

■ Groundbreaking held at Methodist Hospital July 23rd

New unit will make Memphis hospital largest in denomination

Ground was broken on July 23 for the new Methodist South-John R. Flippin Memorial Hospital and adjoining doctors' building to be located on a 10-acre tract in the heart of Whitehaven, Tenn.

Upon its completion the number of beds within the Methodist Hospital complex in Memphis and Whitehaven will rise to a total of 1167, making it the largest Methodist hospital in the United States. This includes 150 sub-acute beds now under construction in the James M. Crews Memorial Wing at Union and Bellevue in Memphis, which is scheduled for occupancy in January, 1972.

Participants in the groundbreaking ceremony included: Leslie M. Stratton, III, president of the Methodist Hospital Board of Trustees; D. A. Noel, chairman of the Board of Managers; J. H. Sherard, IV, treasurer of the Board of Trustees; C. H. Hottum, administrator, Methodist Hospital;

Dr. N. W. Kuykendall, representing the medical staff; Memphis Mayor Henry Loeb, Edwin McBrayer, Whitehaven councilman; Jim Merkle, president, Union Planters National Bank; and W. C. Jenne and Wayne Smith of the S. & W. Construction Co.

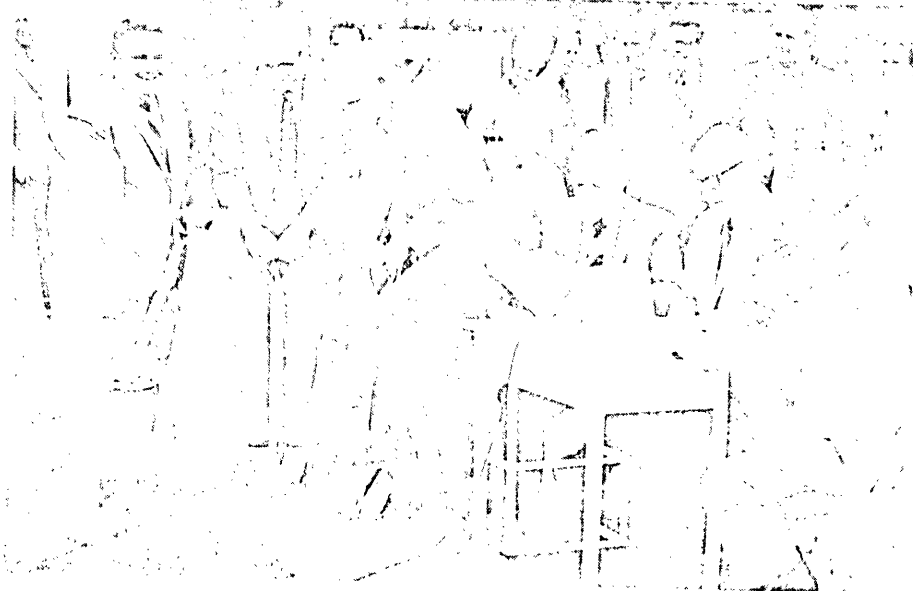
On June 30, the Board of Trustees and the Board of Managers authorized the construction of the satellite hospital and the adjoining doctor's building as soon as suitable financing could be

arranged. On July 15, the Executive Committee of the Board of Managers authorized the execution of a construction contract with S. & W. Construction Co. of Tenn. The \$12,000,000 institution will provide the residents of South Shelby County, Tenn. and DeSoto County, Miss. with a full-service health care facility.

C. H. Hottum, hospital administrator, said, "We feel that in order for a hospital to maintain its position as the health care center of the community, it must find ways to provide health care conveniently and economically." The multi-unit system of health care delivery has been evolving for more than 25 years.

The new hospital unit is being named after the late John R. Flippin, who for many years served on the Board at Methodist Hospital. Following his death, the John R. Flippin Foundation for Medical Research was established, with Methodist Hospital being the recipient of funds from this Foundation for various medical research projects and equipment. The Board of Control of the Flippin Foundation recently approved a request that the balance of the funds (approximately \$500,000) be awarded Methodist Hospital in honor of the late Mr. Flippin.

The new unit is expected to be completed and ready for occupancy in about 18 months.



(Left to right) Jack Sherard, treasurer of Methodist Hospital's Board of Trustees; C. H. Hottum, hospital administrator, and Dr. N. W. Kuykendall, representing the Hospital's Medical Staff, break ground simultaneously as W. C. Jenne, president of S & W Construction Company, Leslie Stratton, III, chairman of Methodist Hospital's Board of Trustees, and Jim Merkle, president of Union Planters National Bank, sign the construction and financing contracts.

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World Methodist Consultation on Worship to be held

DENVER (UMI) — "Worship in the Present Age" will be the central theme of the World Methodist Consultation on Worship to be held here at the Iliff School of Theology Aug. 26-29.

Bishop Lance Webb of Springfield, Ill., chairman of the United Methodist Commission on Worship, and Dr. Rupert E. Davies of Bristol, England, past president of the Methodist Church in Great Britain and principal of Wesley College, are co-secretaries of the World Methodist Council's Committee on Worship, which is convening the Consultation on Worship.

Some 100 liturgiologists and theologians are expected to attend the meeting, which follows immediately upon adjournment of the 12th World Methodist Conference, which also will have a strong emphasis upon worship and a daily celebration of the holy communion.

The program of the consultation will be built around five major addresses, three services of holy communion and two innovative worship services with adequate time for group participation and discussion.

Planners of the consultation have announced that all participants will be assigned to one of five groups to share responses to the speeches and the various services of worship. Discussion

groups will center on trends and concerns of worship and the ferment in liturgical thought and practice throughout the Christian world.

The keynote address on "Characteristics of Effective Christian Worship" will be delivered by Professor James F. White of Perkins School of Theology, Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Texas.

Other speakers include Prof. Geoffrey Wainwright of Faculte de Theologie Protestante, Yaounde, Cameroun; the Rev. Hoyt Hickman, Erie, Pa., executive secretary of the Commission on Worship of the United Methodist Church; Dr. A. Raymond George, principal of Richmond College, London, and secretary of the Faith and

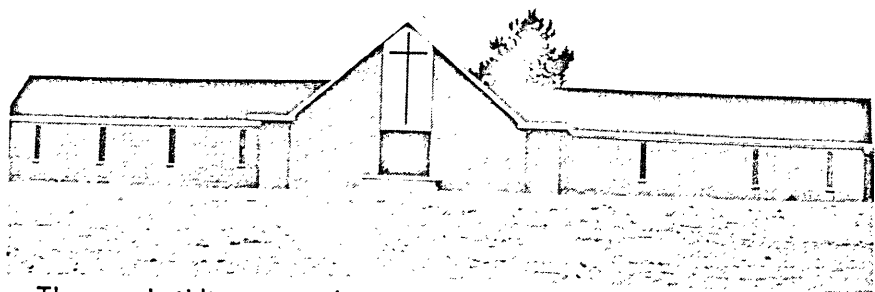
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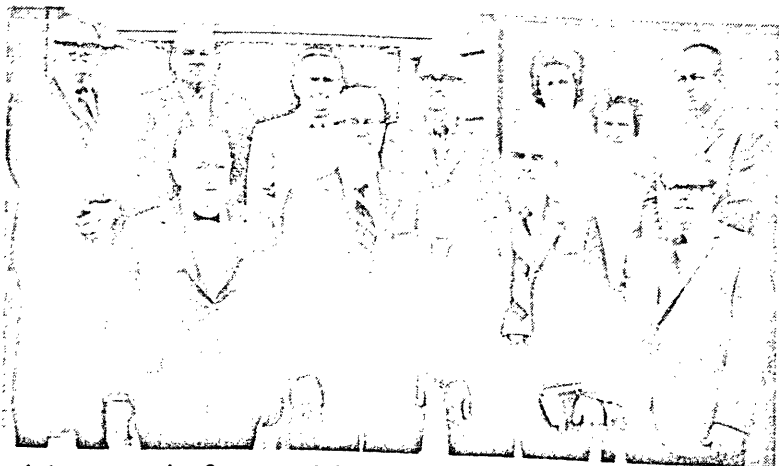
The churches of the Little Rock Conference will be receiving a special offering next Sunday, August 8 for Camp Tanako.

This has long been one of the significant special offerings received by churches of this Conference, making possible the continued development and growth of Camp Tanako which last year served more than 2,500 campers.

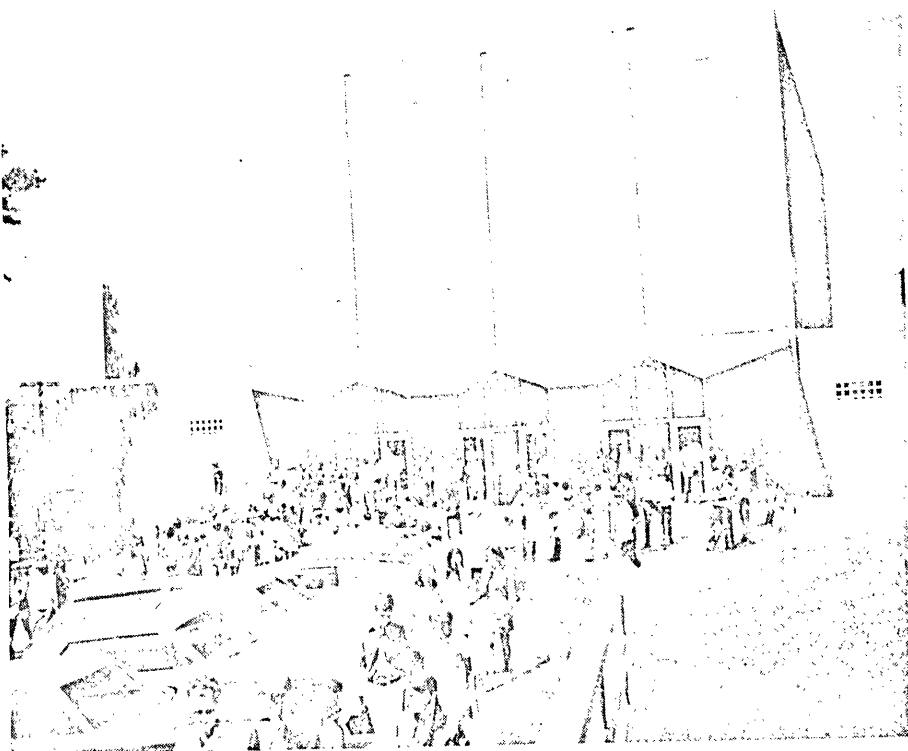
We know your church will make a generous response.



The new building, recently completed by the congregation of Rison United Methodist Church, was consecrated by Bishop Paul V. Galloway on Sunday, August 1. The building cost \$62,500 and has an indebtedness of only \$12,500 against it.



Participants in the Service of Consecration for the new Rison church are shown here with members of the Building Committee: FRONT (l. to r.): Dr. Harold D. Sadler, pastor at England, who donated the site; Dr. Arthur Terry, Pine Bluff District Superintendent; Bishop Paul V. Galloway; and the Rev. Louis L. Averitt, pastor. BACK: Rufus T. Buie, Jr., Malcolm Attwood, Jack England, chairman, D. C. Blanchard, Mrs. Bill Thomasson, Mrs. J. B. Pierce and Tom Pearson.



