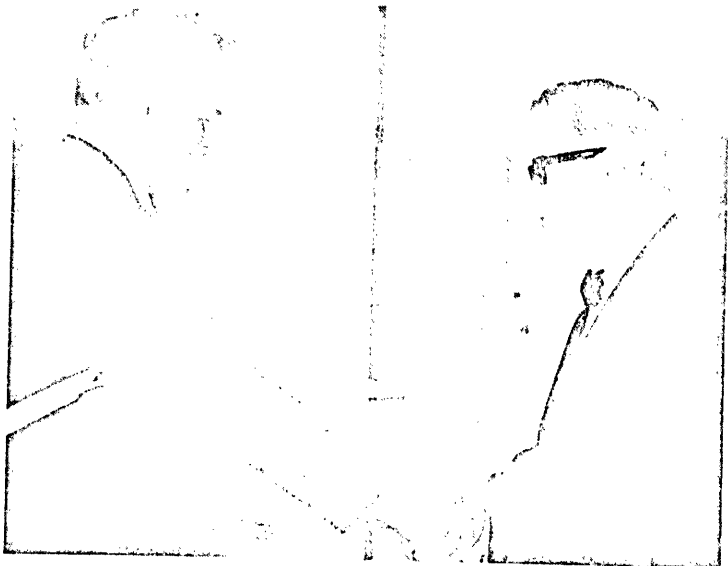


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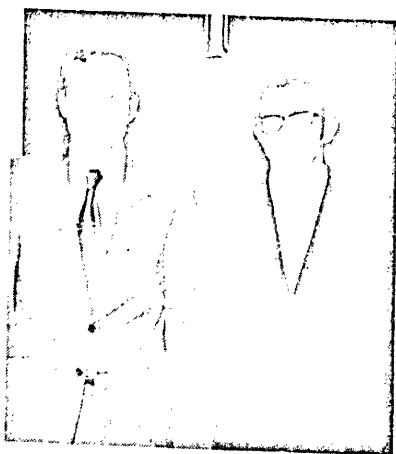
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Dean Joseph D. Quillian, Jr. (left) of Perkins School of Theology at Southern Methodist University, Dallas presents certificate to the Rev. J. Frank Hamm of Waldo, a member of the Little Rock Annual Conference, following his completion of special studies at Perkins. Hamm was one of thirteen ministers from six states in the area recognized for having completed two summers of advanced studies beyond the five required by the study program.



Hamm is shown here with the Rev. Milton D. Nelson of Little Rock—a member of the Southwest Conference, who was one of 26 ministers from seven states receiving Course of Study Certificates at Perkins for special summer studies.



Two members of the North Arkansas Annual Conference who recently completed special studies at SMU's Perkins School of Theology. The Rev. Murphy Spurlock (left) of Bono, and the Rev. Robert W. Lee of Plumerville were among 26 ministers from the area receiving certificates for completing the five-summer Courses of Study program.

Arkansas Guidance Foundation expanding program

by E. Eugene Efird, Director

The Arkansas Guidance Foundation, which has the loyalty and support of Methodists all over the state, has recently dropped the word "release" from its name and is expanding to offer a more comprehensive statewide program.

The "Youth in Crisis" program offers non-residential group counseling for young people in trouble. The trouble may include inability to get along with parents, problems with drugs or other escape mechanisms, youth without homes, or simply youth who have trouble coping with teenage anxiety and frustration.

The "Youth in Crisis" counseling groups are essentially made up of professionally trained volunteers who are ready to work with the youth and train adult volunteers for counseling.

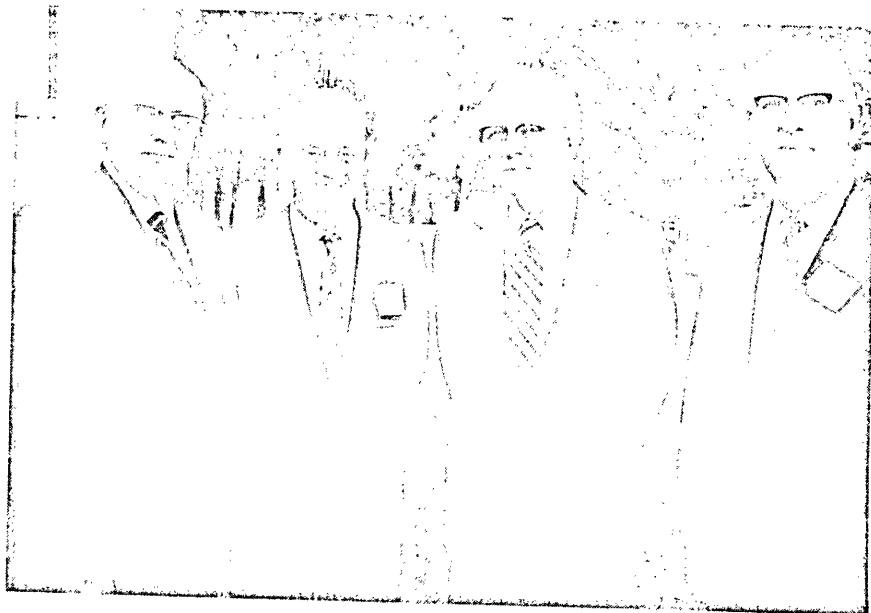
These persons are personally concerned and offer a listening ear and understanding. Out of an experience with such a counseling group, a young person can develop tools with which to cope with the problems of life more adequately.

We want to help you by bringing a professional team to your community to help you analyze your community's problems, to train and assist volunteers in solving local problems through a personal ministry. We will help you organize your own autonomous local chapter of the A.G.F.

In addition, we have an exciting prison ministry just developing which looks forward to a statewide one-to-one volunteer program. In a Little

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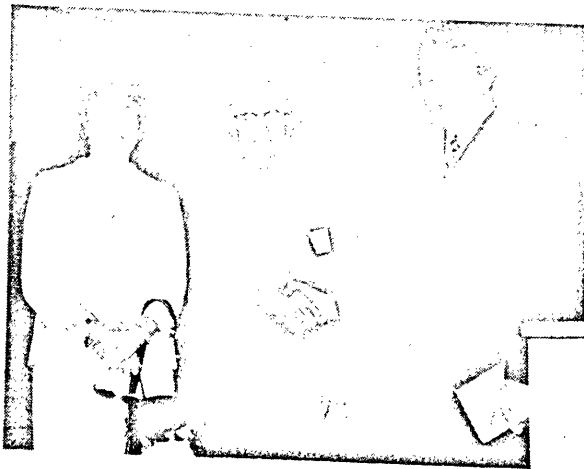
North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly



Bishop Paul V. Galloway, left, visits with three persons who gave "reflections" on the high points of his life during the North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly at Mount Sequoyah last week-end. They are, from left, William Shepherd, Dr. Matt L. Ellis and Joe S. Pierce.



Bob Cheyne, left, brought the opening devotional message, and Dr. Marshall T. Steel delivered the Saturday evening message at the North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly.



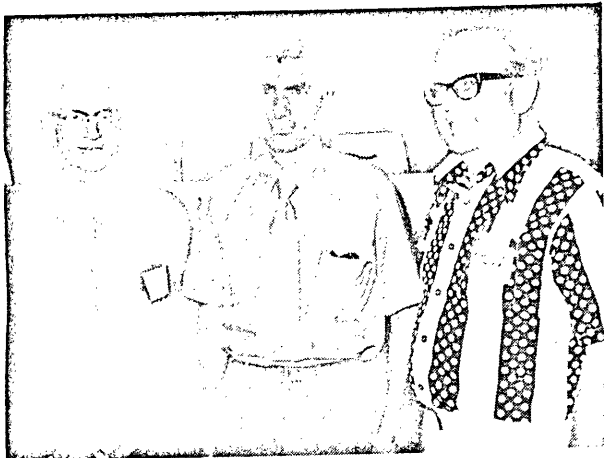
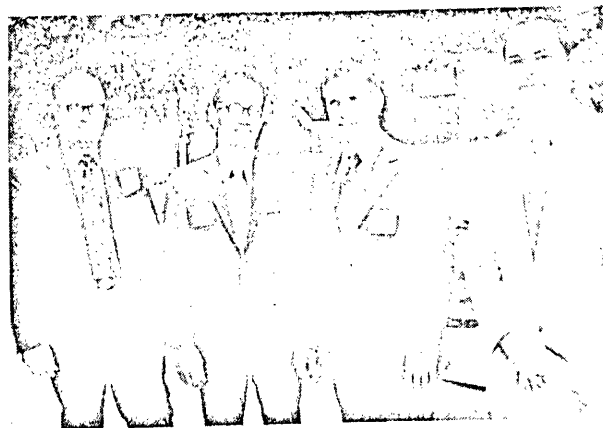
Mr. and Mrs. E. Clay Bumpers congratulated Governor Dale Bumpers on his Saturday afternoon message to the North Arkansas laymen.

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A part of the approximately 300 persons who attended the North Arkansas Laymen's Assembly.

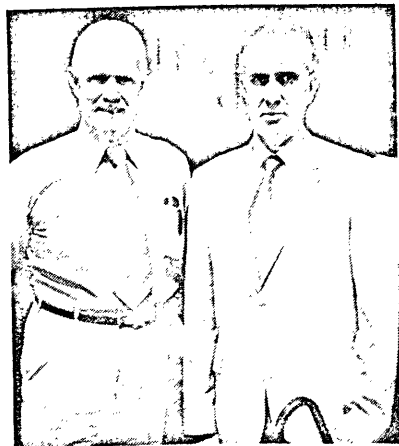
This group of laymen from North Little Rock included, from left, Jim Lane, Dick Fikes, Dick Hardin and John Landers.



A foreign visitor at the Laymen's Assembly was Hossein Kalhori of Tehran, Iran, who is serving as a resident in hospital administration at the Helena Hospital. Shown with him are E. Clay Bumpers, Conference Lay Leader, and Carlos Smith, administrator of the Helena Hospital.



The Rev. Elmo Thomason, Paragould District Superintendent, visits with Cliff Shultz, from First United Methodist Church, Rector.



Grafton Thomas, right, Arkansas Area Treasurer, visited with his brother, Reuben Thomas, retired member of the diplomatic corps living in Fayetteville.

NEW FILMSTRIP

A new filmstrip, "A Way To Care," has been given to Little Rock Conference Program Council by the Conference Board of Health and Welfare Ministries. It reveals the scope of our concern for the health and welfare of others. Available to Little Rock Conference churches from Little Rock Conference Program Council, 715 Center, Little Rock 72201. Filmstrip, recording, script, approximately 20 minutes.

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GUIDANCE

Rock area pilot project we are currently working with volunteer counselors and their youth from the training schools. We will need more volunteers for a new training group soon.

We hope you will help us to fulfill this ministry of Christ "to seek and to save that which is lost." You can help to save young lives in trouble by sending a membership contribution of \$2, \$5 or more to the Arkansas Guidance Foundation, P. O. Box 2118, Little Rock, Ark. 72203.

