on either side of the line.

Once we were going into Mexico and I needed some directions so I asked a teenage boy how to get to a certain place. Immediately he began to answer me in Spanish. But it wasn't long until he noted my lack of comprehension and smiled, then began giving directions in English.

So often, without thinking, we speak in a way that we are not understood as Christians. Those around us may hear but they don't understand.

Now there's not always too much

THE REJOICE SINGERS of First Church, Fort Smith, presented "Natural High," a folk musical "about God's son" by Ralph Carmichael and Kurt Kaiser, in Fort Smith on Sunday, July 25. This week the performers are in Louisiana where they will present the same program in Shreveport and Baton Rouge.

SMACKOVER UNITED Methodist Church held a youth emphasis revival the last week in June with the Rev. Joe Hale, director of Ecumenical Evangelism for the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, as guest preacher. The Rev. John Alston is the Smackover minister.

A SUMMER YOUTH REVIVAL begins in First Church, Texarkana, Saturday, July 31 and continues through Wednesday, August 4. Guest speaker will be the Rev. Wilfred M. Bailey, pastor of Casa View United Methodist Church in Dallas. Other features of the week include concerts by the Young People's Choir of Laurel Heights Church, Wichita Falls, Texas, Saturday and Sunday; and by "The Light Company" of Dayton, Ohio, on Monday, August 2. Bill Reed is summer youth director; Dr. Ralph Hillis is pastor.

HOPE DISTRICT UMY officers for 1971-72 are: Steve Routen of Hope, president; Ellen Jo Hillis, Texarkana, vice-president; and Larry Fincher of Prescott, secretary-treasurer.

THE CHRISTIAN EDITION, youth choir of First Church, Jonesboro, presented its program on July 18 during the Sunday-at-Six service in First Church. The same program was presented by the group on the recent trip to Texas and Mexico, and will be performed on August 1 at the Rector First Church, on August 22 at the Bay Church, and on August 29 at Batesville First Church.

wrong with this unless we fail to realize that we're not getting through. The young boy in the border town quickly saw that he wasn't being heard and changed his talk.

How much of what we say does not register on the face of our listeners. It might be humiliating to really know, because most of us are convinced that we are always understood.

However as Christians, we can't take this chance. On many occasions we have a one-shot opportunity to say the right thing and if we goof the chance may never come again. So as we talk with people, it might be good to try and listen at the same time. Observe their reactions, be perceptive enough to know whether or not we are coming through, and if necessary change our "talk" so that we can be understood.

BELL AND RICE GUIDE SUMMER ACTIVITIES AT PULASKI HEIGHTS

Kathy Bell is the summer youth worker at Pulaski Heights Church, Little Rock. She is a graduate of Hall High in Little Rock and recently graduated from Henderson State College, Arkadelphia, with a major in music. Her practice teaching was in choral music at McClellan High, Little Rock.

Pulaski Heights youth are involved in a number of activities under the guidance of Kathy and Mrs. Mattie Mae Rice, director of youth ministry.

A workcamp project this week took 15 youths and five adults to Hannibal, Missouri, where they repaired houses in low income areas, working with the Rev. Mel West and the Office of Creative Ministries of the Missouri Conference.

Local work projects have involved groups in cleaning public parks.

Youth Emphasis Week begins Sunday, August 1, when the UMY is responsible for the 9:30 a.m. worship service. Throughout the week, young people will be exploring the "Concerns of Youth," relating to ecology, war and peace, poverty, and justice.

This weekend, college students are presenting three performances of the comedy "My Three Angels." High school students will present the play "Turn Back the Clock" on August 20 for church members, and on August 22 for Little Rock area youth.

SIXTEEN YOUTHS and adults from First Church, Paragould, attended the Memphis presentation of the rock opera "Jesus Christ Superstar," July 18.

A long time ago God had to speak to man with a new language. The old approach wasn't working, so he tried again. This time the words came through clear and loud because they were seen in the life of a man from Galilee.

Jesus set for us an eternal example, but more than this the language of his life spoke through his words.

I hope this can be said of us.

—Ralph E. Hale

NEWS IN BRIEF

Dr. Gerald H. Anderson, president of Scarritt College in Nashville, Tenn., is among 16 college and university leaders writing President Nixon to urge withdrawal of all U.S. forces from Indochina by the end of the year.

PAM MOONEY, Hendrix College student who has been serving as organist at First Church, Morrilton, since last September is also serving as summer youth director in that church. She is the daughter of the Rev. Von Dell Mooney, Wesley Foundation director in Conway, and Mrs. Mooney. The Morrilton pastor is the Rev. Clyde Parsons.



HARRISON YOUTH REPORT

The youth of Harrison's First United Methodist Church, under the direction of full time youth worker, Peggy Nabors are making plans for a trip to St. Louis the week of August 9-12. Proceeds from a rummage sale June 26, a spaghetti supper July 31, and another rummage sale later will go toward expenses. Joe McCormack of St. Louis, son of the Rev. John McCormack, pastor, and Mrs. McCormack, is helping with arrangements of their activities.

In other local activities, the UMY sponsored a reception for the McCormacks on June 21. On July 21, the young people were hosts to the youth group from First Church, Benton.

The Frances Hollabaugh Wesleyan Service Guild gave a volley ball net and ball and a record player to the UMY.

HOXIE UNITED Methodist Church will hold revival services the week of August 8-13 with Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor of First United Methodist, El Dorado, as evangelist. The Rev. Leon Gilliam is the Hoxie pastor.