About 700 young people of the Little Rock Conference and their leaders attended the Youth Rally at Hall High, Little Rock, Saturday, July 31. A part of the crowd is seen leaving the auditorium at the lunch break.

Members of "The Light Company," Board of Evangelism singing group, visited with conference youth leaders during the lunch break. Shown (l. to r.) are: the Rev. Dave Trout, the Rev. Joe Arnold, Associate Program Director, the Rev. Bill Hanlin, the Rev. James Spivey, Hamburg, president of the Conference Youth Council, and the Rev. Bob Morley.

CONGRATULATIONS!

Our congratulations are extended to the Rev. James E. Major, secretary of the Little Rock Annual Conference, on the efficient way in which he has again edited, published and distributed the 1971 Conference Journal. We received our copies before the last day of July, and want to express our appreciation for this accomplishment. AAK

Annual Davidson Camp Meeting August 6-15

We have been requested to announce the 87th annual Davidson Camp Meeting which will be held at the camp ground near Hollywood from Friday, August 6 to Sunday, August 15. The Rev. David B. Wilson, pastor of the DeQueen United Methodist Church, will be the evangelist and Bill Kennedy of England, Ark. will direct the music.

Wilson, a native of Stamps, did undergraduate work at North Texas State University and Southern State College, Magnolia, where he graduated in 1963. He received his theological training at St. Paul School of Theology Methodist in Kansas City, Mo. Following his educational preparation for the ministry, he served as associate



The Rev. David B. Wilson

minister at First Church in El Dorado until his assignment to the DeQueen church.

Kennedy holds the bachelor of arts degree from Hendrix College. He is a certified director of music in the United Methodist Church and a member of the National Fellowship of Methodist Musicians. He often provides his own accompaniment on a portable electronic piano.

The camp meeting is open to all who wish to attend.

NEW TELEPHONE NUMBER FOR NORTH ARKANSAS PROGRAM COUNCIL

Recently the Program Council of the North Arkansas Conference was assigned a telephone number formerly used by Western Electric. Due to the fact that the old number was listed in directories going out over the state, the Program Council was getting numerous calls meant for Western Electric.

To help the Program Council Southwestern Bell has issued a new number — 374-1634, effective Friday, August 6.

In the meantime persons using the old number will hear a charming operator inquiring, "Do you wish to speak with Western Electric officials or those of the North Arkansas Program Council."

Remember, the new number is 374-1634.



Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo

Bible Conferences in Jonesboro/North Little Rock areas

Dr. Lindsey P. Pherigo, professor of New Testament and early church history at St. Paul School of Theology, Kansas City, Mo., will be the leader for Bible Conferences that will be held in September for churches in the Jonesboro and North Little Rock areas.

First United Methodist Church, Jonesboro, will be the host for the conference in the Jonesboro area, Sept. 17-19. He will teach a course on "The Gospel of John."

Dr. Pherigo will be at First United Methodist Church, North Little Rock, Sept. 20-22, for the churches of that area, teaching the course "The Book of Revelation."

Dr. Pherigo, who has been a member of the St. Paul faculty since 1959, is widely known through the church as a Bible lecturer and teacher. He received his seminary training at Boston University School of Theology and earned the Ph. D. degree from Boston University Graduate School. He has served as professor and academic dean at Scarritt College, and has taught at Syracuse University and at Vanderbilt Divinity School.

He has traveled and studied in Europe, in addition to his preparation in the United States. He is a regular contributor to a number of religious journals and church magazines and was one of the authors of the Commentary on the Gospel of Mark in the new *Interpreter's Commentary on the Bible*.

Last year he received an enthusiastic response to a Bible Conference he held in the Jonesboro area.

No affliction nor temptation, no guilt nor power of sin, no wounded spirit nor terrified conscience, should induce us to despair of help and comfort from God.—Thomas Scott

AUGUST 5, 1971

Markham Church meeting to seek positive school attitudes

The Work Area on Social Concerns of the Markham United Methodist Church, Little Rock, is sponsoring a meeting in their church on Sunday, August 8, which is labeled "A Creative Approach . . . Little Rock Public Schools: 1971-72."

A panel consisting of four members of the administrative staff of the Little Rock Schools will consider the question: "How can our community make the most positive and creative transition in light of the new public school regulations for the 1971-72 school year?"

Members of the panel are: Floyd W. Parsons, superintendent of schools; W. Harry Fowler, assistant superintendent, personnel; Don Roberts, assistant superintendent in charge of pupil personnel; and Lamar Deal, director of public relations.

Douglas Sauls, chairman of the work area, and the Rev. John S. Workman, have signed a letter to other congregations in western Little Rock, inviting them to participate in the meeting.

Editorial

EXCITING NEW APPROACHES TO THE MILITARY CHAPLAINCY

There have been a number of interesting reports concerning the ideas of Chaplain (Maj. Gen.) Gerhardt W. Hyatt who became Army Chief of Chaplains on August 1. He was interviewed during a recent Command Chaplains Conference in Washington, telling John Novotney, Religious News Service correspondent, of his plans to undergird the chaplains as they deal with drug abuse problems and challenges in the area of human relations.

The interview was held during a conference set up by a professional human relations company for the Army supervisory chaplains to provide them with psychological techniques to deal with G.I. tensions. Chaplain Hyatt, a Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod clergyman, said that instead of lecturing or preaching on moral issues as the chaplain has in the past, he will now be encouraged and educated to lead his men in small group discussions in which they try to work out their own solutions to frictions and problems.

He said, "It's really the chaplain who must solve the problem of drug abuse in the army. The medical role is one of treating and healing, but you can treat and heal, treat and heal the same man over and over again."

Chaplain Hyatt said, "There's something basically wrong with the man, something bothering or troubling him that causes him to want to be someone else than he is, and he accomplishes this 'transfiguration' of himself through drug abuse. It's up to the chaplain to open the man up spiritually and find out what's bothering him, and then apply the Word of God and the Gospel, or his message and his 'spiritual therapy' to heal the man's spiritual wounds which cause drug abuse."

An Army chaplain for 25 years, Chaplain Hyatt talked about the involvement of chaplains in what has become a serious problem for the Army, especially in Indo-China. He points out that chaplains work at two levels on drug abuse, prevention and treatment. Every chaplain works with men in his unit on an individual basis and in groups to "persuade and educate them away from drug abuse." He said

that since chaplains do have the confidence of the men to a large degree, he thinks they are being successful in this approach.

A number of chaplains have been sent to school to equip them to work on the rehabilitation of soldiers who have become "hooked" on heroin and other drugs. They are made members of medical teams at hospitals where rehabilitation programs are established. "Preliminary reports indicate that these chaplains are very successful in the rehabilitative work they are doing," said Chaplain Hyatt.

In explaining his own philosophy concerning the method of getting at this problem, the new Chief of Chaplains said that while there are various reasons why a young man in the Army gets himself hooked on addictive drugs, he believes one of the prime reasons is that he is angry at himself. This is possibly because he is "inadequate and can't cope with life," and therefore he wants to transform himself into someone who is very daring and dashing, and drugs bring this about for him.

"Or he's angry with himself because he is guilty, which may be real or imagined. But this guilt makes him angry and disgusted with himself, and so he wants to be someone else. Drugs or alcohol will permit him to make this 'transformation,' as far as he is concerned."

Asked to comment on how the Army as a whole views the work chaplains are doing on medical teams dealing with drug abusers, Chaplain Hyatt said, "The surgeon general and his deputy

fight to get chaplains on these teams and support us 100 per cent in every way. They would be very upset if chaplains could not be on the team. They themselves call us a member of the healing team."

Commenting on the attitude of commanding officers toward chaplains, he said, "Commanders lean on the chaplain more than they do on anybody else, in regard to the drug abuse problem. They lean on the chaplain much more than they do on the surgeon regarding prevention of drug abuse, and also after it has become a problem. The chaplain is the one who accumulates the other resources to make a frontal attack on the problem."

Another serious problem facing the Army, on which chaplains are working, is racial tension, which the top chaplain called "negative human relations, just as drug abuse is." Chaplains have been and are being trained "in the broad area of human relations so that they can take the leadership in army communities to improve racial harmony."

Asked what his "program" or "concerns" will be in his new responsibility, Chaplain Hyatt said he intends to concentrate his attention in two areas: the continuing education of chaplains and experimentation in the various approaches to the military ministry.

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the Editor's Corner



A DAY WITH "THE LIGHT COMPANY"

"The Light Company" turned on the youth of the Little Rock Conference at their Conference Youth Rally last week. These three young men, all of them ordained ministers of the United Methodist Church, came through loud and clear in two one-hour sessions of contemporary music.

All of those who planned the day's program felt that there was a style of communication demonstrated by this group which speaks to the youth and the world of the involvement which is so much a part of the mission of the church in our time.

These young men, recent graduates of United Theological Seminary of Dayton, O., made up the second group which has been associated with the General Board of Evangelism in its program of contemporary ministry.

The first group, which called itself "Dust and Ashes," made an effective witness across the church for about three years under the Board's sponsorship. When they recently made the decision to "go it on their own" as a free-lance concert group, the Board recruited these three young ministers who had sung together all during their seminary days.

Although there are still some persons among us who may be "turned off" by the style of such a group as this—hair, dress and musical style—one of the religious realities of our time is the effective witness that is taking place today through groups like "The Light Company."

We were personally impressed by the sincerity of Dave Trout, Bill Hanlin and Bob Morley. We feel they will render long and effective service to this church of ours through their association with the Board of Evangelism.

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The old order changeth, yielding place to new, and God fulfils himself in many ways, lest one good custom should corrupt the world.—Tennyson

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news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

The release of Bishop Walsh, the "ping pong" thaw, and now the projected visit by President Nixon have served to inspire feelings of hope for improved relations with mainland China in many areas. But, according to Religious News Service Staff writer Bob Johnston, most observers feel any hope of religious rejuvenation in Communist China is quite premature. It must be remembered, they say, that an entire generation of young people in China has grown up since the Christian Churches ceased to function and most have no knowledge of Christianity whatsoever.

Federal support to higher-education — which includes church-related colleges and universities — declined seven per cent in fiscal 1970 from the previous year, according to a report by the National Science Foundation. Federal support had taken the form of federal grants for construction of classroom facilities, funding of academic science programs, and research and development projects. "Much of the net decline in federal support," the NSF reported, "may be attributed to a recent shift in government policy away from direct federal grants for facilities construction to subsidizing interest charges on loans from non-government sources."

Jan Cardinal Willebrands, head of the Vatican Secretariat for Christian Unity, is scheduled to address a conference of the World Methodist Council in Denver in late August. Announcement of the cardinal's plans was made in L'Osservatore Romano, the Vatican City daily.

A bill introduced in the House of Representatives by Rep. Edward R. Roybal (Calif.) would continue and broaden eligibility of schools of nursing for financial aid and seek to improve the quality of the schools. The amendment to the Public Health Service Act would affect all non-profit schools of nursing, including those operated by religiously-affiliated hospitals, a spokesman of the congressman said.