Arkansans attend World WCTU Convention

Fifteen Arkansans were among the 1500 who attended the World Convention of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union at the Pick Congress Hotel in Chicago, July 28-August 4, according to Mrs. Mildred Wilkerson, editor of the Arkansas White Ribboner.

The Arkansas group were: Adults: Mrs. Gladys Nelson, Mrs. Mildred Kampbell and Mrs. Wilkerson of Little Rock; Mrs. Ruth Hughes, West Memphis; and Miss Glendolyn Ticknor, Miss Minnie Scott and Mr. and Mrs. Lones O'Daniels, Batesville; Young people: Earl Hughes, West Memphis; and Sherry, Sherlene and Philip O'Daniels, Dana McCoy, Sharon Harper and Cecille Barris of Batesville.

New officers elected were; President: Mrs. H. Cecil Heath, England; vice president; Mrs. Fred J. Tooze, U.S.A.; corresponding secretary; Mrs. D. J. S. Sutton, England; treasurer; Mrs. Herman Stanley, U.S.A.; and recording secretary: Mrs. Blanche Herman, South Africa.

A significant statistic about the convention is that more than one-third of those attending were young people who came from 25 states and seven other

countries.

Leadership training classes in Spanish were conducted each morning during the convention, except Sunday, to give information and share in the strategy for continuing growth of the organization in Spanish-speaking countries.

Mrs. Fred J. Tooze told the meeting that Treasury Department statistics show that total consumption of liquor, wine and beer in the United States in 1970 was 4,399,000,000 gallons at a cost of \$22,425,000,000. "On the basis of these figures the American drinking public spends \$2,571,347 per hour, 24 hours a day for alcoholic beverages."

Mrs. Edith Stanley reported that Internal Revenue Service figures show a total of 418,231 retail liquor licenses have been issued in the United States which indicates a liquor outlet for every 196 people who drink.

Business sessions of the convention were interspersed with musical numbers and with folk lore presentations by various delegations including those from Switzerland, the British Isles, Mexico, Scandinavia and the United States.

Black community developers speak concerning communications needs

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — A group of black community developers in the United Methodist Church recently took action on what they consider the exclusionary process for minorities in the communications industry at a meeting here.

The group of more than 100 persons approved a resolution calling for the Federal Communications Commission to adopt rules and regulations for cable television that would "ascertain community needs, wants, and interests. Provision should then be made for these needs to be met on a continuing and regular basis." The resolution asked that the FCC implement special economic assistance to enable participation by black and minority entrepreneurship in CATV.

Earlier in the meeting the Rev. Dr. Negail R. Riley, New York, executive secretary of the Department of Urban Ministries in the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions, said, "the history of religion in black America is a history of the development of black power. Religion in black America is a segregated religion. The black church has traditionally been the one institution in which the black American could exercise his own abilities. He owns it and he controls it. That's black power."

Dr. Riley concluded that "perhaps Arnold Toynbee, the historian, is right when he indicates that the survival of the entire Christian church in the USA is dependent on the power of the black church to infuse new life and honesty into it.

The community developers explored the role of other media in addition to cable television in community development. Peter L. Francis, staff producer for the denomination's Division of Television, Radio and Film Communication (TRAFICO) and specialist in minority broadcast issues, directed the

communications program.

Leading the group of discussions and workshops were Dr. Riley, the Rev. John W. Coleman, New York, field representative, and five regional coordinators.

The Quadrennial Emphasis Black Community Developers Program, conceived and directed by Dr. Riley in 1969 with a pilot program for eight community developers, now has a nationwide network of 45 developers and 45 local supervising pastors. The developers serve on the staffs of traditionally black churches in rural and urban minority ghetto areas. The program functions under a 12-member Policy Committee.

A REPORT FROM BATESVILLE DISTRICT LAYMEN'S MEETING

The Batesville District Lay Leaders met recently at Kelly's Restaurant, in Batesville to go over plans for the year. Present at the meeting were the Rev. Floyd Villines, District Superintendent; Marvin Gaither, District Lay Leader, and the Associate Lay Leaders present were: Richard Cole, Mountain Home; Clyde McGinnis, Batesville; Howard Johnson, Clinton; Warren Cadenbach, Salem; Orval Devore, Beebe; and O. F. Huson, representing Oscar Patchell, Heber Springs.

Some of the things discussed were: Layman's Assembly, August 7 and 8; Layman's Day, October 10 with a Lay speaker in every church in the district if possible; District Layman's Retreat; September 11 and 12 at Camp Kaetzell; organize and build Men's Clubs; Lay Visitation in local Churches; get young people involved; Lay Witness Missions; pension fund; Lay representation at Annual Conference; camping program; and Lay Speaking Schools.

—Marvin Gaither, District Lay Leader

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THE CHALLENGE OF CONTINUING EDUCATION

Among the many encouraging signs within today's Christian community, one which stands out is the vital force which is made up of a wide variety of confrontations and training opportunities under the general heading of "continuing education." Ministers and laymen are being challenged to budget their time to allow for serious intellectual and spiritual explorations to strengthen their Christian witness in today's complex world. It is our observation that an increasing number of persons are realizing that yesterday's knowledge and yesterday's skills will not suffice for today's Christian witness.

We have been prompted to comment on this subject by a number of announcements now on our desk relating to training enterprises of this nature. Here is an annual conference laymen's retreat which includes in its program a number of in-depth studies of serious theological questions as well as an opportunity for professional leadership in human resources development.

Another folder tells of an opportunity for ministers and laymen to participate in a training session for leadership in human resources development. Some of our readers will be interested in seeking this more advanced training in this exciting new science. We are reminded that none of the wastes of our time are as tragic as those which are related to human resources. This is a real stewardship opportunity and we hope a number of our ministers and laymen will avail themselves of it.

We are looking now at the program for "An Institute on Modern Religious Communication Dilemmas" to be held in November at Syracuse University. Its stated purpose is "to enable professional religious communicators to get away from the nuts and bolts of everyday operations to (1) consider the 'why' of doing things the way they do them; (2) evaluate traditional and new media with a view of making intelligent selection for effective communication; and (3) deal with

the complex attitudinal, social, financial and institutional problems common to religious communicators in a changing society." This editor is giving serious consideration to becoming a part of this opportunity for his continuing education.

Just a few weeks ahead of us are the Pastors' Schools available to the two areas in which our readers are located. These annual events have grown in the quality of education they offer, and the 1971 programs deserve the full support and the participation of our ministers.

Our two theological schools in the South Central Jurisdiction are actively engaged in programs of continuing education, and the centers located on their campuses are attracting an increasing number of ministers and laymen. However, these opportunities are not restricted to those who find the time to get to the centers. They have been extended into the field with a number of ministers and laymen taking part in study groups closer to home, utilizing the guidance and the leadership provided by the seminaries.

In the light of all these enterprises, and many more, it seems to us that some things need to be said concerning the movement for continuing education as it relates to the church.

First, there is an increasing awareness of need. None of us is going to pay the price of participation in such a program unless there is a real conviction that

the tasks confronting us demand resources we do not now have. The problems around us are truly complex, and yesterday's preparation needs up-dating.

Next, members of local congregations need to be made aware of the opportunities that are available. If your minister is made to feel that you are truly behind him in helping him plan for his continuing education, then he will begin to involve himself in such programs for growth. Local churches should follow the example of the educational institutions and the boards and agencies of the denomination who are insisting that their personnel take time off for study, research and travel.

Finally, if you are concerned about encouraging your minister to participate in a program of continuing education, then you will need to think about helping him bear the cost. Not only should you help him find time that is not charged against his vacation, but some provision will also need to be made to undergird the financial support for his participation. We are encouraged to see that more and more local churches are including funds for the continuing education of their ministers in their budgets. Has your church made such a move? It should.

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INSPIRING MOMENTS WITH THE ASTRONAUTS

From blast-off to splashdown the voyage of Apollo 15 to the moon and back has captivated this editor's imagination and motivated him to sing again the praises of all the persons who make up the team that makes such a flight possible.

For three days Astronauts Scott and Irwin made their homes on the surface of the Moon while their companion, Alfred Worden, made geological discoveries from the orbiting Endeavor which could be as useful as the rocks picked up from the lunar surface in determining the age of the Moon and the rest of the Universe.

Each of us registers different reactions to lunar exploration, but the prime emotion this writer has had during the entire flight of Apollo 15 is that of admiration for the over-all organization and teamwork of the thousands who had a part in sending them out and bringing them back.

On a number of occasions slight irregularities developed aboard the spacecraft, and each time satisfactory solutions came back from the ground, preventing mechanical irritations from becoming major tragedies. I hope that someday I may have the privilege of a period of briefing at the Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston so that I may have better comprehension how problems like these are so effectively worked out on the ground.

We continue to read of those who feel that the probes of space and the landings on the moon are incongruous because of the unanswered questions and unsolved problems of the earth. This writer is one who feels that the doors to the solution of the latter problems will be opened in part by the findings of space travel. Some suggest it is too expensive a way to solve our problems, but only history will be able to judge this.

All things change, creeds and philosophies and outward systems—but God remains.—Mary Augusta Ward

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OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Major crimes during a one-year period ending June 30 dropped in the nation's capital for the first time in 15 years by 18.7 per cent. City authorities give as the reason for the reversal of what was a steadily increasing crime rate the expansion of the police force, court reorganization, better narcotics treatment programs, modernized police communications, better downtown lighting, improved police-community relations programs, and better mobilization of policemen.

Father Francis Fleming, a prominent Minneapolis Roman Catholic priest, says he is concerned by the recent disclosure of classified information "by persons in positions of trust." "It is not just because of the possible harm of our national security it may bring, but rather the public acceptance of loose treatment given confidential information," he said. Writing in the parish bulletin, Fleming charged that the "light attitude toward confidentiality" is "related to the 'openness' and 'talk syndromes' which are currently sweeping the nation."

As the 10-day Billy Graham Crusade in Oakland, Calif. progressed a Religious News Service report said that during the first five days youths under 25 made up 75 to 80 per cent of the audience. The evangelist said the 8,700 "decisions for Christ" represented the largest response ever received in a corresponding period of a crusade.

Christians engaged in programs to help develop poor nations should realize that "scattered efforts" are useless, according to a committee of the United Church of Christ in the Congo. The Church's Nat'l. Development Committee appealed to agencies giving funds to "abandon the system of helping project by project, which no longer corresponds to the needs of coordinated and planned work." The statement made clear that the ECC does not welcome development aid with strings attached. The committee served notice that the ECC will no longer propose to Western donors projects which might have "donor appeal" but would not serve the over-all needs of the Congolese people.

The Bd. of World Missions of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) decided at a meeting at Montreat, N.C. to include more young people and missionaries in its decision-making process. Four youths, two of whom will be non-white, and four missionaries on furlough will be invited to all future meetings. They will have the right to vote and speak in committee sessions and to speak, but not vote, in plenary meetings.