CARR MEMORIAL CHURCH of Pine Bluff held Youth Activities Week, July 18-21, with the Rev. Jon Guthrie, minister to students at Hendrix College, as resource leader. Theme of the week was "Experiment with L.S.D. (Love, Spirit, Devotion)." The Rev. Carl Matthew is the Carr pastor.

Gordon S. Clinton, active United Methodist layman and a member of the church's Board of Missions, has been honored by the Philippines government for his contribution to the Filipino community in Seattle, Wash., during his years as mayor of Seattle, and since.

A limited issue of bronze medallions has been minted by a New York firm for the Francis Asbury Bicentennial observance September 3-5 at Lake Junaluska, N.C. The occasion marks the anniversary of his arrival in America.

Mrs. Ralph S. Cushman, widow of the late Bishop Cushman, died June 10 in Ithaca, N.Y., after a brief illness. She was 93.

Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

When Ludwig Bemelmans was a poor young artist in a Greenwich Village apartment, the place was so bare that he furnished it by painting chairs, tables, and lamps on the walls. This way he could have as much furniture as he wanted. One does not have to be materially blessed to have a mind richly furnished with memories painted on the wall.

THE OLD HOME PLACE

The old home place is vacant now,
The grass grows high around,
And only in my memory
Does living here abound.

Only in my mind's eye
Can children still be seen
Walking with their grand-dad
O'er meadows lush and green.

No cattle graze the pasture,
No dog or cat is near.
No singing in the kitchen,
A sound of yester-year.

The porch swing hangs unmoving,
The postman drives right on;
The hopes and dreams which flourished here,
Like those who dreamt, are gone.

The old home place, so empty now
Of treasured sight and sound,
Will ever in my memory
Be hallowed ground.

-by Barbara L. Mulkey

ENDURANCE

An ancient house that has stood fast,
Used to the wind and rain -
To summer sun and winter snow
And frost on windowpane,

Has something all its own because
The passing years have poured
Enduring strength and mellowness
Into each weathered board.

Such a house exerts a hold
On any tender heart
That sees it as a special thing
Which time has set apart.

-by Etta Caldwell Harris



This group from Hawley Memorial United Methodist Church in Pine Bluff held a retreat at Camp Tanako the weekend of July 16-18. The Rev. John F. Walker, Jr. is pastor.

Thirty-one boys and girls took part in a recent vacation church school at Asbury Church in Batesville, under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Rogers, Church and Community Worker. The Rev. George Cleary is pastor at Asbury.



Archbishop of York appeals for Anglican-Methodist union

YORK, Eng. (RNS) — Anglican Archbishop Donald Coggan of York made a fervent plea for Anglican-Methodist union in his presidential address at the opening of the Church of England's General Synod.

"England is waiting for an authoritative word from a united Church," he said. "The Church of this land and the great Methodist Church have for many years drawn ever closer, one to the other. It would be a matter of the greatest gravity if anything were done to delay further the consummation of that union which we have come so close to achieving."

Archbishop Coggan pleaded specifically for a favorable synod vote on "provisional approval" of the currently deadlocked plan for Anglican Methodist union.

First published in 1963, the plan provides for union of the two Churches in two stages: full communion and full organic union.

The plan has been adopted twice by the Methodist Conference with majorities exceeding 75 per cent. It failed to secure the necessary overall majority of 75 per cent in the Anglican Convocations of Bishops and Clergy in July, 1969.

Archbishop Coggan said the "scandal of disunity" which normally prevents Anglicans and Methodists from sharing Holy Communion "is far more grave than any defect which can be found in the scheme before us."

"If I may put it crudely," he said, "I think it is easier for God to forgive us any errors in the scheme . . . than it is for him to forgive a Church which persists in disunity at the table of the Lord and which goes to the world weakened by that very fact."

According to an earlier Church of England statement, a simple majority of only 51 per cent will be required in each house — Bishops, Clergy, Laity — for a favorable synod vote on the union proposal.

If the synod gives "provisional approval," the matter will then pass on to the 43 diocesan synods. If a majority of synods endorse a resolution of approval, the matter will return to the General Synod for final approval. It is being proposed that in this last in-

stance, a 75 per cent majority be considered necessary.

DUKE ENDOWMENT AID TO METHODISTS CITED

CHARLOTTE, N.C. (RNS) — The Duke Endowment, a private foundation, gave United Methodism in North Carolina more than \$1,100,000 in 1970 for retired clergy support and for the construction and operation of rural churches.

This sum was in addition to \$7,000,000 given to Duke University, a United Methodist-related institution.

Total outlay of the foundation in 1970, according to the annual report issued here, was \$20,140,000.

Recipients of Duke funds are colleges, universities, hospitals, and child care institutions in North and South Carolina, and the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences of the United Methodist Church.

James Buchanan Duke, who founded the endowment in 1924, was an active Methodist layman. The university in Durham named for him is the major beneficiary of Duke Endowment funds, having received \$153 million since 1924, according to the report covering 1970.

Funds are also provided under the endowment for Davidson College, a Southern Presbyterian institution in Davidson; Furham University, a Southern Baptist School in Greenville, and Johnson C. Smith University, a United Presbyterian facility — predominantly black — in Charlotte.

In 1970, the foundation paid \$260,429 to retired United Methodist preachers, widows and dependent orphaned children of deceased preachers in North Carolina.

Allocations totalling \$472,939 went to United Methodist rural church building projects in the North Carolina and Western North Carolina Conferences and \$391,831 went for the operation of rural churches.

The latter category includes supplements to pastors' salaries, provision of assistant pastors in some cases, special Summer programs and leadership training.