Pupils attending Roman Catholic elementary schools throughout Ohio will pay tuition of at least \$100 a year beginning in September. The tuition plan was approved by bishops of Ohio's seven dioceses and Catholic school superintendents. Tuition charges were made necessary by the recent U.S. Supreme Court decision halting aid to non-public schools in Rhode Island and Pennsylvania, diocesan officials said.

Anglican and Methodist missionaries from England will work together in Latin America as a result of a history-making decision by executive agencies of the two church bodies. The Central Committee of the Methodist Missionary Society and the Council of the United Society for the Propagation of the Gospel said in a joint statement, "We believe that the Holy Spirit is leading the two societies to participate in the mission of the Church in Latin America."

Cuba had "less than a million active Catholics" and about 50,000 Protestants, according to 1970 figures cited in a new book, Religion in Cuba Today, published in New York. In 1959, the year of the Castro-led Communist takeover, Catholics numbered four million and Protestants were said to have numbered 250,000.

Hoping to strengthen American Baptist churches in southern states and build cooperation with other Baptists, the American Baptist Convention has opened a regional office in Atlanta. Until recently ABC churches were predominantly in the North, but the denomination now lists 130 congregations in the South, some of which are also affiliated with other Baptist bodies. The Rev. E. B. Hicks, executive officer for the Southern area, said "We are not in competition with anyone, we will be dealing with unusual groups of people and trying to make the church relevant."

Ninety per cent of Protestant parents in the Rostock District of East Germany are said to have withdrawn their children from pre-confirmation instruction because of pressures by the Communist state. Church officials in West Berlin were told that children in Rostock schools had been asked by teachers to indicate whether they took part in religious classes. Later, the reports said, parents of children taking such instruction were visited by school officials. They were warned that children in religious instruction would be barred from higher education unless they halted study of the catechism.

A resolution which would have made the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) a "peace Church" opposed to all war failed to win the endorsement of the denomination's General Board. The decision not to ask the General Assembly for action on the "peace Church" designation came when it was pointed out that Disciples have historically believed in diversity of opinion.

An "escort service" for women and elderly people provided by several churches in Louisville has been commended as a deterrent to crime by Congressman Romano L. Mazzoli (Ky.). The Shawnee Community Ministry was cited for "innovative efforts" in establishing Youth Escort Service (YES) through which persons age 14 to 26 are available to accompany the aged and women on the streets. Mazzoli said "much of the responsibility for making our streets safe again lies within the people themselves."

"Share," a pilot issue of a new publication for church educators will be published in August by the Presbyterian Church in the U.S. (Southern), the United Church of Christ and the Episcopal Church. The magazine is designed to be a vehicle for the exchange of ideas among pastors, directors of Christian education, church school superintendents and church school teachers. "Share" will include an insert section prepared by the respective denominations for their own constituencies.

An Ohio woman, Mrs. Ben Ruhlin of Cayohoga Falls, is spearheading a drive to reactivate a measure aimed at amending the Constitution to permit prayers in public schools. Mrs. Ruhlin said she became interested two years ago when her children asked why prayers are forbidden in schools while each daily session of Congress is opened with prayer.

The General Board of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), meeting in St. Louis, decided that strengthening existing congregations is more important than starting new ones. In a move directly opposite to the course asked by the denomination's staff, the Board favored placing twice as much money into long-established congregations over the next four years as the sum that will go to new churches.

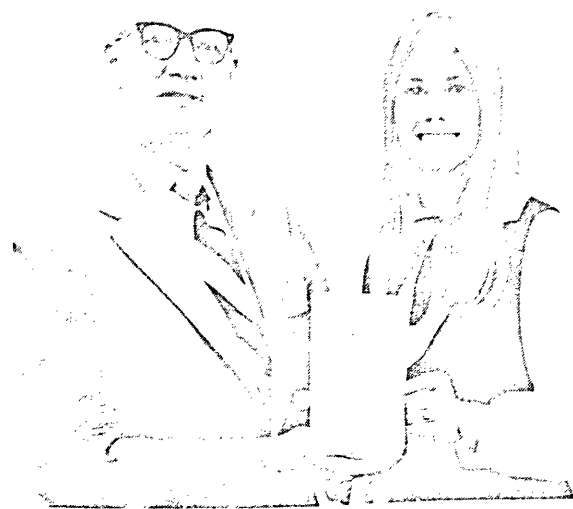
A supplement to the Episcopal Church's Hymnal 1940 is to come off the presses in September, according to the chairman of the denomination's Joint Commission on Church Music. Some of the hymns have been arranged for unison singing, some are in the form of rounds, and some are with accompaniments by handbells, cymbals, drums, tambourine, hand clapping and guitar as well as by the organ. The supplement will be issued in two versions—for congregations and for choral/instrumental work.

The Gideons distributed a record 7.8 million Bibles throughout the world in 1970, an increase of 8.3 per cent over the previous year, according to F. C. Aldridge, president of Gideons International. The Gideons' "greatest" asset is "still God-called men," Mr. Aldridge said, noting that more than 4,000 men joined the organization in the U.S. during 1970—also a record. "It took us 22 years to place our first million Bibles. Now we are placing Bibles and Testaments at the rate of 1 million every 46 days," he said.

Legislation prohibiting the showing of X-rated movies in drive-in theaters in Pennsylvania has been passed by the State Senate and sent to the House. Senators voted 39-8 for the proposal, which would provide for a fine of \$100 and up to 10 days in jail for each day of violation.

Thirty participants in a Southern Baptist urban studies project were dispersed on the streets on San Francisco, disheveled and unshaven, without money, and told to obtain food and transportation any way they could. The Rev. Joseph C. Strother, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church in San Bernardino, recalled following the experiment, that "all my pride, personality and previous conditioning were pulling me back as I approached the first person and asked, 'Excuse me, will you share a quarter to help me get a meal?' 'The man went on by as if I didn't exist, just as I have done a thousand times,' the pastor said. The learning experience was one of several in an Institute sponsored by the Golden Gate Baptist Theological Seminary and the Southern Baptist Home Mission Bd. Participants included Baptist pastors, laymen, missionaries and students from the seminary.

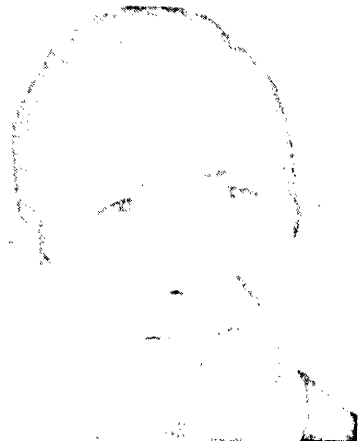
Commenting on Pope Paul's June 24 proposal for the internationalization of Jerusalem, the president of the American Jewish Committee, said that "objective Christian and non-Christian observers have publicly testified . . . that free access to the Holy Places has never been as secure to Christians, Muslims, and Jews as it has been since coming under Israeli jurisdiction." President Philip E. Hoffman, expressed the fear that the introduction of an international agency in Jerusalem would "invite intrigue, political competition, and controversy that every internationalized city of the past has foundered on."



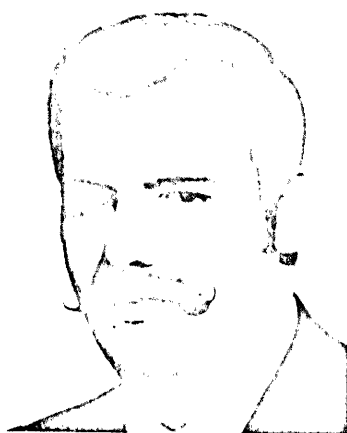
NEW YORK — Miss USA, Michele McDonald, 18 of Butler, Pa., receives a copy of "Good News for Modern Man," the New Testament in Today's English Version, from Dr. Laton E. Holmgren, general secretary of the American Bible Society, during a visit to Bible House in New York. Miss McDonald, an ardent Bible student who hopes to become a nurse, is a member of the Browndale United Methodist church in her hometown. Visiting New York prior to the Miss Universe contest in Miami Beach, Miss McDonald said the Bible has a "vital and important message" for youth in their everyday lives. (RNS Photo)



Kersh



Cook



Arms

Recent faculty appointments at Hendrix announced

Three appointments to the Hendrix College faculty which will become effective in September have been announced. Dr. Kenneth G. Kersh, a native of Fort Smith, will join the faculty as professor of Education and chairman of the Department of Education. He has been dean of the University and dean of Graduate Studies at Pembroke State University, Pembroke, North Carolina.

Don Lloyd Cook, a native of Mt. Vernon and a graduate of Conway High School has been appointed assistant professor of Business and Economics. Named to fill the post of assistant professor of Spanish is Jon W. Arms of Nashville, Tenn.

Dr. Kersh is a graduate of Arkansas Tech and holds the M. Ed. and Ed. D. degrees from the University of Arkansas. He has had wide experience in the

field of education, having served as a public school teacher, elementary school principal, and superintendent of schools. He has also been a college professor of education. Recently, he has been a member of a visiting team for the Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

He is married to the former Nancy Lou Graham of Pine Ridge, Arkansas. The Kersh's have four children.

Cook holds the bachelor of Business Administration degree from State College of Arkansas and a masters in Business Administration from the University of Arkansas. He has also completed all course requirements for the Ph. D. degree at the University of Arkansas.

From 1955 to 1967 Cook served in the U.S. Air Force as radar observer and navigator. He attained the rank

of Captain and was Operations Officer and Detachment Commander at Charleston AFB, South Carolina.

Cook is married to the former Bonnie Barton of Bono, Arkansas. They have two children, Don Lloyd II and Kyle Barton.

Arms, the son of Methodist missionaries to Latin America, was born in the Canal Zone, Ancon, Panama and grew up in the Republic of Chile.

He is a graduate of Earlham College in 1965 and holds the M.A. degree in Spanish from Vanderbilt University where he held a NDEA Scholarship and was a senior teaching fellow.

Arms is married to the former Diana Lynn White of Yucaipa, Calif. They are members of the Calvary United Methodist Church in Nashville, Tenn.

FIRST CHURCH, CONWAY, PLANS CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

Plans are being made by First United Methodist Church, Conway, to celebrate their Centennial the last Sunday in August, August 29, according to an item in a recent issue of "The Witness," their parish paper.

This celebration which has been announced at recent meetings of the Council on Ministries and the Administrative Board, is being planned by the local church Historical Commission composed of Mrs. Mabel Sherin, Miss Ethel Millar, Dr. Matt L. Ellis and B. A. Short.

During the entire month of August, an attempt will be made to acquaint the membership of the church and the Conway community with the early beginnings of Methodism in that section.

Mrs. Sherin, reporting for the Historical Commission, said that a brief history of the church will be written for the Faulkner County Historical So-

ciety. A list of persons who are acquainted with the history of the church will be made available so that groups and organizations meeting during the month may use these persons as resource people for programs.

"The Witness" will carry a series of excerpts from the historical account of the beginnings of Methodism in Conway.

MRS. A. W. HAMILTON

Mrs. Bessie Hughes Hamilton, 82, wife of the Rev. A. W. Hamilton of Murfreesboro, died July 1 in a Murfreesboro nursing home.