America is facing some difficult ethical decisions because it can no longer count on unlimited economic growth, according to Professor Roger L. Shinn who holds the Reinhold Niebuhr chair in social ethics at Union Theological Seminary in New York. He said the traditional U.S. answer to poverty was that everyone was going to be richer because of the nation's continually growing economy. But ecological limits no longer make this possible, he said, citing as an example the inability of companies in the N.Y. and New England to provide necessary electrical power.

The National Assembly of Portugal has approved a draft bill guaranteeing religious freedom to all "state-recognized" religions. For a religious denomination to qualify for recognition by the state its leader must be able to furnish proof that it has at least 500 adherents, resident in the country. The new law specifically forbids religious discrimination in employment or career assignments.

Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, predicts that the "organized church" in Britain will disappear within 40 years if the present trend of the "accelerating decrease" in church membership continues. Expressing this view in *The Christian Citizen* he went on to say "The believer must go on to ask what God is saying to and requiring of His people through an era of apparent failure." Discussing whether the church's mission of proclamation should be replaced by "dialogue," Dr. Greet warned: "There is nothing automatic about the survival of the church. If a car manufacturer stops making cars, the firm goes out of business. If the Church ceases to be the instrument for making Christians, it disappears."

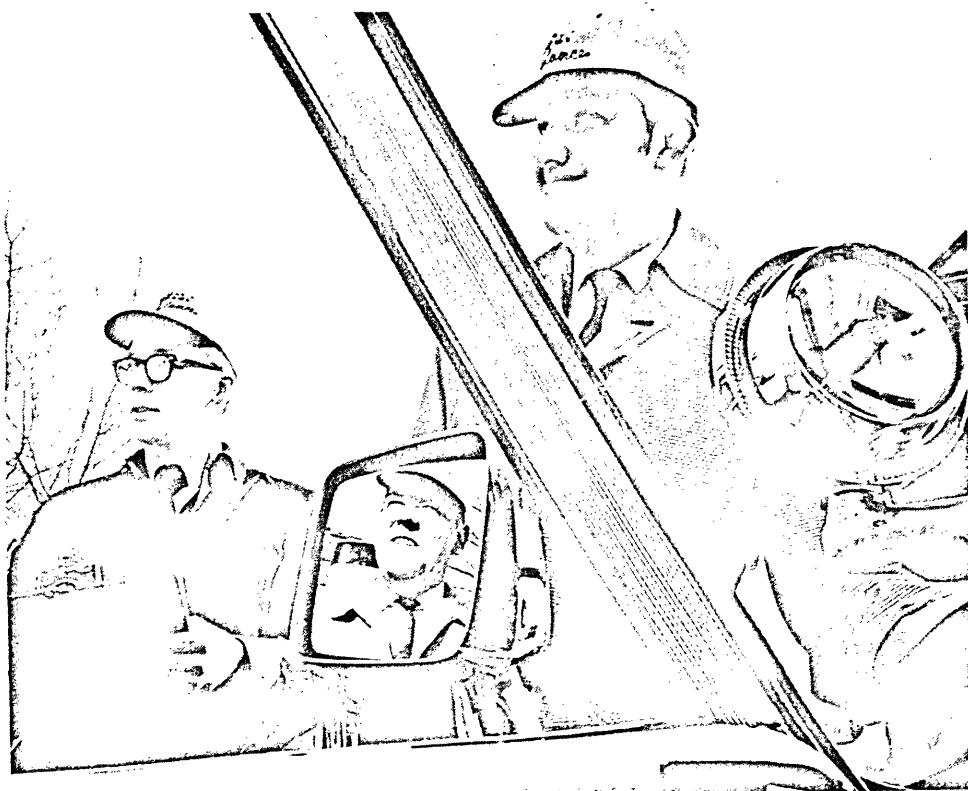
A recent survey of the Presbyterian Church, U.S. (Southern) shows that 45 percent of communicant members participating would like their ministers to preach a "children's sermon" on Sunday morning. However, the study indicated that the children's sermon was supported by only about 18 per cent of Southern Presbyterian pastors, directors of Christian education and board and agency staff, and by only 4 per cent of the middle judiciary. The board interpreted the high acceptance of children's sermons by members as an indication that they "desire those things which will help their children become a part of the worshipping community."

The Pavilion Room of the plush Fairmont Hotel in Dallas, Tex. is reported to have a new look on Sunday mornings. It is the meeting place for a new Contemporary Sunday School for Swinging Singles (chiefly the 18-to-40 "apartment set"). Ron Hall, organizer of the venture, said "We're not trying to do away with church structures, but maybe we can be a stepping stone between the 'swinging singles' who have a hangup on church and the church itself." The program is non-denominational and ends in time for those who wish to attend 11 a.m. worship services.

Retired Roman Catholic Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen preached before 3,000 worshippers in famed Marble Collegiate Church in New York recently. He was introduced by the taped voice of the church's famed pastor, Dr. Norman Vincent Peale, who was vacationing in Europe. He preached on the theme "Jesus Christ: Stand-in for Sin."

Congressman Jerome R. Waldie (Calif.) inserted in the Congressional Record a commendation of 71 teenagers from a church in his state for their altruistic efforts in behalf of the "Christian Hacienda Project." The young people, sponsored by the Orinda Community Church and local civic groups, worked at an orphanage in Tijuana, Mexico. In addition to bringing to the 72 orphans Spanish dialogue stories in film and on tape, the young people also helped erect an additional bank building and laid foundations for a new tools-instruction center for older boys at the home. Hikes with the children to a nearby ocean beach were also part of the week-long project. Waldie said the "idealistic act by young Americans will do more to improve relations with Mexico than any governmental act I can conceive."

(RNS Photo)



BIRDSBORO, Pa. — When the Birdsboro, Pa., ambulance rolls on a call, chances are good that the driver will be a clergyman. Three of the community's ministers have been volunteer ambulance drivers for almost a year. The three "holy rollers" — the Rev. C. David Godshall (left), pastor of St. Mark's Lutheran church; the Rev. Allen R. Beistline (reflected in rearview mirror), pastor of Christ United Methodist Church; and the Rev. James A. Killian, pastor of St. Paul's United Church of Christ — decided to volunteer for ambulance duty when they learned that there weren't enough volunteers in the daytime to man the borough's two ambulances. The ministers, who took first aid courses to qualify as drivers, don't go about their ambulance duties the same way they go about their ministries. "At that point, I'm an ambulance driver only," explains Mr. Godshall. On call during the daytime, Birdsboro's three minister-ambulance drivers average anywhere from four to 10 calls per month individually.

SALEM CAMP MEETING

The 117th annual Salem Camp Meeting will begin at 7:30 P.M., Friday, August 13th and will continue through Sunday, August 15th. Charles Stuck, Methodist Layman, is the Evangelist. Dean Brown is the song leader with Mrs. Paula Weger, pianist. Services will begin at 11:00 a.m. and at 7:30 p.m. each day. The youth meetings will begin at 6:30 p.m.

The Rev. R. T. Ludden, chaplain at Ark. Enterprises for the Blind will preach the Homecoming sermon at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 15, and the Rev. Carl Diffie, pastor of the New Hope United Methodist Church, Benton, will preach the Memorial Sermon at 3:00 p.m., Sunday, August 22.

The Rev. Don Williams is the host pastor. John Pelton, Jr., is President of the Salem Camp Ground Assn.

Campers are invited to bring their campers and spend the week with us.

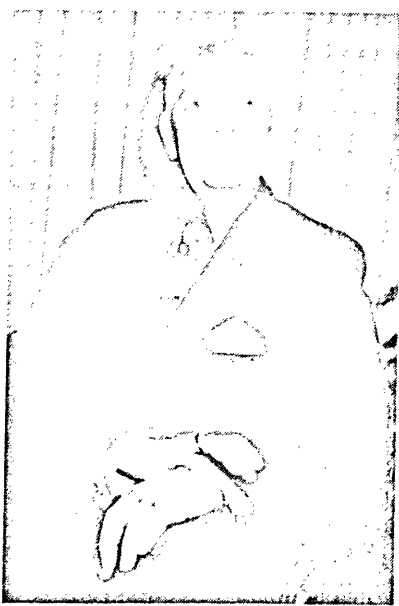
The Salem Camp Meeting dates its beginning from 1853, but a Rev. Scott in 1893 stated that he was converted at the Salem Camp meeting in 1837. So actually the Camp meeting was started before that date.

—John W. Newsam, chairman, Publicity Committee

KEITH UNITED METHODIST Church of Malvern will have Open House at the Parsonage from 2-4 p.m., Sunday, August 15. Mrs. J. C. Nuesch is chairman of the Parsonage Committee. Former pastors and everyone are invited. The Rev. Charlie Mashburn is the pastor.

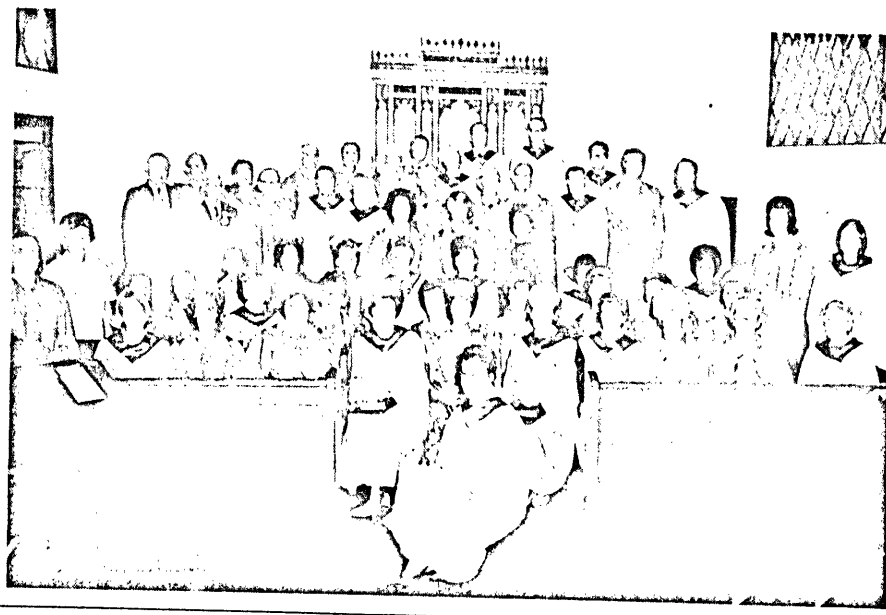
DR. WILLIAM HUGH MOCK

Dr. William Hugh Mock, who died July 18, was known throughout North Arkansas Methodism, having represented Prairie Grove United Methodist Church many years. He died six days before his 97th birthday.



He was a long-time trustee of his local church, playing a large part in the development of the church plant in 1957 and again in 1966. He also served for many years as a Fayetteville District trustee and was chairman of the District Parsonage Committee when the present district parsonage was built. He personally assisted many churches in the Fayetteville District and many low income ministers.