The funeral service was conducted July 4 at the First United Methodist Church, Murfreesboro. Officiating ministers were the Rev. Harold Brent, the Rev. James Richardson and the Rev. James Simpson. Burial was in the Murfreesboro Cemetery.

Mrs. Hamilton was a native of Auburn, Ga., and was a member of the Murfreesboro Church. Mr. Hamilton retired in 1956 from the Little Rock Annual Conference and returned to Murfreesboro where he had served as pastor from 1950-1955.

Other survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Belle McClerkin, Vidalia, La.; Mrs. Irene Searcy, San Manuel, Ariz.; Mrs. Marie DuBose, Lewisville, Ark.; and Mrs. Jewel Adams, Mobile, Ala.; three brothers, Ben Hughes of Texarkana, Will P. Hughes, Nashville, and John Hughes, Murfreesboro; three sisters, Mrs. Lucy Belle Hamilton and Mrs. Mary Garner of North Little Rock, and Mrs. Estelle Lewallen of Benton; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

MIDDLE HIGH CAMP

Pine Bluff - Monticello Districts

August 16-20

For youth entering 9th and 10th grades of Public school this fall. Send registrations and fees to Rev. Virgil Bell, Hamburg, 71646 by August 9.

Since this is the last camp of summer, youth from other districts who have not been to camp this summer, may attend this camp.

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Order Commission of the British Conference; and Bishop Raymond Valenzuela of Santiago, episcopal leader of the Methodist Church in Chile.

Celebrants and preachers for the services of holy communion will include Dr. William F. Dunkle, Jr., Wilmette, Ill., vice chairman of the United Methodist Commission on Worship; Professor Grady Hardin of Perkins School of Theology, Dallas, Texas; Bishop Abel T. Muzorewa of the United Methodist Church in Rhodesia; Bishop Marvin Stuart of the United Methodist Church's Denver Area and host bishop for the consultation; and the Rev. Gordon S. Wakefield, connectional editor of the British Methodist Conference.

Innovative worship services will be led by Dr. Roger Ortmyer of New York, chairman of the Division of

ARKADELPHIA DISTRICT YOUTH COUNCIL ELECTS OFFICERS

In a retreat held prior to the Little Rock Conference Camp at Tanako, the Arkadelphia District Youth Council elected the following officers:

Janet Hunt, First Church, Malvern, president; Dan Ratcliff, St. Paul's Church, Malvern, vice-president, and Scott Davis, First Church, Arkadelphia, secretary. Miss Hunt and Davis will represent the district on the Conference Youth Council.

Other members of the district council are: Jerry Hemund, Amity; Marie Estes, Arkadelphia; Darlene Haltom and Cindy Ricketts, Gurdon; Richard Dixon, Robert Fulton, Suzy Katz, Jo Nita Burrough and Ann Henderson, Hot Springs, and Ricky Laird, Kim Mooney, Carol McClure, Lee Padgett, and Phyllis Richardson, Malvern.

Sub-District Youth Emphasis Week at Malvern

(Sub-District reporter)

Youth Emphasis Week for all Methodist youth of the Malvern Sub-district was held August 2 through 5 at First Church, Malvern. Each session began with a snack supper, followed by recreation, inspirational talk, and worship. "Youth, With or Without the Church" was the topic discussed Monday evening with the Rev. Manuel Scott as the speaker.

"Youth, Serving and Giving" on Tuesday evening was illustrated by a skit on Youth Service Fund presented by Mrs. Frances McLean and youth of First Church, Arkadelphia, and a review of the work project—exchange trip to San Angelo, Texas, by youth of St. Andrew's in Arkadelphia; "Youth Witnessing" on Wednesday was presented by the youth of Oaklawn Church, Hot Springs, in a rock musical, "Tell It Like It Is," and in a talk concerning the Jesus Movement and how it affects youth of today by Joe Appler, also of Hot Springs.

"Youth, in Communion and Fellowship" was led by the Rev. George W. Martin on Thursday, with singing by and with Brother Martin and his guitar, followed by the concluding inspirational message and administration of the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper.

Sub-district council members planning the week were Kim Mooney, Keith Memorial Church, president; Dan Ratcliff, St. Paul's Church, vice-president; Carol McClure, First Church, secretary; June Faucett, Lee Ann Ashcraft, Ricky Laird, Frank McClure, Janet Hunt, Lee Padgett, and Phyllis Richardson.

Counselor is Mrs. L. H. Smith. Danny Hecke, youth director at First Church, led recreation. Ladies of the sub-district churches served the snack suppers. The Rev. Charles G. Ashcraft was host pastor.

Worship and Fine Arts of the National Council of Churches, and Dr. David J. Randolph, Nashville, Tenn., assistant general secretary of the Board of Evangelism of the United Methodist Church.

YOUTH DIRECTOR NEEDED

Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Little Rock is receiving applications for the position of Youth Director on its staff.

Salary will be commensurate with training and experience.

Send applications to -

Miss Madge Franklin,
Pulaski Heights
United Methodist Church,
Little Rock, Ark. 72205

NEWS and NOTES

THE REV. GARRY PARKER, missionary to Indonesia, was the speaker at Central Avenue Church, Batesville, on Sunday, July 25. Dr. Charles Casteel is pastor.

DeQUEEN PASTOR, the Rev. David B. Wilson, preached in a revival last week in Dumas Memorial Church, El Dorado, where he formerly served as pastor. The present pastor is the Rev. Veo E. Green, who also serves the Lisbon Church.

PLEASANT VALLEY CHURCH, Harrisburg Charge, had as guest evangelist the week of July 25, Jonesboro District Superintendent, the Rev. J. William Watson. The Rev. Bob Orr was host pastor.

THE REV. RALPH MANN, associate minister of First Church of El Dorado, was the evangelist for the recent revival at the Olive Branch Church on the Junction City Circuit. Seven members were received into the church; five by confession of faith and two by transfer. The Rev. E. Stanley Wagner was host minister.

MOUNTAIN VIEW CHURCH, Little Rock District, will have a revival the week of August 8-15. The new minister, the Rev. Sam Jones who is also Wesley Foundation director, will be the evangelist.

P.K. KORNER

CHRISTOPHER JIM, son of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Crane of Springdale, was born on Sunday, July 18. This is their first child. The mother is the former Linda Watson, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. J. William Watson of the Jonesboro District.

WRIGHT BLANTON YARBROUGH was born on July 22. His parents are the Rev. and Mrs. Jerry Yarbrough of Pea Ridge. His grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Yarbrough of Nashville, Arkansas, and the Rev. and Mrs. J. E. Dunlap of Winfield Church, Little Rock.

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. 8—Sun.	II Kings 5:10-27
Aug. 9	Daniel 6:16-23
Aug. 10	Jonah 2:1-10
Aug. 11	Matt. 9:27-31
Aug. 12	Matt. 9:32-33
Aug. 13	Mark 7:31-37
Aug. 14	Luke 5:1-11
Aug. 15—Sun.	Luke 13:11-17



A representative segment of youth from Conway, Benton and Harrison churches who joined forces on a recent weekend for fellowship. The group numbered 130 young persons in all. St. Paul's and First Churches in Harrison hosted the groups. Conway youth stayed overnight at St. Paul's Church, and Benton young folk spent two nights at First Church. All came together for a pancake breakfast at First Church on Saturday morning.

THE REV. CLAUDE BARRON will be evangelist in the church of which his father, the Rev. W. W. Barron, is pastor. Services will be held at Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church, Hope District, each evening the week of August 15-19. Pleasant Hill is on the same charge as Few Memorial Church of Texarkana.

THE REV. CARR DEE RACOP and family have moved into the new parsonage at Ashdown. When furnishings are complete, open house will be held.

GRACE CHURCH, SEARCY, welcomed the new pastor, the Rev. Lewis Ernest, and family recently with a reception and pounding following the Sunday evening worship.

HUNTINGTON AVENUE Church, Jonesboro, plans Youth Week for the week of August 9. Guest speaker will be Jim Brown of Harrisburg, a graduate of Northwestern University who plans to enter seminary this fall. The Rev. James R. Chandler is the pastor.

PARAGOULD FIRST CHURCH plans Activities Week for youth to begin Monday, August 9. Visiting speakers include the Rev. Joe Wilkerson of Dell and the Rev. Wayne Clark of Corning. On Friday, August 13, the UMYF plans to camp at Table Rock Lake and visit the Passion Play at Eureka Springs. Dan Keeton is summer youth worker. The Rev. Harold Spence is pastor.

WESTERN HILLS CHURCH of Little Rock is holding a series of family nights on Wednesdays during the summer. Recent speakers were Dr. James Stuckey, plastic surgeon who served a tour on a medical missionary ship, and the Rev. Ed Matthews, former missionary to the Congo who is now pastor of Lakeside Church in Pine Bluff. Aldersgate Camp was featured one evening. Last night, Dr. Roger Bost was the speaker. Dr. Bost was recently appointed by Governor Bumpers to be director of the Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services. The Rev. Bob Robertson is host pastor to the series.

MORRILTON'S YOUTH Activities Week featured guest speaker, the Rev. Bill Williams, associate minister at Conway's First Church. Pam Mooney is youth worker and organist at Morrilton; the Rev. Clyde Parsons is pastor.

MARILYN MORGAN, recently selected as "Miss Arkansas," is a member of First United Methodist Church, Clarksville.

MRS. LOIS TOOMBS is directing youth activities at the Ashdown Church this summer. She is a teacher in the Ashdown Junior High School, and during this summer is also coordinating the Millwood Lake Ministry. The Ashdown pastor is the Rev. Carr Dee Racop, Jr.

ROGER ARMSTRONG of Little Rock, Hendrix student, is serving Jacksonville First United Methodist Church as director of music and education, working with the Rev. Bob Edwards.

BOONEVILLE YOUNG PEOPLE went to Dallas July 27 to paint the Mary King United Methodist Church, a Spanish - American church. Ron McDonald is the Booneville youth worker; Wildon McLean is educational director; the Rev. Lawrence Dodgen is pastor.

THE WEST MEMPHIS Junior High UMYF will make a trip to St. Louis, August 9-12, sleeping at Concord Trinity United Methodist Church. The Rev. Robert McCoy, pastor, is a friend of Dr. Clint Burleson, pastor at West Memphis. Dana McBride Speer is the youth director.

MARTHA CALLAN was recently elected president of Dardanelle senior high UMYF. Chris Ellis is vice president and Gail Goins is secretary-treasurer. The Rev. Clyde Crozier is pastor.

CHARLES ARMOUR of Jacksonville, a student at State College of Arkansas, Conway, is directing the work of the youth at Washington Avenue Church, North Little Rock, and assisting the Rev. Kenneth Renfro.

"NATURAL HIGH" was presented in Winfield Church, Little Rock, on Sunday night, July 25. The dramatic presentation of the story of Jesus Christ was by youth of Winfield and of other denominations. Jack and Diane Schoemaker were directors. Louise Seymour worked with the soloists.