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LEFT: Fifty-four voices participated in special Choir Homecoming Sunday services at First United Methodist Church in West Memphis, July 25. All former members of the Chancel Choir were invited back to sing in the special service. One of the special guests for the Homecoming was the Rev. I. L. Claud, Sr., who in 1933 was the first pastor at the organization of the church. At the noon hour, more than 150 persons attended a Choir Appreciation Dinner. Mrs. Raymond Hinkley is director of the Chancel Choir, and Mrs. Milton Beck serves as organist. Dr. Clint Burleson is the pastor.

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MRS. CHARLES W. LESTER

Lennie Elizabeth Hester, daughter of Eli and Mary Ware Hester, was born in Heard County, Georgia, on Feb. 3, 1881. When she was quite young, her parents moved to Arkansas and settled on a farm near Greenwood where she spent her childhood and adolescent years.

After finishing her schooling in Ft. Smith, she attended Galloway College, then was married on Dec. 9, 1902, to the Rev. Charles Wesley Lester, a young Methodist minister, whom she had known since her early girlhood.

Their first appointment was Brinkley, Arkansas. Then for nearly forty-eight more years she gave loyal and devoted service to the appointments which they both served. Most of this time was spent in the North Arkansas Conference, but in 1938 they moved to Oklahoma where they spent ten enjoyable years, serving two pastorates there.

Upon her husband's retirement in 1948, they moved to California where he served as associate minister at First Church, Santa Monica. This appointment was a specially happy one for both of them as it enabled them to be together while making church visits and hospital calls.

After her husband's death in 1950, she continued to make California her home for a number of years until her physical condition became such that she returned to Arkansas to live with one of her sons. Later, while on a visit to California, she suffered an injury from which she never fully recovered and consequently spent the last two years of her life in a hospital in Riverside, California, where she died on July 3, 1971.

Mrs. Lester deeply loved her home, her family and her church. Five sons were born into their parsonage homes, two of whom survive their mother, Arthur E. Lester of Riverside, California, and Warren E. Lester, Louisville, Kentucky. In addition, she is survived by five grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in the Chapel of the Chimes, Inglewood Park Cemetery, Inglewood, California, on July 7, 1971, followed by interment in Inglewood Park Cemetery next to her husband.

—Vernon Paysinger

MRS. MINNIE WEBB HOOK

Mrs. Minnie Webb Hook died in Fayetteville on August 5, and a Memorial Service was conducted for her on August 7 in Central United Methodist Church, Fayetteville, by Dr. Joel A. Cooper and the Rev. Victor Nixon.

She was born not far from Fayetteville, and as a Methodist deaconess she served for 25 years in a number of capacities for the church. These positions included superintendent of missions in Huntington, W. Va., superintendent of rural workers in Magnolia, Ark. and as a teacher in Phoenix, Ariz. She worked at Wesley House in San Antonio, Tex. and at Bethlehem Center in Nashville, Tenn.

She was married twice, both times to Methodist ministers. First, to the Rev. Edward Forrest and later to the Rev. Elmer H. Hook. After Mr. Hook's death, she went to El Paso, Tex. where she worked at Lydia Patterson Institute as an assistant to the president, remaining there until a massive stroke disabled her.

In his message at the Memorial Service, Dr. Cooper read from a number of letters written by Mrs. Hook's former pastors as a part of a 1970 recognition by the Women's Society of Christian Service of Central United Methodist Church, and paid personal tribute to the inspiration she had provided for his life and work.

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of the larger hospitals and had numerous offers to stay on their staffs, but he preferred to return to serve his own people.

Recognition in his profession included serving as president of the county, district and state medical associations; vice-president of the Frisco Railway Surgeons Association, chief surgeon of the O.C.C. Railway Co.; a member of the State Board of Medical Examiners for eight years; and member of the Medical Council. He served as a consulting surgeon for the Veterans Hospital at Fayetteville. He served as governor of the College of Surgeons, and was twice delegate from Arkansas to the American Medical Association.

He was to have received an award from the American Medical Association for being one of its three oldest members but died before the award was made.

He was born south of Prairie Grove, July 24, 1874, on a farm located in a valley on the Fort Smith-Van Buren road. His father was John Mock, born near Knoxville, Tenn., and his mother was Margaret Elizabeth Rogers of South Carolina.

The funeral service was held July 20 in the Prairie Grove United Methodist Church with the Rev. Vernon Paysinger, the pastor, the Rev. Dewey Dark, a former pastor, and Dr. Raymond L. Franks, Fayetteville District Superintendent, participating.

Memorials are being made to the local church and to the Lions Club. The first for a prayer room, and the latter for Arkansas Enterprises for the Blind.

He served as local and district lay leader and was a commissioner of the Methodist Children's Home in Little Rock and a trustee of the Methodist Nursing Home in Ft. Smith.

Dr. Mock's early education took place in a country school made of logs and floored with slabs. He attended the University of Arkansas, Vanderbilt University, from which he received his M.D. degree in 1894, and the University of Nashville. Other degrees and honors included: P.H.G., F.A.C.S., F.I.C.S., S.S.C., and Diplomat of The International Board of Surgeons.

He was well aware of change and was willing to change with the times. So, he knew no generation gap and those with whom he associated did not feel any gap existing.

He was president of the school board that built the first important public school structure in the district. As chairman of the Street Committee, he promoted the first concrete walks in Prairie Grove more than 50 years ago. He helped secure the first electric power for his city, and was chairman of the Board of Commissioners that brought the water system into the city, donating much of the property that was needed.

He was active in the Lions Club, was a 32nd degree Mason, advancing to the K.C.C.H. degree, and a Shriner. He was very active in the Washington County Historical Society.

In an earlier day he operated a 30-bed hospital, doing much of the surgery himself. His patients covered a large part of Northwest Arkansas and East Oklahoma. Dr. Mock looked with pride on the manner in which he served his people. He trained in some

NEWS and NOTES

HOLIDAY HILLS United Methodist Church has a good York heating plant that it will give to any church that will haul it away. It gave good service heating, according to the Rev. Tom Cowan, but an air-conditioning system could not be installed through it. Holiday Hills has just installed a new central heating and air-conditioning system.

THE REV. LEONARD BYERS, pastor of First United Methodist Church in Marianna, was the evangelist in a revival held at the McElroy Church near Wynne, July 25-30. Reginald Lee was the song director and Mrs. Lee was the pianist. The Rev. Warren D. Golden is pastor of the Wynne and McElroy Churches.

THE MANILA United Methodist Church recently organized a men's club. The following officers were elected: J. B. Brown, president; Herbert Adkins, vice-president; Tommy Towles, treasurer; Cohen Brooks, food chairman; W. L. Woodruff, Wendall Dorman and Joe Hornberger, attendance committee. The Rev. Wendell Dorman is the Manila pastor.

THE REV. CURTIS WILLIAMS of Benton was the guest preacher at St. Paul United Methodist Church, El Dorado, on July 11. The St. Paul congregation heard the Rev. Larry Guin, pastor of St. Andrew Presbyterian Church, on July 4. The Rev. F. Gladwin Connell, pastor, was on vacation.

MONTICELLO FIRST UNITED Methodist Church hosted a group of youth from Christ United Methodist Church, Louisville, Kentucky, from July 28 to August 1. They participated in various study sessions in "Jesus Christ Superstar" and spent many hours in Christian sharing. The week was terminated with a worship service led by the youth on Sunday morning. Clif Christopher is director of youth and the Rev. Bill Elliott is minister.

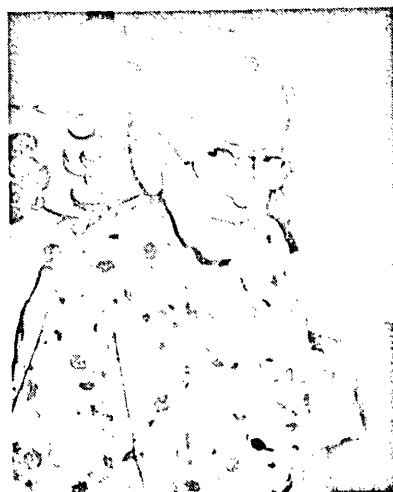
OAKLAWN UNITED METHODIST Church of Hot Springs hosted the "Laos Jesou" and other members of the Alta Woods United Methodist Church Youth Choir from Jackson, Mississippi, on a weekend in July. This group was made up of 53 youths and 7 counselors, all of whom stayed in the homes of Oaklawn Church members. The Alta Woods Choir presented "Natural High," a folk musical about God's Son on Saturday night. At the Sunday morning service they sang selected songs of today and shared their witness for Christ with the congregation. Kay Gandy is the Oaklawn youth director; the Rev. Fred Arnold is pastor.

MRS. WILSON CELEBRATES 107TH BIRTHDAY

Mrs. Josie Wilson welcomed friends to help celebrate her 107th birthday on August 2, 1971. She lives at 1507 Ridgepark Road, Harrison, Arkansas, and has been a lifelong resident of Carroll and Boone Counties. She is a member of the First United Methodist Church of Harrison.

Ninety friends dropped by in the afternoon to see her and at 5 p.m., 20 youths from the First United Methodist Church, accompanied by their youth worker, Mrs. Peggy Nabors and the pastor, the Rev. John M. McCormack, went by to see her. They joined in singing "Happy Birthday to You Mother Wilson" and "Blest Be the tie That Binds." Jimmy Roomsburg read the scripture and the pastor led the prayer. Mrs. Wilson was able to join in this worship. She shook hands with the group and as they were getting ready to leave she said: "I am so happy to have you come to see me. I sure would like to be a part of a gang like that."

Mrs. Wilson sees, hears, talks and has a radiance about her that blesses



Mrs. Josie Wilson

all who visit with her. Her husband died many years back and about nine years ago her only son died. She is cared for in her beautiful home by Mrs. Pauline Irwin, who for the past nine years has lived with her giving to her loving Christian care. Mrs. Wilson said to the pastor: "I love life. I like to live and I hold love in my heart for my church and all people."

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. 15—Sunday	Luke 13:11-17
Aug. 16	Luke 14:1-6
Aug. 17	Luke 17:11-19
Aug. 18	John 2:1-11
Aug. 19	John 4:46-51
Aug. 20	John 11:38-44
Aug. 21	John 21:1-14
Aug. 22—Sunday	Acts 12:7-11

DAVID BENTLEY has been serving as youth worker in the Highland Church at Little Rock this



summer. He is a member of Markham Church, graduated Hall High, has been attending Arkansas State University at Jonesboro, and is very active in the Youth Witness Mission pro-

grams. The summer program at Highland has placed emphasis upon personal spiritual development. Girls from the Methodist Children's Home have been incorporated into the fellowship. As a climax, 40 young people and counselors chartered a bus to Dallas this week. The Highland minister is the Rev. Bryan Stephens.