JONESBORO YOUNG PEOPLE entertained, and were entertained by, a group of 30 young people from Christ Methodist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, July 27-28. Mrs. Jim Christopher, director of Christ Church UMYF, is the former Nancy Penix of Jonesboro.

MARKED TREE'S Youth Week featured a variety of activities. The Rev. James T. Randle, Wesley Foundation director at Arkansas State University, Jonesboro, spoke on Monday and Wednesday nights. A family night supper was on Tuesday. A trip to Nashville, Tennessee, the weekend of July 29-31 enabled the young people to visit historic and Methodist points of interest. Carol Foster is UMYF senior high president; Ronda Ritter is junior high president. Richard Lancaster is youth worker and the Rev. William Wilder is pastor.

GUEST LEADER of Newport First Church's Youth Week was Mrs. Vicky Allen, director of youth at First Church, Little Rock. Mr. and Mrs. Edward Scoggins, coordinators, were assisted by Mrs. C. E. Hosley, Mr. and Mrs. Jim McLarty, and Mrs. Bobby Fortune chaperoning activities the week of July 18. The Rev. David Conyers is the pastor.

THE SHARE SINGERS of Camden First Church presented a program at Stamps for the Lafayette County Youth Rally, July 17. Bonda Sue Deere leads the singers.

LARRY MARTINEAU of DeValls Bluff is serving as summer youth worker on weekends in the Hazen Church. He attends school during the week at Arkansas State University, Beebe Branch. Previously he has worked with youth in Highland and Asbury Churches, Little Rock. The Rev. Herston Holland is the Hazen pastor.

"Lakes Ministry," ecumenical projects growing in Arkansas resort areas

LAKE AND LEISURE MINISTRY DEVELOPED

The Lake and Leisure Ministry offers worship services in lakefront and resort areas. This ecumenical project has taken root in several areas across the state and is expanding in keeping with the growing rate of weekend vacationers.

The Arkansas Council of Churches has a committee which seeks to promote and coordinate programs. The Rev. Fred W. Tyler of Heber Springs is chairman of the committee, which encourages churches and communities to take the initiative in developing plans. Many of the programs are handled entirely by laymen, with young people assisting.

A typical procedure may be for young people to help distribute information sheets on Saturday. These sheets give the time and place for worship services, and also list emergency services with telephone numbers and Citizen Band Radio call stations. Also, the time and place of Catholic Mass is listed. Area laymen usually bring the messages.

Established programs are now in effect in these areas, with sometimes several services being held at various points: Jonesboro Leisure Ministry, Texarkana Leisure Ministry, Bella Vista, Lake Greason, Lake Ouachita, Lakeside Ministry-Baxter County, Greers Ferry Lake Ministries, Millwood Lake Ministry Project near Ashdown, Albert Pike Park, Hot Springs National Park Service, and Lake Norfork. Some areas not listed have probably started services this summer. Surveys have been made at Beaver and Dardanelle resort areas.

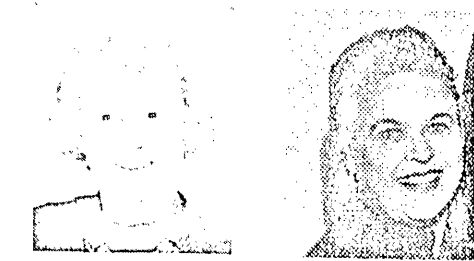
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TRADITION DICTATES TAKING MESSAGE TO THE PEOPLE

This statement was prepared by Dr. Daniel Schores, Methodist Minister and Professor of Sociology at Austin College, Sherman, Texas. Our Biblical heritage is a record of people willing and able to worship God wherever they might be. The portable ark and sanctuary in a tent are symbolic of worship keyed to a mobile people. The Hebrews felt that God could be worshipped everywhere. How different from the idea of a god of limited geographic scope which prevailed among their neighbors. How distinct from the later institutionalization of worship in a formal temple in Jerusalem. With the Psalmist, we can claim worship experiences under the starry sky (Psalm 8), viewing the distant mountains (Psalm 121), in a pleasant valley (Psalm 104), or anywhere in God's earth (Psalm 24).

Jesus spent much of his time out of doors worshipping his Father on a Galilean beach, atop a mountain with a few devoted followers, while admiring the "lilies of the field" as a part of a pilgrimage to the temple, and while walking down a lonely rural road with his disciples. To him, God was not confined to a building.

Early Christians took Jesus seriously when he commissioned them to be witnesses. While Paul was not pri-



Two book reviews this month in Little Rock will benefit the Lakes Ministry projects. Miss Vanda Lipscomb, at left, and Mrs. Fred Walker, right, will be the reviewers. Details are given below.

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED JOIN LAKES MINISTRY PROMOTION

Church Women United of Arkansas endorse the lakes ministry and is seeking to supplement the budgets, where needed. At least three local units are raising funds this summer for the ministry.

Church Women United of Fayetteville sponsored a sacrificial meal in July to focus attention on the project, and donations were directed to it.

Two book reviews this month will benefit the lake ministry:

The Business Women's Unit of the Central Arkansas Council is sponsoring a book review this week at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church, Woodlawn and Monroe, Little Rock. Miss Vanda Lipscomb will review "My Heart has 17 Rooms" by Carol Bartholomew. This will be on Friday, August 6, at 7:30 p.m.

Mrs. Fred Walker, president of Church Women United in Central Arkansas, will review "Papa's Wife" by Thyra Bjorn. This review will be on Monday, August 30, at 10 a.m. in the Second Presbyterian Church, 600 Pleasant Valley Drive, Little Rock. Ministers' wives of the area will be guests.

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marily a missionary to tourists, he never failed to take advantage of such circumstances, as we note his travels to Asia Minor or his appeal to the misguided travelers at the Temple of Diana of Ephesus. Presumably, Paul held the first Christian worship service aboard a ship on his voyage to Rome. Philip found the Ethiopian eunuch on a busy highway. Can we shirk our responsibility because our "chariots" run faster? Pleasure-seeking twentieth century Americans still need the Gospel, and if they are on the beach or lake or highway Sunday mornings — can we afford to miss the opportunity for witness?

American circuit riders kept alive the tradition of going where people were — in scattered forest settlements, at military posts, in brush arbors across the midwest, as part of wagon trains or in crowded wayside inns. Christianity was too important to wait until people came to them. These ministers of the Gospel felt compelled to take the message to the people, especially to those least likely to "darken the doors" of the established church.

Something of this frontier spirit was lost when worship became confined mainly to eleven o'clock Sunday morning within four walls of a building.

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camp schedule

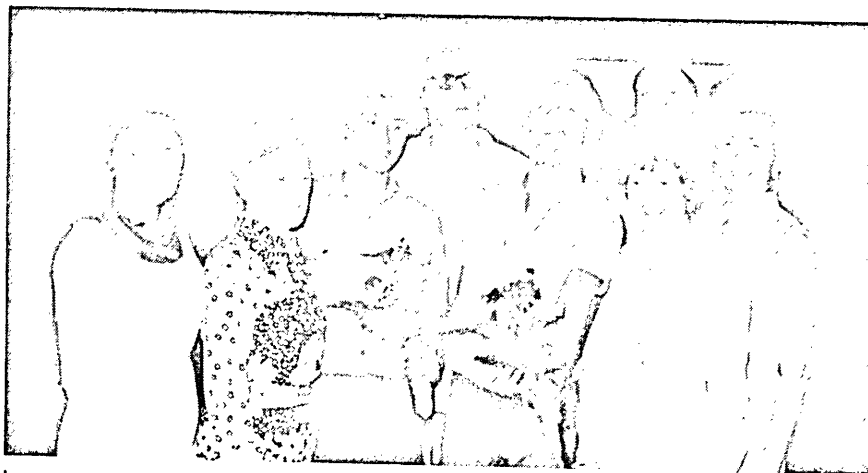
The camp schedule at Aldersgate last week, July 25-31, included these groups: Six-week Progressive Daycamp; Neighborhood Playground; Granite Mountain Children's Daycamp; Granite Mountain Senior High Evening Daycamp; Residence camps included: Coed Interfaith; School for Blind; School for Deaf; Retarded Adults from Benton Unit of State Hospital. Also workcamp group from Ashland City, Tennessee.

This week: Ten-day, August 1-10, Residence Camp for children with learning disabilities; Daycamp for adults from Fort Roots Veterans' Hospital; Neighborhood Vacation Church School, led by a workcamp group of young people from First Church, Hamburg; Arkadelphia Daycamp for Disadvantaged Children, led by young people from First Church, Arkadelphia.



Two minorities make a majority when Helen Lewis, at left, of Arkadelphia, and Pat Ebahotubbi of Broken Bow, Oklahoma, get together. Both are counselors at Aldersgate Camp this summer.

Campers Bobby Milliron and Jeff Crittenden try out the new "monkey bridge" at Aldersgate.



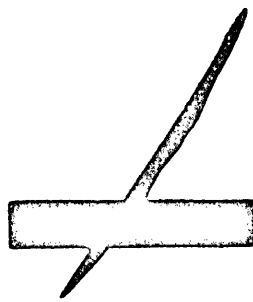
International students serving as counselors at Aldersgate Camp supplied the program for the July meeting of the West Memphis First Church WSCS. From left are Mrs. Virgie Pate, Mrs. Fred Owen (WSCS president), Ferdinand Von Malmberg of Sweden, Nastas Ilis of Yugoslavia, Lorenzo Martinnelli of Italy, Mrs. Yancey Sims and Mrs. Jack Harbour. Ray Tribble, camp director, is barely visible in rear.

Again we face a similar challenge. People are a concern of the church; tourists are people; thus, the church must be concerned about tourists. Others in the resort "community" also need the church's ministry. Most vacation areas have a year-round staff working in marinas, restaurants, fishing camps, camp grounds, and service stations. For this native, there is no other home; his religious needs must be met in the resort environment. An increasing amount of tourist business now takes place in what was formerly considered the "off season." They too need the church.

The trend toward family-type vacations has meant more children in resort areas — children who are potential attenders at church school or weekday activities. Some families energetically seek a church while on vacation, but many more could be attracted if a worshipful church with convenient schedule would help them feel welcome. Even tourist promoters recognize the value of religious services in their community. One has claimed: "Churches are necessary for good resort areas." How best to serve these people might be debated, but serve them we must.

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR AUGUST 15: Alcohol and the Family

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Jeremiah 35:1-10, 18-19; Ephesians 5:15-20

MEMORY SELECTION: Do not get drunk with wine, for this is debauchery; but be filled with the Spirit. (Ephesians 5:18)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To consider the effects of beverage alcohol on family life; to seek to establish some guidelines for the Christian's position on the use of alcohol based on sound scientific knowledge.

It seems logical to move from a series of three lessons of family life to a series on "The Social Results of the Use of Beverage Alcohol." Remember that we are dealing this quarter with a unit entitled "The Bible Speaks to Human Relationships." Today we are being guided by some passages from Jeremiah and Ephesians into a consideration of alcohol and the family.

We should call your attention to the fact that this unit represents a decision to give a stronger emphasis than ever before to the problem of beverage alcohol. Formerly, one lesson every quarter was labeled a temperance lesson, whether it really had been planned to deal with that issue or not. This unit deals more thoroughly with the subject and should be welcomed as representing a more constructive and positive approach to one of society's major problems.

The three lessons of this unit deal with alcohol and its relationship to the family, society, and the community. This first lesson emphasizes the effect that the use of alcohol is having on family life in America and suggests some helps for those families where such a problem exists. Dr. Horace R. Weaver says, in introducing this series in International Lesson Annual, "Questions concerning a Christian's responsibility in these matters are dealt with from the perspective of the style of life of Jesus Christ. The Christian community needs to be an informed group as to what science is discovering about alcoholism and problem drinking and ways in which they can bring help to those who seek aid in conquering this enemy of social and domestic stability."

One of the most encouraging signs in the battle against the problem of alcohol is the strong stand that is being taken by leaders in the medical profession. The nation was surprised a short time ago when the president of the American Medical Association made the following assertion: "If alcoholic beverages were invented today, they should be outlawed, just as the nation has outlawed marijuana, LSD, and other dangerous drugs." An aroused public opinion is the force that will cause this nation to eventually rise up against this destroyer of persons, and a discussion of what is being done to destroy families is an important means of developing such a public opinion.

WORD FROM THE PROPHET JEREMIAH

The major part of our biblical material for today is found in the prophecy of Jeremiah. The verses from the 35th chapter of Jeremiah direct our attention to the Rechabites, a small group that supported the prophet in his protest against the sensual practices of Baal worship. These people had been taught by their leader in their formative years to live a simple and self-denying life. They interpreted this to mean a nomadic life, based on faithful wor-

ship of Jehovah.

Jeremiah, one of Judah's great prophets, was active in the latter part of the seventh century B.C., and the early part of the sixth century. One of the greatest religious problems during this period was the tendency of the Hebrew people to neglect the worship of God by diluting their tradition and practicing Baal worship, which lacked moral foundations and included sensual practices related to nature worship and fertility cults.

Because of the teachings of their fathers, the Rechabites had taken a stand against the kind of life that was characteristic of the Baal worshippers. Dr. Floyd V. Filson says (International Lesson Annual): "They had no vineyards, made no wine, and stoutly refused to give any place to such drinking bouts as were widely practiced in Israel by the royal court and by well-to-do families. Their way of life was a testimony against the spiritual and social dangers of soft living and drunken excess."

At the time of our passage, the Rechabites had come into Jerusalem, not because they wanted to be a part of city life but to seek refuge from King Nebuchadnezzar, who with the Syrians was overrunning the land. Jeremiah brought representatives of the group to the Temple, into a room where pitchers of wine were found and commanded them to drink. They flatly refused, saying, "We will drink no wine," and they reminded the prophet of the fact that their ancestor had planted this resolution in their hearts.

In 35:18-19, Jeremiah held up the faithfulness of the Rechabites in living up to their rigid standards, and showed how they were in sharp contrast to the general laxity which the prophet found in the land. He told them that their tribe would continue with God's approval and blessing. He indicated that they should be seen as an example to all the people of the land.

PAUL'S WORD TO THE EPHESIANS

As a New Testament companion passage to the words from Jeremiah we have material from Ephesians 5:15-20. In it, the apostle Paul, describing the wise walk of the Christian, includes a mandatory prohibition against drunkenness. In our memory selection for today we read, "Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit."

In this setting, Paul makes sobriety a test of wisdom affirming that it is God's will and that those who become drunk are foolish. Dr. Donald Ackland, writing in Broadman Comments, says: "Although wine was a common beverage in biblical times, water supplies being inadequate and often impure, the Bible abounds in warnings against its dangers and abuse."

As Paul surveyed the world of his day, he concluded that "the days are evil." Today, as Christians, we are part of a culture in which hard liquor is manufactured, sold and used in increasing quantities. The result is the growing prevalence of social drinking and the multiplication of alcoholism. The tragic cost is seen in broken family relationships and in the great number of traffic deaths in our time.

ALCOHOL AND FAMILY RELATIONS

As we studied the Christian responsibility to his family in the last series of lessons, we emphasized the fact that we must have sanctions that are deeper than legalism for the undergirding of relationships

within the home. The biblical grounds for abstinence are to be found primarily in the teachings of responsible love for neighbor. Dr. John C. Irwin says in Adult Bible Studies: "We abstain not because the Bible says, 'Do not drink,' but because it tells us to love our neighbor."

An abundance of material is available to back up the charge that alcohol is one of the greatest enemies of family life in America. This information tells us that 30 to 40% of all delinquent youths come from homes in which excessive drinking exists. Forty per cent of the problems brought before a large city family court can be attributed directly to alcoholism. Juvenile Court records in another city indicate that 55 percent of child non-support cases are directly related to excessive drinking. The National Council on Alcoholism estimates that every alcoholic adversely affects the mental health of four family members. Alcoholism has become a major problem in the United States, and its greatest toll is exacted from family life.

Dylan Thomas, a gifted poet of this century, was a pathetic victim of alcohol. It brought about his early death while on a poetry-reading tour of America. Shortly before his death, he thought of his little son back across the ocean and said to a friend, "I adore my little boy. . . I can't bear the thought that I am not going to see him again. Poor little bugger, he doesn't deserve this."

No child deserves a home broken by drink. Any family counselor knows that alcohol both produces and aggravates family problems. The increasing prevalence of the use of alcohol in America is a threat to the stability of the home.

FAMILY PATTERNS AND DRINKING HABITS

Sociologists tell us that there is nothing which influences the drinking habits of an individual more than family attitudes and patterns. The persons most likely to drink are those who come from families where drinking is practiced. Some have pointed out that at the turn of the century most Americans did their drinking in saloons, whereas today two-thirds of the drinking is done in the home or the private club.

The equipment the home gives to a child in personal security becomes the means for developing socially secure relationships when the child starts to school. Some parents have communicated a dependence on social drinking as an aid to a false sense of security, and this, in the long run, gives many children a false image of themselves.

Ann Landers spoke out recently against the viewpoint that the use of alcohol in the home helps the child to learn how to handle alcohol. She said, "What is drinking?" It just fogs you up and anesthetizes your mental processes. In addition it knocks off inhibitions and distorts judgment. So, instead of teaching kids how to use crutches when they already have two pretty good legs, I say teach them how to walk and stand on those legs."

HOMES CAN HELP WITH THE PROBLEM

Having mentioned how alcohol often destroys the home and the personalities within it, let us close on a positive note concerning the contributions the family can make in this area. Dr. Thomas E. Price of the United Methodist Board of Christian Social Concerns, mentions three:

First, the home shapes the character and convictions on which we make decisions and evaluate our actions. Then, it provides an atmosphere of understanding love in which responsible decisions can be made. Finally, the family supports the decisions the members make in their effort to live responsibly before God.

Dr. Irwin speaks of the undergirding influence of the home in helping the alcoholic have some hope for a new life. He says: "In this task we recognize that the Christian home and family will be a major resource, for it is in the home that the fundamental life attitudes are established and learned. Christian parents therefore bear a tremendous responsibility in determining how the alcohol problem will be solved in our time."

The Missionary Task:

Today and
Tomorrow

by Tracy Early

The increasing specialization that has been such a marked feature of twentieth century life has also characterized the work of the United Methodist missionary.

The missionary's purpose — giving witness to his Christian faith — has not changed. But now that mature Christian communities have developed in mission countries, with national preachers who can present the Christian message perhaps more effectively than foreigners coming in, the need for the missionary as a preacher and general church leader is not so great. The missionary who is still needed is one with Christian dedication plus a particular skill that is in short supply.

The United Methodist Board of Missions is still getting requests for help, but they tend to be quite specific: Nepal — internist-radiologist-physician; India — nurse, M.S. degree and teaching experience; Zambia — agriculture settlement supervisor; Brazil — director of extra-curricular activities for General Council of Educational Institutions; Korea — music teacher.

That is the situation not only with regard to the needs of institutions like hospitals and schools, but also in church development, says Dr. John W. Johannaber, executive secretary of the Joint Commission on Missionary Personnel. A standard seminary will not generally suffice for missionary appointment unless the candidate has some specific skill to go along with it.

The Rev. Alton Robertson, director of the Overseas Personnel Recruitment Office, compares his work to executive recruitment. The requests he gets from the mission boards, he says, demand qualifications comparable to those industry requires for executives. Over 90 per cent of the people registered with his office either have a graduate degree or have a graduate program underway. And over half speak a second language, with many fluent in a third or fourth.

United Methodists are sending some

In a short article written as he takes up the most important executive post in British Methodism, the Rev. Kenneth G. Greet, newly-appointed Secretary of the Methodist Conference, says: "The trend in all the major churches in Britain is the same . . . the mathematics of the situation are startlingly simple. If present trends continue, the organised church in Britain will have disappeared in forty years' time."

His stance, however, is not so completely negative as this quote would suggest. He knows, for instance, that church attendance and membership are not synonymous with living faith. He recognizes also that the old "triumphalism" and paternalism of the kind that suggests that there is an inherent superiority in what the Church has to offer is out. And he wants the church to find its role in mission in a way which, while it does not deny the element of proper proclamation, will also be ready for dialogue with the non-Christian. As he begins his new work, the thoughts and prayers of Methodists; not only in Britain will be with him—many thousands of Methodists throughout the world, who still look upon the British Conference in some sense or other as the "Mother" of Conferences, will uphold him.

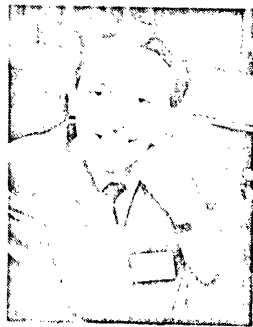
While this realistic quote comes from Dr. Greet, the problem of empty pews is not by any means confined to the churches. At their Annual Gen-

eral Meeting this week the British Humanist Association were told that their membership has fallen by almost half in eighteen months.

The cause of the decline in this anti-religion movement were given as partly organisational, and partly due to disagreement about fundamental aims . . . and a further comment is of great interest. For example in Holland where it is said that 80 per cent of the population are churchgoers organised Humanism is flourishing. In England, where church-going is on the decline, Humanism wilts in the climate of toleration, and permissiveness.

It may even be that part of the answer to Dr. Greet's question lies in the fact that the Church is now the mili-

the British scene



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

eral Meeting this week the British Humanist Association were told that their membership has fallen by almost half in eighteen months.

The cause of the decline in this anti-religion movement were given as partly organisational, and partly due to disagreement about fundamental aims . . . and a further comment is of great interest. For example in Holland where it is said that 80 per cent of the population are churchgoers organised Humanism is flourishing. In England, where church-going is on the decline, Humanism wilts in the climate of toleration, and permissiveness.

It may even be that part of the answer to Dr. Greet's question lies in the fact that the Church is now the mili-

more dollars every year just to do the same amount of work.

Currently, United Methodists are involved in the work of about 700 secondary schools, over 100 colleges and universities, and many hospitals, medical schools, leprosariums, and other institutions. In the years ahead, many of these institutions will be transferred to governments, private groups, or national church bodies.