THE REV. TOM ABNEY, new Wesley Foundation director at Monticello, was the guest speaker during Youth Activity Week held in First Church, Crossett, August 1-7. The week was climaxed with an overnight at Monroe, Louisiana, to attend the Lay Renewal Conference. An overnight at the church, a sunrise worship service, and a barge party were also features of the week. The Rev. Ferris Norton is the Crossett pastor.

HUNTSVILLE AND PRESLEY Chapel Churches each gave a reception and "pounding" this summer for their new pastor and wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Lindsey Roland.

CONWAY FIRST CHURCH youth presented excerpts of "Jesus Christ, Superstar" in the chapel on Wednesday night, August 4. Discussion followed concerning the characters and events surrounding Jesus. The Rev. Bill Williams is minister to youth at Conway, First Church. The Rev. Ben Jordan is senior minister.

WYATT MEMORIAL CHURCH of Fort Smith held vacation church school the week of July 12-16. Approximately 60 children were in attendance. Garry Parker and wife, missionaries to Indonesia, were special guests one day. Elaine Curtis and Edna Labahn were coordinators. The Rev. Tom Weir is pastor.

BEN FEW CAMP MEETING, AUGUST 13-22

The Rev. William B. Elliott will be the evangelist during the annual encampment at Ben Few Camp Ground, August 13-22, at the camp site two miles west of Princeton.



Elliott

Mr. Elliott is pastor of First United Methodist Church in Monticello. He has also been pastor of Wesley Church in Pine Bluff, and served some years as associate program director of the Little Rock Conference.

Other speakers to appear on the program during the encampment include the following: Dr. Fred R. Harrison of Malvern, the Rev. John Walker of Pine Bluff, and the Rev. Don Nolley of Magnolia.

Host pastor for the ten days will be the Rev. Albert Elder, pastor of the Sparkman United Methodist Church. He will also be in charge of the youth program. Mrs. Gene Breazeale of Sparkman will be the pianist.

Mrs. Jack McGuire of Pine Bluff and Mrs. Allen McGuire of Malvern are co-chairmen in charge of planning and arrangements.

THE OAK GROVE U.M. Church, Springhill Charge, Hope District, presented the pastor, the Rev. Connie Robbins, and wife with an old-fashioned pounding, July 16.

J. ELMER BERRY filled the pulpit at Des Arc on Sunday, July 18, and Tom E. Fisher was in the pulpit at New Bethel Church the same day. The pastor, the Rev. Bennie G. Ruth, was with the church youth on a trip to the Ozarks. Mr. Berry and Mr. Fisher are certified lay speakers and lay leaders of the Des Arc Church.

YOUTH ENCOUNTER AT WYNNE

First United Methodist of Wynne will have a Youth Encounter Weekend August 13, 14 and 15. Bob Gates of Jonesboro will be the coordinator. George Owens is the local director. Youth from surrounding churches are invited to join the local youth in the scheduled activities. The Rev. Warren Golden is the Wynne pastor; Mrs. Emily Cockrill is education assistant.

LITERACY WORKSHOP AT CORNING, AUGUST 10-12

A workshop to train tutors for the Laubach "Each One, Teach One" literacy program is being held this week for anyone in the area, sponsored by the Corning Women's Society of Christian Service.

Mrs. W. B. Wood of Parkin is teaching the classes from 9:30-2:30, August 10, 11 and 12.

JERRY WESTMORELAND, associate pastor of First Church, Hope, was the evangelist in revival services held July 18-21 at Oak Grove Church, Springhill Charge. The Rev. Connie A. Robbins was host pastor.

GREEN FOREST United Methodist Church completed a five-day vacation church school on July 30 with the largest enrollment in several years. The 55 pupils had 10 teachers and helpers. A special program was given on Friday night for parents, followed by a social hour and visitation to the classrooms. Mrs. Bill Yarbrough was coordinator for the school. The Rev. S. Woodrow Woods is pastor.

WORLD METHODIST WOMEN WILL GET STATUS REPORT

NEW YORK (UMI)—Reports from all continents to the World Federation of Methodist Women reveal that the status of women in church and society, spiritual growth, peace, and social justice have been the predominating concerns of organized units in the past five years.

Progress reports from nearly sixty countries from Argentina to Yugoslavia show continuing activities for women and children, including home economics training, family-planning, child care, education and health. But the role of women in social and political change, and support for the United Nations and international understanding receive a larger share of attention than in earlier reports to the world women's organization.

"Another trend is the concern for Christian unity and the role of women in autonomous churches. In a number of countries the Methodist church has either joined in church unions or become autonomous," Mrs. A. B. Pfeiffer, Aurora, Ill., treasurer of the world organization observes.

The complete report will be issued at the quinquennial Assembly of the World Federation of Methodist Women to be held at the Loretto Heights College, Denver, Colo. August 12-16. The reports will also be given verbally by area presidents from North America, Latin America, South and East Africa, West Africa, East Asia, West Asia, Australasia, Europe and the United Kingdom.

Cuban Women

"If anyone was prepared to live in this Revolution, it was the Christian," the president of the Women's Society of Christian Service told Miss Joyce Hill, a recent visitor to Cuba. Hospital visitation with no overt evangelistic activity is "a gentle proof of Christian presence in the world today," the Cuban report said, adding that another important role which Cuban Christian women have played in the revolution is doing exemplary work in their places of employment: laboratories, classrooms and offices. "This is done without involvement in the political activities." Ordained women have increased responsibilities in the new Cuba because many men pastors left at the time of the Revolution, the report said.

The Latin America area report observes: "Women are afraid of rapid changes. We know we are told 'Christians must not be afraid to meet God's challenge to humanity,' but it has come all of a sudden, in some places with a burst of violence; it has come to remove the family's solid foundations. That makes them feel lost." the report described a variety of methods of helping women to face the challenge of change, including the opening of schools in church buildings and the use of mass media and of music as a "multitude moving medium."

From Mexico came a report which described voluntary work done by women in hospitals, homes, slums, jails, institutions for the mentally ill. But it added, "To awaken women to take part in politics and social questions, to claim their rights (is difficult) because it has been an old practice for Christians to stand aside from

any national problems."

Many groups are changing their structure and methods, Argentina reports. "For years we have been using a traditional rigid way or working that nowadays is completely obsolete. It doesn't fulfill the needs of a changing society. Now the meetings are open to all women of the church—not just the society—and instead of the old weekly meetings, new work teams centering on different issues have been created."

Some groups report drops in income and membership, but Uruguay says that despite this "we have gained in more work done in all the churches. We feel we are more responsible and better prepared to get things done." Uruguay points out that two-thirds of total Methodist membership in that country is among women.

Fighting Prejudice

In Rhodesia, work is being done by Methodist women to bridge racial barriers and to bring real understanding of one race for another in racially divided South Africa where there are white, African (black), and coloured groups of women. At the last world Assembly in London in 1966, one of the South African delegates described a dream she and others had for an ecumenical center. Today this center exists under the care of an African Methodist pastor and his wife.

The World Day of Prayer is a big ecumenical event in all countries. Congo reports: "Every year we have World Prayer (World Day of Prayer). We send the money we collect to other countries where there is need. In 1970 and 1971 we sent to Botswana to help in building a school for girls there."

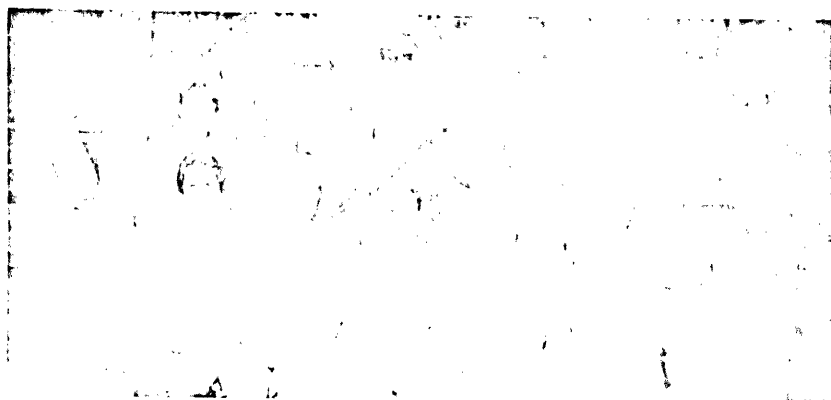
Ghana reports the Woman's Fellowship there is celebrating its fortieth anniversary and the preparation began when members decided to get a "cloth." "It is the usual custom in Ghana for all the people involved to make their uniform from a specially designed cloth." The Ghana group chose the World Federation of Methodist Women's symbol, the Tree of Life, as the central motif. Designed and printed in that country, some 72,000 yards of the material were sold. With the money from the sale, women made a donation to a mission church in Northern Ghana where Methodists are evangelizing pagans.

Pestilence, war and earthquake are among the problems the women have had to cope with, along with more mundane matters like the lack of interest of younger women. "Nigeria particularly suffered from disruption because of internal strife," says a report.

From the Board of Women of the United Church of Canada comes a report which says they have been concerned about grape pickers in the southern United States, Canadian Indians and their increasing place in society, poverty, abortion, community development and many other issues.

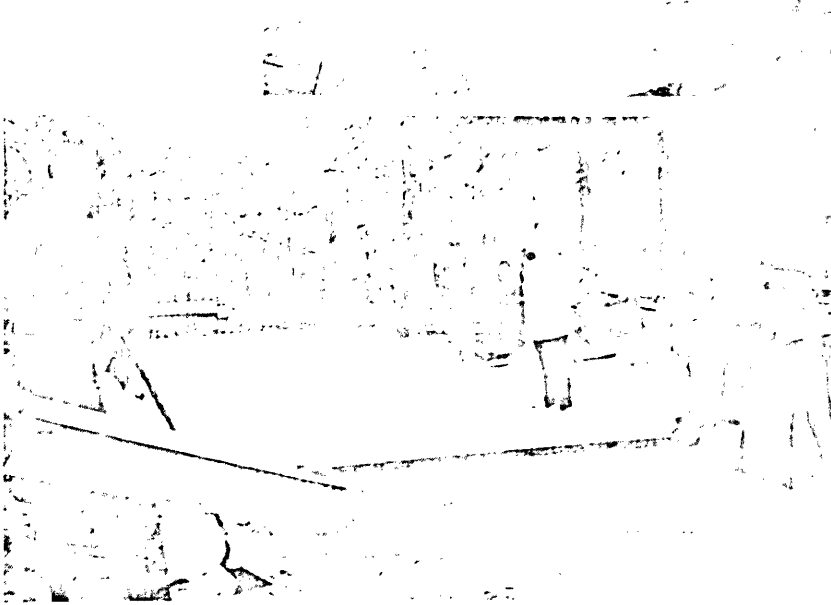
Continuing strong support of mission activity at home and abroad is reported by U.S. units—African Methodist, Africal Methodist Episcopal Zion, Christian Methodist Episcopal and United Methodist. The Women's Home and Foreign Missionary Society of the AME Zion Church tells of a housing program called "Turnkey" III which makes home ownership possible for many who could never have achieved it.

Aldersgate Camp Gateways



Doris Fair, back row, left, former church and community worker for the Hot Springs area, brought a group of young people from Ashland City, Tenn., to Aldersgate where they spent a week in a "workcamp," repairing and building to keep the camp grounds in shape. Since leaving Hot Springs, Miss Fair has earned the degree of Master of Arts in Church and Community at Scarritt College and has been ordained. Her present appointment is to Semanac Parish Church and Community Work in the Tennessee Conference.

After laying the foundation for a shuffleboard court, the workcampers from Ashland City work fast to distribute and smooth the fresh cement.



Christians a Minority

Asian Christian women are more conscious of the church and of social problems, a report from that area states. Rural women are often the leading groups of the church.

What it means to be a minority in non-Christian society is described in the report from Indonesia which tells that Christians are 10 per cent of the 120 million population. The Korean Women's Society of nearly 40,000 women and girls is approaching its seventieth anniversary. From 1919 to 1950 nine missionaries were sent to North and East Manchuria, Siberia and Osaka.

From India comes a story of "Adult Literacy Work," the principal emphasis of the five year period. A conference in Fiji which brought women of Australasia together was one of the major events of the past five years in the Pacific area. The correspondent from New Zealand describes the growth in understanding between the

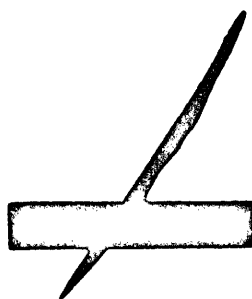
European and Maori, aboriginal women of the Methodist Church.

European member units report the development of ecumenical ties and the support of World Day of Prayer and May Fellowship Day. Norway has intensified the work of informing women about developing countries. From Africa to Europe the problems of drug addiction and the loss of identity involving secularized societies were mentioned as problems. Norway is dealing with alcohol, family and drug problems. Sweden lists "loneliness, alcoholism, and abuse of drugs" as problems challenging them.

And a report from Chile describes an unusual evangelistic method. Under the leadership of a woman pastor, an entire congregation — men, women and children — made small plastic parachutes with Bible portions which were released from a plane over Santiago on Christmas Eve. Concludes the report: "God knows of the blessings this may have brought to the receivers of Good News coming from the sky."

The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



LESSON FOR AUGUST 22: Alcohol and Society

BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE: Isaiah 5:20-23;
Amos 6:1-8; Romans 13:10-14

MEMORY SELECTION: Live as free men,
yet without using your freedom as a pretext
for evil; but live as servants of God. (1 Peter
2:16)

AIM OF THE LESSON: To help persons recognize
that the use of beverage alcohol is a threat to
a sound society; to answer the claim raised by
so many drinkers that it is nobody's business
but their own if they choose to drink.
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Each time the church tries to make clear its position concerning abstinence from the use of alcoholic beverages it is accused by many of speaking in an area in which it has no business speaking. However, it is becoming increasingly clear that the very foundations of our social structure are being threatened by the use of beverage alcohol, and so we cannot remain silent concerning the facts in the case.

Many of us have heard individuals say, "It is nobody's business but my own if I choose to drink." The fallacy of this statement is demonstrated again and again in our high-speed society in the great number of traffic accidents and deaths that are related to drinking and in the tremendous costs in industry.

The prophet Amos speaks out in our lesson material from the eighth Century B.C. to tell how the pleasure-seeking citizens of Israel in his time constituted a grave threat to the very existence of the nation. We will see that this prophet demonstrated his keen insight in pointing out the social poison that was found in the drunkenness of his day. With life moving at such a fast pace today we would be blind if we failed to face up to the abundance of scientific evidence concerning the deteriorative effects of the use of alcohol in our time.

Dr. Melvin H. Knisely, writing in *Report on Alcohol*, Summer, 1971, said: "The worker, producer, customer-profit payer, taxpayer, becomes a lesser producer or non-producer, non-profit payer, non-taxpayer. With his automobile he often kills himself and other customer-taxpayers. He no longer helps create accumulated capital. He becomes a consumer of profits and taxes. When he cannot pay for the care of his family and his medical and hospital bills, you and I must pay them." Thus, he spoke of the manner in which all of us have a real stake in the drinking habits of others.

World history is filled with tragic examples of national disasters that have resulted from moral decline in which intemperance played a significant part. Yet people have been consistently unwilling to learn from the mistakes of others. Nowhere is this found to be truer than in this matter of society's stake in the liquor habit.
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THE PROPHETS CRIED OUT AGAINST DRUNKENNESS

Both Isaiah and Amos were sharp critics of the national leadership of their day. Amos was especially keen in sensing the roots of decay that threatened the nation, and he did not hesitate to proclaim that one of the major evils of the time was the practice of luxury-marked drinking bouts which revealed how callous the leadership was to the needs of the people and to the will of God.

Both Israel and Judah were constantly threatened by foreign foes, and the prophet could not remain silent as he saw that a greater threat was the

moral carelessness and the self-confident pride of the leaders. Those who should have been rallying the people against forces from the outside had let their leadership potential be washed away in a flood of wine. Dr. John C. Irwin says in *Adult Bible Studies*: "They had lost all sense of moral discrimination. They called bad good, black white, and sour sweet. By erasing these distinctions, they removed all ground for moral judgment and were free to follow their own selfish interests regardless of the nation's need."

In Jerusalem and in Samaria there was no realization of the seriousness of the times. Threats of war hung over the nation while injustice and poverty prevailed. But the leadership was unconcerned. The prophet foresaw the inevitable judgments of God upon such heartless indulgence. He said that the very people who had engaged in revelry and debauchery would be at the head of the column of exiles. You cannot imagine Amos' saying that a man's decision to drink is only his own business. It was everybody's concern, just as the tremendous flood that engulfs us today is a threat to us all. We all pay for every man's drink, and we never get through paying.
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THE ECONOMIC COSTS OF DRINKING

When we stop to look at what society is paying as its liquor bill the figures are truly astronomical when we consider direct and indirect costs. In a recent year American consumers paid more than \$12 billion for beer, wine and liquor. Per capita expenditures for the drinking age population is almost \$100. American consumers spend more for alcoholic beverages than for any other commodity except gasoline and oil. We can safely assume that much of this expenditure would be available for badly needed goods and services if it were not being spent in this manner.

However, we have not even scratched the surface when we speak of the dollars that are spent for the alcohol itself. All of us, whether we drink or not, are also paying through increased insurance rates boosted by the drinking driver who is involved in more than half of the highway accidents and deaths. We are paying increased taxes, because, as Burgess and Price have pointed out in *Drinking Problems*, "Various state-conducted surveys show that for every dollar of liquor taxes collected, a state must pay out from \$1.33 to \$5.75 in direct alcohol-caused expenses."

Alcohol takes its toll in the business and industrial life of our land. It takes its toll of people when they are at the peak of productiveness. Dr. Vernon Elmore shares this information with us: "The problem drinker in industry is between 35 and 55 years old, in the middle income bracket and has been with his company between 20 and 25 years. The alcoholic averages 22 to 30 days above normal absenteeism and an accident rate three times higher than other workers." The part of the population that drinks may be paying \$12 billion a year for their liquor, but the rest of us are paying many more times that for the indirect costs that arise from their drinking. This is everybody's business.
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THE PROBLEM OF THE DRINKING DRIVER

Nothing has intensified the involvement of all society in the alcohol problem like the slaughter on the American highway that is directly attributable to drinking. There still seems to be no answer as to just how much alcohol must be found in the blood to determine that a driver is drunk, but the seriousness of the situation is clearly indicated by the desperation with which the liquor industry itself appeals to its customers not to use their product and

then drive. They know it is bad for their public relations and that the greatest reaction against their product comes as an increasing number of people realize the threat to their own well-being in the drinking driver.

A recent article, "Gasoline, Alcohol and Blood" in the magazine "Highway User," said "The blood-alcohol-gasoline combination produces one of the most explosive mixtures known. It can be lethal long before the point of overt intoxication."

A study made of The Transportation Safety Board says: "Somewhat over half of the drivers killed . . . have measurable alcohol in their blood. Of those with alcohol, about three-fourths have .10 per cent and higher, and over half have .15 per cent and higher. These levels are sufficiently high to raise strong suspicion of alcoholism or problem drinking among driver fatalities."

Yes, slaughter on the highways is everybody's business, and no one can claim that the rest of society has no business concerning himself with the question of whether he drinks or not.
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ALCOHOL AND CRIME

It is difficult to determine the extent to which alcoholic beverages affect the crime rate because of inadequate reporting and the difficulty of determining beyond a reasonable doubt the criminal's condition at the time a crime is committed. Many times several hours may elapse between the arrest and the administration of a test to determine intoxication. Thus, a person who was "under the influence" at the time a crime was committed may be found sober at the time the test is administered.

Report on Alcohol, a publication of the American Businessmen's Research Foundation, says: "Numerous studies have indicated that alcohol involvement occurs in from 20%-75% of all crimes committed. In 1966 the Federal Bureau of Investigation in its publication *Uniform Crime Reports* (which does not indicate alcohol involvement) reported 5,031,000 arrests in 30 crime categories. Using the most conservative estimate—20%—it is reasonable to conclude that at least 1,000,000 crimes were committed by persons who were 'under the influence' of alcohol."

Then, also we are reminded of the large number of patients in public mental hospitals because of alcohol. These are, of course, a tremendous cost to the taxpayer.
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THE EFFECT OF ALCOHOL ON HEALTH

Our nation is becoming increasingly aware of the threats to its health. The nationwide campaign against smoking is an example of this concern. The banning of cyclamates from soft drinks also speaks of the way in which we can react against something that threatens our physical well-being.

At the moment nothing dominates our thinking like our concern for the use of drugs in our land and throughout the world. We are concerned about the widespread drug abuse in the armed forces and among our young.

It is difficult to understand why liquor has not received the attention that some of these other threats have since alcoholism occupies third place among the nation's killers. Dr. Donald Ackland says: "Even though the incidence of drug addiction has increased, it is still true that the chief problem in mind-affecting chemicals is not L.S.D. or marijuana but alcohol. One out of four male admissions to mental hospitals is an alcoholic."
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DULLING THE SOCIAL CONSCIENCE

Amos closed his indictment of drinking by the pleasure-seeking citizens of Israel by pointing out how it helped to make them unaware of the suffering of others around them. Dr. Charles M. Laymon says in *International Lesson Annual*: "Amos put his finger upon the nerve of the matter. Drinking was a selfish pursuit of pleasure, and in the seeking men forgot the suffering of those around them . . . When we stop to consider that in Amos' day the only liquor available was not as highly intoxicating as ours is today, we realize how much more likely we are to have our social conscience dulled."



by the Rev. Leslie J. M. Timmins
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British Isles

When the World Methodist Conference meets in Denver — as it will soon, there are issues which will certainly be very much alive in the sessions. It may be that the stress on world evangelism which is going to be part of the theme of the Conference will be one of the most interesting, and may well prove to be one of the most fruitful of the sessions.