The missionaries established the institutions in a time when the work was not being done by anyone else. Now, however, governments are increasingly taking responsibility for work in such fields as health and education, which are becoming too expensive for mission boards.

In the future, Dr. Jones says, the missionary perspective will be centered around the "development of people," a concept that reveals the close connection between mission in the United States and mission abroad.

tant minority proclaiming and offering an unfashionable faith, and it is in with a chance to get on the offensive now.

THE WEEK'S LEGISLATION

In the House of Lords the Industrial Relations Bill was amended and passed back to the Commons for ratification. In the Commons two major debates took place. One was on the Common Market, and the other was on the so-called "Mini-Budget" by which a new injection of life has been put into the economy. I know that many Christians say that you can't make people good by act of Parliament. You must, they say, work by grace and not by law. But what you can do by law is to create an environment in which people can be good (or bad).

And this point was brought home to me when a newsmen of many years' standing said to me that this week's legal actions "could mean a new way of life for Britain." Now that phrase really stopped me in my tracks. Christians are always talking about "a new way of life." Perhaps they ought to get together with their politician friends more often, so that the politician, whose job it is to practise the art of the possible, and the Christian who believes in the vision of the Kingdom of God can find a way together to build that Jerusalem we are always singing about?

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"Source of Inspiration" In Senate

WASHINGTON, D.C. (RNS) — A prayer read many times in the U.S. Senate and which has opened several major political rallies has been inserted in the Congressional Record as an example of a "source of inspiration for the nation's legislators and the public."

Rep. Lester L. Wolff (D-N.Y.), a Jew, said the prayer, composed several years ago by the Rev. Henry J. von Schlichten of the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Port Washington, N.Y., was written in the same rhythmic style as the original Old Testament benediction and is "unique for its moving combination of religious and patriotic ideals and feelings."

Titled "A National Benediction — Dedicated to God and Country," the prayer follows:

"Lord bless our Country's President,
Our Halls of Congress, too;
The people on our Continent,
The good we try to do.
Lord keep us in Your loving care,
Unharmed by night and day,
On land and sea and in the air,
At home and far away.

"Lord make Your gracious Face
to shine
Upon a troubled world,
That needs a spark of light
Divine
To keep our faith unfurled;
Lord lift Your Holy Countenance
Upon the ways of men
Who look to You for sustenance,
And grant us peace. Amen."

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Varied service ahead for new Methodist missionaries

NEW YORK (UMI) — Varied kinds of service, ranging from church development to aviation, are ahead for 30 United Methodist missionaries scheduled to leave the U.S. this fall to begin service in countries of Africa, Asia and South America.

Included in the overseas personnel are regular and special-term workers — those going for a first term (up to five years) of regular service and those going as "3s," for a short term of three years. All are commissioned under the World Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions, and will serve in its worldwide missionary corps.

The new missionaries are scheduled for these types of vocational services: education, 15; church development

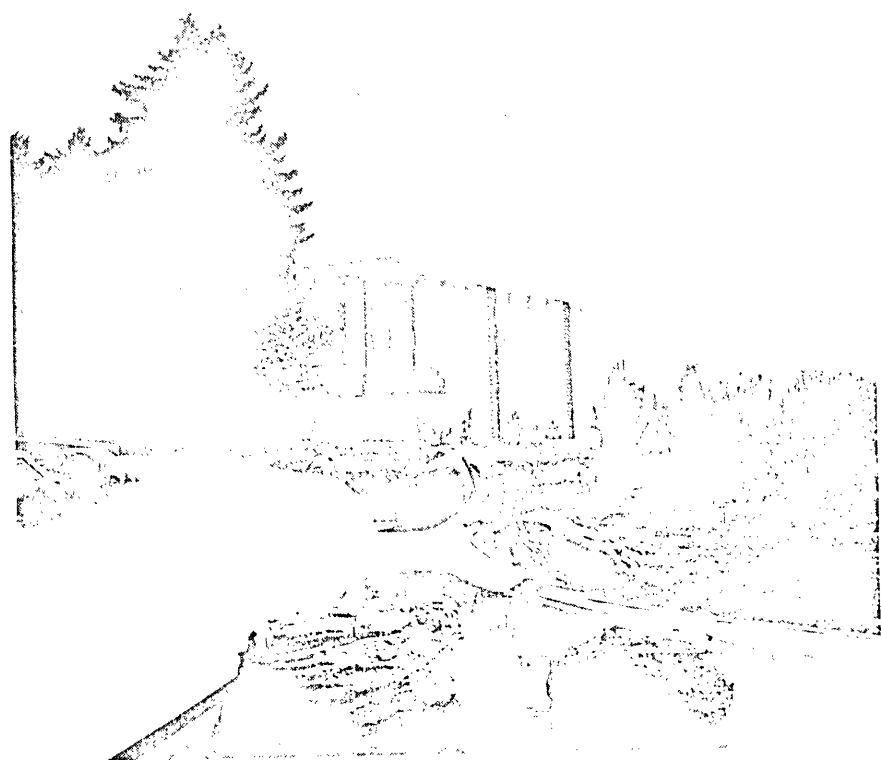
and pastoral ministry, 5; agriculture, 3; Christian education, 2; aviation, 1; nursing, 1; medical, 1; medical technology, 1; industrial, 1. In their varied fields, World Division leaders say, the new missionaries will be "ministering in the name of Christ to spiritual and other needs of people, as persons and as members of society."

Several of the group are 1971 college graduates; others are fresh from the pastorate or work in secular fields; a few are returning to the mission field after leaves-of-absence. Countries where the group are scheduled to serve include: Congo, Rhodesia, Botswana, Mozambique, Algeria, Pakistan, Korea, Japan, Okinawa, Singapore, Malaysia

and Peru. States represented among the new missionaries include: Alabama, Arizona, California, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, New York, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Washington and Wyoming.

Though most of the new missionaries are United Methodists, they also include members of other denominations.

For about 10 weeks this summer, the United Methodist missionaries are part of an ecumenical community at the Missionary Orientation Center, Stony Point, N.Y., where several major denominations send missionary personnel to prepare for their future service overseas.



West facade of the Ben M. Cherrington Hall as seen from Humanities Garden on Denver University campus where the Twelfth World Methodist Conference will be held Aug. 18-26. Representatives from about 35 countries are expected to attend. The 1966 Conference was held in England.

Basic benevolence fund lags while nine general funds show increase

EVANSTON, Ill. (UMI) — At the mid-point of the fiscal year, support of United Methodism's basic benevolence fund, and five other funds, is lagging behind the same period a year ago, but nine general funds are showing increases.

According to a report released here July 7 by R. Bryan Brawner, general treasurer of the church, support of World Service, the basic benevolence fund, through June 30 is ten per cent behind a year ago with \$8,007,306 received toward an annual goal of \$25,000,000.

Other decreases are in special gifts to World missions, the World Communion offering, special World Service projects, the quadrennial Fund for Reconciliation, and a fund to ease financial problems created in mergers of black and white conferences.

Largest increase is in the ministerial education fund, up 39 per cent from a year ago.

The complete report for benevolence funds shows:

World Service—\$8,007,306, down 9.97 per cent
World Missions Advance Specials—\$3,544,940, down 4.63 per cent
National Missions Advance Specials—\$1,003,061, up 3.52 per cent
Overseas Relief Advance Specials—\$732,088, up 23.39 per cent
One Great Hour of Sharing—\$764,523, up 32.25 per cent
World Communion—\$98,359, down 15.87 per cent
World Service Specials—\$38,715, down 71.62 per cent
Temporary General Aid—\$309,621, down 1.32 per cent
Fund for Reconciliation—\$578,809, down 41.07 per cent
Ministerial Education—\$1,745,334, up 39.36 per cent

Race Relations—\$634,073, up 31.16 per cent

Student Day—\$60,768, up 22.45 per cent

Youth Service Fund—\$101,888 (new on report this year—no comparison)

The report for three administrative funds is:

Episcopal Fund—\$1,219,655, up 4.92 per cent

General Administration—\$601,210, up 12.18 per cent

Interdenominational Cooperation—\$246,823, up 1.75.

Atlanta churches join in construction of hotel for visitors

ATLANTA (RNS) — A corporation representing five Churches has signed a \$278,643 contract for the construction of a low-cost, short-term hotel for international visitors here.

Villa International Atlanta (VIA) will be located next to the Protestant Radio and Television Center. It will have 19 rooms for visitors, public rooms and housing facilities for a minister and his family.

The idea originated in the Synod of Georgia of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern). The sponsors include that denomination, the Lutheran Church in America, the Roman Catholic Church, the United Methodist Church and the United Church of Christ.

The Villa is part of the ministry of these Churches to metropolitan Atlanta. A large part of the construction costs will be provided by women of the Southern Presbyterian Church through their 1970 Birthday offerings.

College students in variety of Summer service projects

Three persons from Louisiana and one from Arkansas are among a group of college students and others who are giving six weeks of service this summer in a variety of United Methodist programs and projects in the United States.

From Louisiana there are: Mrs. Eliza Barnes, a staff member at Southern University, Baton Rouge, and Mrs. Mae E. Calvin of New Orleans, who are serving at the Lessie Bates Davis Neighborhood House in East St. Louis, Ill.; and Miss Mary V. Kuder, Lake Charles, a student at McNeese State College, who is working at Red Bird Mission, Beverly, Ky.

From Arkansas, Miss Bessie Lou Hershberger of Bentonville, a student at the University of Arkansas, is serving at Red Bird Mission, Beverly, Ky.

A number of the workers from other states have been working at Aldersgate Camp, Little Rock. These include: Scott Barnett, Peoria, Ill., a student at Western Illinois University; Miss Sharmen Bridges, Courtland, Miss., a student at Mississippi State College for Women; Miss Eunice C. Foss, Hazen, N.D., a student at the University of North Dakota; Miss Connie B. Cuni-

gan, Dayton, Ohio, a student at Capital University; and Miss Joan Marie Shager, Menomonie, Wis., a student at Stout State University.

These are part of 51 men and women who are participating in the 1971 summer work program of the National Division of the United Methodist Board of Missions. Their work settings include children's homes, urban and rural community centers, hospitals, camps, urban and rural parishes, and programs with physically and emotionally handicapped children.

The program is not limited to United Methodists, as Presbyterians, Lutherans and Roman Catholics are among this summer's volunteers. This program is just one facet of the United Methodist Church's over-all summer service program for young adults, which also includes work in such varied settings as national parks and Appalachia.

In addition to those serving under the program of the Board of Missions, most of the camps and other centers are employing a great number of college young people not included in the group mentioned.

SWEDEN'S UNITED METHODISTS TO CONTINUE AS INDEPENDENT FREE CHURCH

NEW YORK (UMI) — United Methodists in Sweden have turned down a proposed merger with two other free (non-state) churches, voting to remain within the United Methodist Church and approving a plan that provides for interchurch cooperation but not union, say reports to United Methodist Information.