The British Conference, when it met this year was obviously deeply concerned that Christians should get off the defensive and begin to sound more assured about the Gospel they preach.

The problem of just how to do this, however, is a very real one with a new realisation that the world is a very small place in these days. One of the consequences of rapid communication both by satellite communication and travel is that the different culture of the world cross-fertilise very quickly, and the breadth of man's search for God is realised by more and more people in more and more different ways.

PRESIDENT TUBMAN OF LIBERIA DIES

NEW YORK (UMI) — President William V. S. Tubman of Liberia, 75, one of a very few heads of state who are members of the United Methodist Church, died July 23 in London following surgery. He was succeeded by Vice President William R. Tolbert.

Since 1943 when he became president of Africa's oldest independent republic (founded in 1822), Mr. Tubman had been re-elected six times and was inaugurated for his seventh consecutive term in 1971. Praised by President Nixon and UN Secretary General U Thant, President Tubman was considered an architect of African unity as new nations emerged from colonial rule. He was known as a careful administrator and an advocate of peace, international cooperation and the voice of smaller nations in world councils. Among advances in Liberia credited to his administration were woman suffrage, extension of full rights to the indigenous people who comprise the great majority of the population, and encouragement of foreign investment that benefited people and nation.

Son of a Methodist minister and government leader, the late President attended Cape Palmas Seminary and Cuttington College in Liberia. He studied law and was admitted to the bar. Besides law practice, he taught school before entering politics and government service. He served in the Senate before election to the presidency. An indication of his popular

No longer can the Christian be patronising — because a great deal of the former paternalism of the Churches in their missionary task was based on ignorance and misunderstanding of how much the other great religions of the world have to offer.

No longer can the Christian ignore the fact that many people who know and practice the great non-Christian faiths have tremendous spiritual insights to give, and discoveries to make in the search for reality and a true interpretation of life.

And if these factors make Christians humble, at least they will simply be following in the footsteps of their Master, Whose humility was so plain, and Who enjoined that virtue upon his followers.

All this raises the question of how to proclaim the Gospel without arrogance and yet with certainty. Once upon a time, it seemed, the issues were clear-cut and in black and white. Now, many of the former distinctions are blurred — and properly so. Perhaps it was because some of us were making the wrong distinctions? When we sang about the "heathen in his blindness bowing down to wood and stone" we were inclined to forget the idolatry of materialism which dominated the Western world which blithely sent missionaries, who themselves discovered to their own surprise a spirituality about the religions they encountered which enriched them.

Is there a parallel in the Seventies for that situation in the salad days of missionary endeavor nearly a century ago? Have we got to look for the signs of spiritual renewal, not altogether in our own highly structured religious

situations, but far beyond them, making all over again the recognition that our Lord is often to be found with those whom we consider to be the most unlikely people? One of the things the disciples found most disturbing about Him was that He often seemed to find the Kingdom just where they themselves were not looking. And it may be that at Denver when a world project to preach the Gospel is to be looked at with some seriousness, Methodism — always so proud of the world parish attitude — will need to be ecumenical in the widest possible sense.

We need to see that the battle line is drawn between those who believe — however uncertainly — in a spiritual interpretation of life and those who don't. There is going to be no time to ask who will sit in the right places in the Kingdom — no time to dispute about the niceties of what the godly might get or not get.

The one thing Jesus reminded us about was that whatever we may think about the Kingdom of God, we could be certain of one aspect of it. It is full of surprises. The first could be last. There are some very "good" people who might discover that they have no season-ticket for this particular journey. Some of the judgements we make will look grotesque in the light of His presence. There is a path of humility to be found before we talk about leading the way to God. Perhaps some of these thoughts will inform some of the debates about what we do to "get across" what we so dearly believe. For it is certain that no one in the world is going to listen if we are content just to shout louder.

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Goodwill executive predicts expanded opportunities for disadvantaged

NEW YORK (UMI) — Opportunities for Goodwill Industries to serve the disadvantaged in the future will be "tremendous," predicts Robert E. Watkins, Washington, executive director of Goodwill Industries of America and executive secretary for Goodwill Industries in the National Division, United Methodist Board of Missions.

Mr. Watkins made his forecast of

support was not only his successive re-elections but also the large majorities he received.

A lifelong Methodist, President Tubman was a local preacher and a member of Mount Scott United Methodist Church in Cape Palmas. He was a delegate to the 1928 General Conference of the former Methodist Episcopal Church. A U.S. church leader who knew him well is Bishop Prince A. Taylor, Jr., episcopal leader of United Methodism's New Jersey Area and bishop of Liberia for 10 years, until the election of Bishop S. Trowen Nagbe by the new Liberia Central Conference in 1966. Bishop Taylor had worked with him in various ways.

Condolences were sent to President Tubman's family, to the Liberian government and people, and to Bishop Nagbe and the Liberian church by the United Methodist Council of Bishops, by Bishop Taylor, and the United Methodist World Division.

continued and expanded service to the handicapped and other disadvantaged persons in a preview of Goodwill's next five years and a review of its last 25. Also at the recent Delegate Assembly (national convention) of Goodwill in Milwaukee, Dr. H. Conwell Snoke, Churchville, Pa., retired treasurer and general executive in the Board of Missions, was elected chairman of Goodwill's national board, and George L. Hergesheimer, Philadelphia, Pa., retired Board of Missions treasurer, was re-elected Goodwill treasurer.

An unusual moment during an awards ceremony came when Dr. Snoke presented the Edgar J. Helms Award (named for the Methodist minister who in 1902 founded Goodwill) to Dr. P. J. Trevethan, retired national executive director. Dr. Snoke had been Dr. Trevethan's chief when both were staff members of the Board of Missions. Though non-sectarian in organization, program and activities, Goodwill continues a relationship of long standing with the National Division and receives support from it.

Goodwill's newsletter reported that Gerald L. Clore, retired International Department consultant, is to represent Goodwill at the World Methodist Conference August 18-26 in Denver, Colo. In Panama, a large crowd attended the opening of a new Goodwill plant, housed in a Methodist Church.

"Quote and Unquote"

Dr. Kenneth G. Greet, secretary of the British Methodist Conference, writing in The Christian Citizen, quarterly publication of his church's Christian citizenship department, said: "The organized church in Britain will disappear within 40 years if the present trend of the accelerating decrease in church membership continues." He said, "It is possible to recognize that church membership and attendance are not synonymous with a living faith, yet feel a deep sense of concern at the break-up of organized Christian religion."

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The International Catholic Federation for the Biblical Apostolate, said, as it recently set a \$400,000 goal as its share in helping Protestant United Bible Societies to translate, publish and distribute versions of a common Bible: "This is nothing more than the Catholics' fair share of the financial burden which other denominations have carried, almost alone, for years."

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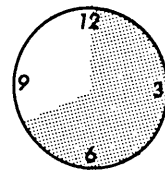
The Rev. William Daniels of Detroit, a former United Church of Christ missionary in China, told reporter Hiley Ward of the Detroit Free Press that the announcement of President Nixon's plans to visit China may mean that a co-existent arrangement might develop between the Churches and the Chinese government. He said: "Maybe we have reached the point where the government does not need to see Christianity as controlled by outside forces and that people can be good Christians and good citizens at the same time."

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Dr. Oswald C. J. Hoffman, preacher for the Lutheran Hour, recently told the annual convention of the Lutheran Laymen's League that "the American people are discovering from bitter experience that money, production know-how, military power, or political experience cannot of themselves make or keep a nation great. The best way we can celebrate the 200th anniversary of the founding of our country is to take a new hold of the Good News of Christ with all the joy there is in it."

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Needs of black colleges grow more critical

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — For the second consecutive year the United Methodist Church is pushing a crash effort to meet scholarship and loan needs of students at its 12 traditionally black colleges.

A situation identified as critical at the April, 1970 General Conference grew even more severe when it was learned later that summer that federal work-study grants and other educational opportunity grants and loans already promised to many students would not be available.

The top-legislative body of the denomination, recognizing the critical financial needs of the 12 institutions, authorized a two-year, \$10 million fund-raising effort to help the schools. Of that goal, \$2 million was set for loans and grants to students.

Dr. Clayton Calhoun, Nashville, Tenn., and Dr. Dennis Fletcher, New York, co-directors of the two-year Negro Colleges Advance, and officials of the Board of Education's Division of Higher Education made a plea for assistance from other church agencies.

Through inter-agency cooperation nearly \$750,000 was raised during the 1970-71 school year and it is anticipated that more than \$1 million will be raised during the school year which begins this fall.

Dr. Fletcher said that nearly \$500,000 administered by the Board of Education provided 597 loans and 604 grants during the 1970-71 school year.

In addition, the Crusade Scholarship Committee, an inter-agency group in the denomination, administered \$250,000 in grants.

Dr. Fletcher said, "This effort is significant for several reasons. It literally kept hundreds of students from dropping out of college last year when federal funds promised to them earlier were cut. It also relieved the 12 colleges from an impossible financial situation. Already they were paying more than 85 percent of the educational costs for the students, most of whom come from very low income families."

The \$2 million goal for student grants and loans was a priority as the two-year, \$10 million effort began, according to Dr. Myron F. Wicke, general secretary of the Division of Higher Education. "It meant we had to reach out quickly to the other agencies of the church and we are gratified by their enthusiastic response."

The funds for 1970-71 were raised from several sources:

\$250,000: National United Methodist Loan Fund; administered by the Board of Education; raised through Student Day offerings.

\$250,000: Crusade Scholarship Grants; administered by the Crusade Scholarship Committee; raised through local church offerings at the annual Worldwide Communion observance the first Sunday in October.

\$200,000: special two-year allocation from the Worldwide Communion offering; administered by the Board of Education.

\$25,000: other miscellaneous sources.

Traditionally the only church-wide revenue for the 12 historically black schools has come from an annual Race Relations Day offering received in local churches in February.

The two-year Negro Colleges Advance is strictly an interim effort to keep the 12 schools operating efficiently until a better method of support can be developed by the 1972 General Conference, according to Dr. Wicke.

A 16-member commission headed by Dr. W. Astor Kirk, Philadelphia, Pa., has been studying the 12 colleges since 1968. Financed by a \$68,500 Ford Foundation grant, the commission has employed a team of black sociologists headed by Dr. Daniel C. Thompson to examine the rationale, location, size, student body, studies, faculty, governance, and finances of each of the schools. Dr. Thompson is a professor of sociology at Dillard University, New Orleans, La.

According to Dr. Wicke, the commission will have a full report available in January for delegates to the April, 1972 General Conference. That report, he said, will recommend church support and methods for achieving the necessary funds for the 12 schools.