A dispatch from Dr. Arne-Jacob Kristoffersen, United Methodist news correspondent for Scandinavia, had this to say of the recent session of the Sweden Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church, held near Gotenburg and the first to be presided over by newly-elected (in 1970) Bishop Ole Borgen:

"One of the main themes discussed was the ecumenical dialogue that has gone on in Sweden among the Free Churches. Two opposite views confronted the Conference. One plan presented a fusion (merger) with the Covenant Church and the Baptist Union in a 'United Free Church of Sweden.' Bishop Borgen had worked out a plan that the Methodist Church of Sweden should continue as an independent church that is part of the worldwide United Methodist Church, which can cooperate with other churches and church bodies without merging. The Conference voted for the bishop's proposal, which means Methodism will continue as an independent Free Church in Sweden."

News in Brief

More than 350 churches and chapels being used by Protestant and Orthodox churches in Poland can now revert to these churches under a national law passed in June. The Methodists make use of more than 50 of these structures.

British union plan advances

YORK, England (UMI)—The General Synod of the Church of England gave "resounding" support here to the proposed union of the Anglican and Methodist Churches in Great Britain, according to a Religious News Service dispatch.

Members of the Synod voted "provisional approval" of the currently-stalemate plan to merge the two communions. Having passed the Synod, the plan now must be returned to the Anglican dioceses for discussion and voting before the "final vote" can be taken by the General Synod, probably in February. A 75 per cent margin will be required then.

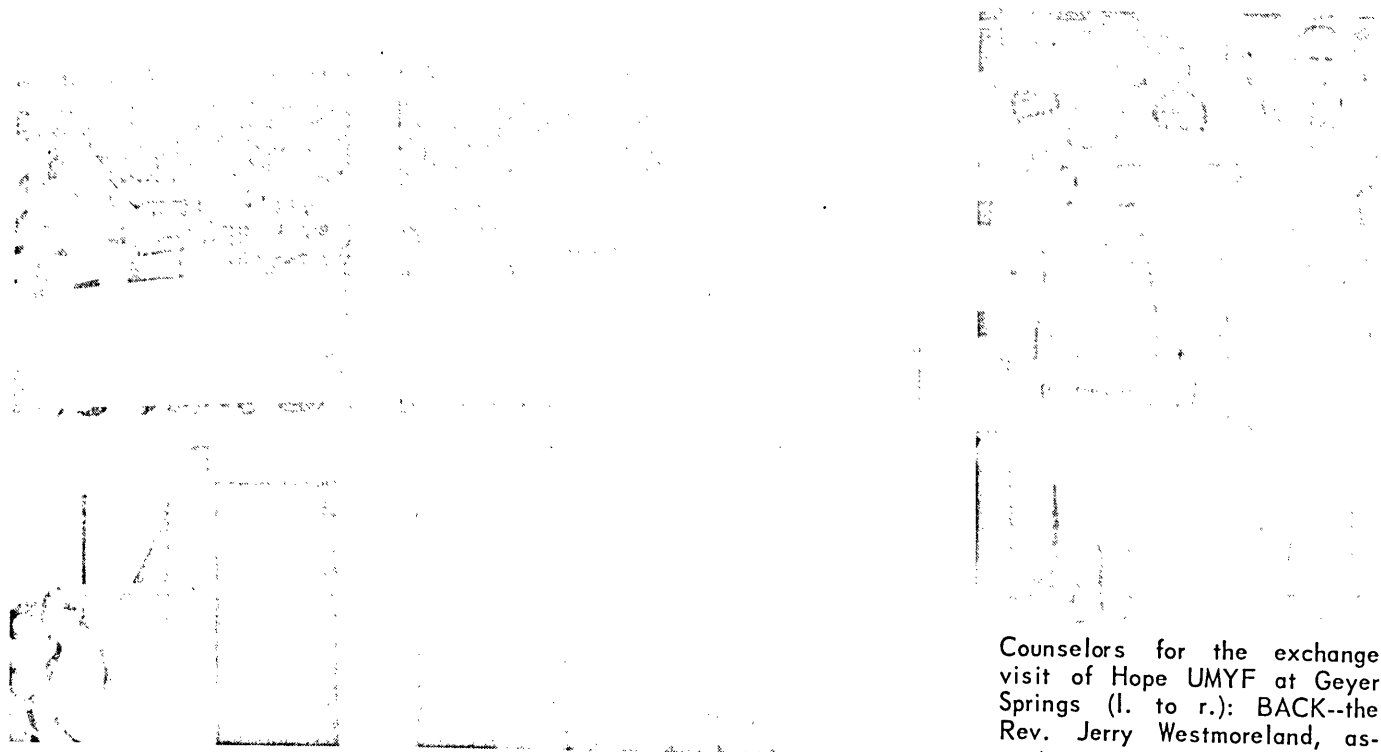
Britain's Methodists have twice endorsed the merger document, but the Anglican Church, in sessions of the Convocations of Canterbury and York in July 1969, failed to give the plan the required 75 per cent majority.

"Look Up and Live"

TV series recommended

NEW YORK (UMI) — Five programs which began July 25 on CBS-TV's "Look Up and Live" Sunday series have been recommended by a United Methodist leader.

The shows, scheduled at 10:30 a.m. (EDT) are produced by CBS-TV in cooperation with the Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) of the National Council of Churches. "These 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, chairman of the BFC Broadcast Operations Committee and United Methodist broadcasting executive.



The youth from First Church, Hope, and Geyer Springs Church, Little Rock photographed after embarking for a cruise on the Border Star along the Arkansas River during exchange visit at the Geyer Springs Church, July 23-25. Nearly 40 young persons were involved in the exchange visit. The Geyer Springs UMYF group will be guests at First Church, Hope, August 6-8.

Counselors for the exchange visit of Hope UMYF at Geyer Springs (l. to r.): BACK--the Rev. Jerry Westmoreland, associate pastor at Hope; the Rev. Billy Steele, summer youth director at Geyer Springs and a pre-ministerial student at State College of Arkansas; Charles Staggs; FRONT--Mrs. Judy Morgan, youth coordinator, Geyer Springs, and Mrs. Staggs.

Choreography group from Inspiration Point during recent portrayal of "Mourners' Dance"--from the opera "The Other Wise Man"--at Eureka Springs First Church. The opera, written by Dr. Isaac Van Grove, artistic director at Inspiration Point, is based on the story written by Henry van Dyke with the same title. The performance, which depicted the mourners who came to Golgotha at the time of Jesus' death, provided the conclusion for Pastor Max Whitfield's sermon. The group proclaimed in song and modern dance that by serving our brothers in need we serve Jesus Christ.



MY CREED

To live as gently as I can.
To be no matter where, a man.
To take what comes of good or ill.
To cling to faith and honor still.
To do my best and let that stand
The record of my brain and hand.
And then should failure come to me,
Still cling and hope for victory.
To have no secret place wherein
I stoop unseen to shame and sin.
To be the same when I'm alone.
And when my every deed is known,
To live undaunted, unafraid,
Of any step that I have made.
To be without pretense or sham,
Exactly what men think I am.

(Poem by Phineas W. Thompson (right), a member of Wesley United Methodist Church in Tulsa, Okla., whose hobby is the composing of poetry.)



Youth Confronts the World

In this confusing world many forces call for the attention of youth, such as

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- alcohol and drugs
- advancement
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- religion

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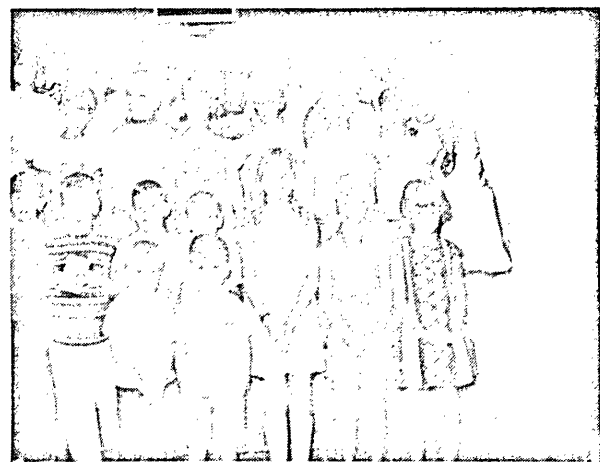


Youth and sponsors from Vantrease United Methodist Church, El Dorado, shown before departure on July 27 for a three-day vacation trip to Six Flags, Arlington, Texas. Twenty-one youth and four sponsors made the journey. The Rev. Kirvin A. Hale is pastor.



The Children's Choir (shown here) of Marysville Church in Camden District presented the plays, "Who Is My Neighbor" and "David Was a Soldier" by Barbara Le Hays, at a recent Sunday evening service. Mrs. Sandy Haustein (back row, right) has directed the rehearsals during summer choir sessions. Jana Calloway (back, left) is accompanist. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is pastor.

Arts and crafts class at Mineral Springs vacation church school. An average of 25 children attended the school, directed by Mrs. M. C. Weisschadel, who was assisted by 10 additional workers. The Rev. D. C. George is pastor.



Shiloh vacation church school group in Paragould. The school was under the direction of Mrs. Faustina Ford and 10 assistants. The Rev. Felix Holland, pastor, climaxed each day's session with a showing of slides from his Holy Land tour.

DENOMINATIONS TO SHARE CURRICULUM

The same church school publications soon will be used by both United Presbyterian and United Methodist children and youth.

Curriculum material at four different age levels, published by the Board of Education of The United Methodist Church will be made avail-

able to United Presbyterian church schools beginning in September.

Predecessors of the two denominations had similar arrangements for the joint development and use of Sunday school resources as long as the early 1900s.

—Parish Paper Service

Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

Once someone wrote about Antonio Stradivari that he wanted to make violins so that when masters of the art held one of his and played upon it they would be glad that Antonio Stradivari lived. What a noble approach to work, and to living. Perhaps the goal need not be as magnificent as a precision instrument but simply a radiance from which those about us take heart.

MOUNTAIN STREAM

Go up and down a mountain stream
Just the place to find your dream
Dreams you had when just a child.
So now that you have found your stream
Why not begin to fill your dreams?
For now they can be most worthwhile,
The ones you dreamed when but a child.
Oh, it could be a fishing pole,
Or just a pan to pan for gold.

—by Ep Grant

BRIGHT PROMISE

Hold tight to what you have today,
Don't brood about the past.
Another time will come again,
Although none ever last.

Kiss every moment with your heart,
As every beat runs through —
Hold to yourself — with no pretense
Let others see through you.

—by Betty Heidelberger

engage TO BE PUBLISHED MONTHLY

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — engage, the United Methodist social action magazine, has switched to a monthly schedule and a revised editorial format.

The editor, the Rev. Allan R. Brockway, announced that the change from semi-monthly to monthly would be effective in September, in order to better meet readers' needs. The num-

ber of pages will be doubled.

The editorial change will bring a concentration in alternate months on single subjects, of which the first will be drugs, in October. Such issues are intended to serve as resources for discussions and programming. Other issues will continue to carry varied articles and columns.

engage, in its third year, is published in Washington by the church's Board of Christian Social Concerns.

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The Young Generation Choir of Floral Heights Church in Wichita Falls, Tex. presented a program of folk music for the July 25 Sunday evening service at Oak Forest Church in Little Rock. The choral group, under the direction of David Beningfield is touring Texas, Arkansas and Tennessee. The Rev. William A. Stewart is pastor of the Oak Forest Church.