Conferences to emphasize Fund for Reconciliation

DAYTON, Ohio (UMI) — Sixty-four of the 78 annual conferences in the United States have adopted resolutions in strong support of the United Methodist Church's \$20 million Fund for Reconciliation.

Reports received here by the Rev. Dr. Raoul C. Calkins, executive secretary of the Quadrennial Emphasis program of the denomination, indicate that at least 51 annual conferences have set Thanksgiving Sunday, Nov. 21, as a time for payment of pledges and the receiving of new money for the Fund for Reconciliation. Six other conferences have selected Lent, 1972, as a time for this fund-raising effort.

Receipts for the fund passed the \$10 million mark on July 1. According to the plan adopted by the church's 1968 General Conference, one-half of the amount raised by an annual conference for the Fund for Reconciliation is retained for special projects within that area and the other half is used for the general fund to support Fund for Reconciliation projects. An amount totalling \$5,164,669 has been received by the general treasury, and a like amount retained for use in the local regions.

The Western Pennsylvania Conference was the first annual conference to reach the goal the conference had set and to pay it in full. The Boston Area has the distinction of having the highest per capita giving to the fund at the present time — an average of \$3.34 per member.

Dr. Calkins indicated that, in preparation for the Thanksgiving Sunday emphasis, a packet of resource materials relating to the Fund for Reconciliation is being prepared for use by each local United Methodist Church. The packets will be ready for mailing to the pastors by Sept. 1.

One example of intensive stewardship cultivation planned in preparation for the Thanksgiving period of giving is in the Iowa Area, where a series of more than 30 sub-district meetings will be held across the state under the auspices of the conference program council.

Theme for World Order Sunday announced

WASHINGTON, D.C. (UMI) — United Methodists can't solve the world's problems, but they can "face up to the need for world organization and to the problems of making it successful" in a "dangerous and disorderly world."

That's the keynote for the denomination's observance of World Order Sunday on Oct. 17.

Churches are called to seek "sound understanding" of the United Nations' needs and problems in order to "share in helping our country play a more constructive role in world organization." Specific program is left up to the local churches.

Of renewed interest in this year's materials for the observance are the most recent statements of United Methodist agencies concerning China and the U.N. The Board of Christian Social Concerns has urged that the U.S. withdraw its opposition to a UN seat for the People's Republic of China, while the Board of Missions last May urged U.S. approval for such a seat.

The 1968 General Conference urged that the United Nations should have "membership open to all nations which seek to join," and it also called for re-examination of U.S. policies toward mainland China and other Communist nations, and for work toward improved relationships with them.

The church's participation in World Order Sunday is under direction of the Board of Christian Social Concerns' Division of World Peace.

Board of Education to sponsor series of events for young adults

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — A weekend "filled with the sights, sounds and meaning of the Nashville Sound — Music City, USA" to be held here November 19-21, 1971, will be the first in a series of four young adult events to be sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Education's Division of the Local Church.

Open to all young adults, 19 to 30, married or single, the weekend is being designed by a group of United Methodist young adults in Nashville. The Rev. Lander L. Beal, director of young adult ministries for the Division, said the weekend will include visits with recording stars, interviews with producers and promoters, a performance at the Grand Ole Opry, interviews with United Methodist adult curriculum editors, and worship with a group of Nashville young adults.

The second event will be a Mardi Gras Weekend in New Orleans, La., February 15-17, 1972. According to Mr. Beal the weekend is being planned to help the young adults understand the historical, psychological, and sociological background of mass celebration.

A seminar in Washington, D.C. is being planned for June 15-18, 1972. The seminar will be based at Wesley Theological Seminary and will deal with several current issues as well as a general overview of how the federal government works.

Young adults of the Oklahoma Indian Mission Conference are working

with Board of Education personnel on plans for an Indian Art and Culture Seminar to be held in Oklahoma City August 17-20, 1972.

Mr. Beal said all four events have as their overall purpose the exchange of ideas, concerns, and perspectives among young adult Christians. "We hope to help each of the participants understand what the Christian faith is saying and how it is being expressed in the events and activities of our time," he explained.

Christian Experience Conference announced

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (UMI) — Evangelist Oral Roberts will be the featured speaker at a Conference on Christian Experience to be held at First United Methodist Church in Colorado Springs, Colo., August 20-22.

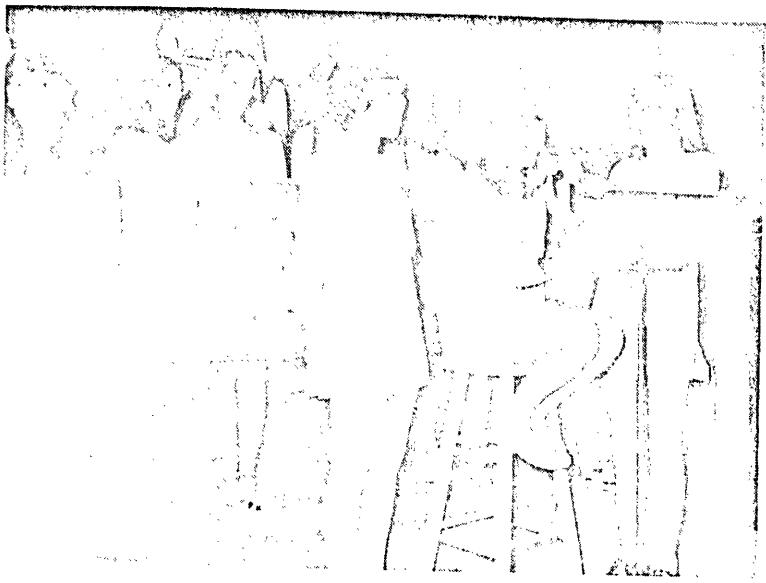
Sponsored by the Department of Koinonia Ministries of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism, the Conference will have as its theme, "Experiencing the Holy Spirit."

Other speakers at the conference will include Paul S. Rees, editor of *World Vision* magazine, the Rev. David Seamands, pastor of First United Methodist Church, Wilmore, Ky.; Board of Evangelism staff member Roberto Escamilla; and the Rev. Dr. Larry Lacour, pastor of the host church.

Addresses will also be given by sev-

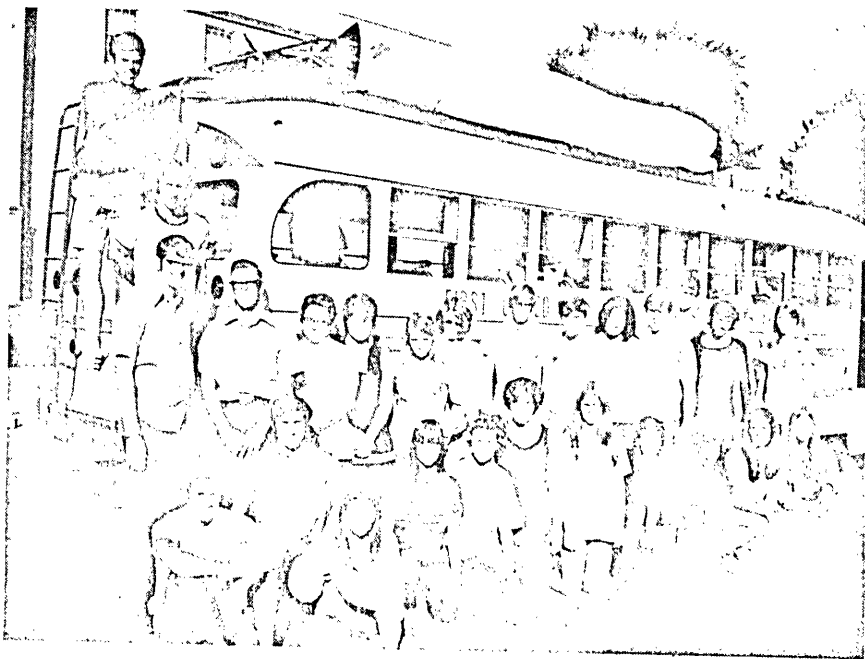
eral prominent laymen including David E. Nortman, Milwaukee, Wis., insurance executive; Richard Bradford, music-youth minister at Emanuel Baptist Church, Wichita, Kans.; and Jack Archer, Corpus Christi, Tex., oilman.

Directing the conference will be the Rev. Walter Albritton, director of the Board's Department of Koinonia Ministries. According to Mr. Albritton, the purpose of the conference is to "consider basic questions concerning the manifestations of the Holy Spirit in the Christian's life and ministry." He said participants will consider what it means to be "baptized by the Holy Spirit," how the "fruits and gifts of the Holy Spirit" may be understood and experienced, and what it means to live daily under the leadership of the Holy Spirit.



Several musicians in the NOW Singers group from First Church, Benton are shown during a recent performance by the 50 choir members at Grace United Methodist Church in Ruston, La. Mrs. Hollenbeck, wife of Pastor Edward B. Hollenbeck (Benton) directs the singing group, formed last Fall. The Rev. W. O. Lynch, Jr. is pastor of the host church in Louisiana.

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The Rejoice Singers of First Church, Fort Smith, are shown with the "Bluebird of Happiness" (the church's bus) ready for departure on a recent singing tour in Louisiana. The singers performed "Natural High" in churches in Shreveport and Baton Rouge. The Baton Rouge performance took place at First Church, where Dr. Dana Dawson, Jr. is pastor. Dr. Dawson's father, the late Bishop Dawson, was pastor of the Fort Smith Church some years ago.

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Marysville-Silver Hill UMY group touring the USS Alabama, located in Mobile, Alabama, during recent excursion to Florida.



Forty youth and seven adults from First Church, Monticello, toured United Methodist institutions in the Houston and Lamarque areas of Texas during the August 2-5 period. Community centers and minority churches were visited. They spent one night at St. Paul Church in Houston, and were guests another night at First Church in Lamarque, where Dr. Robert B. Moore, Jr. (a former Arkansas pastor) is minister. Summer youth worker at First Church, Monticello, is Clif Christopher; the Rev. William B. Elliott is pastor.

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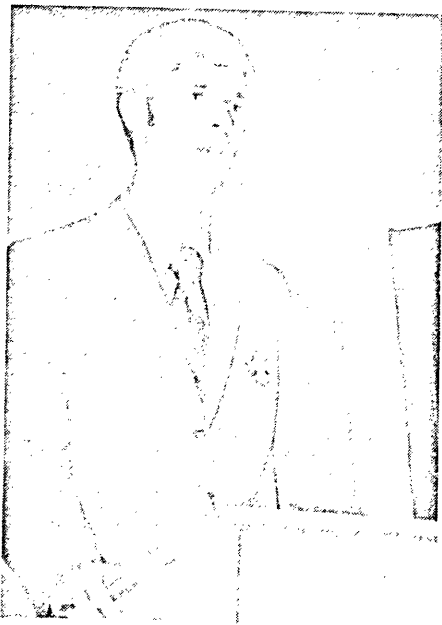
DES ARC YOUTH GROUP TAKES TRIP THROUGH OZARKS

Following several weeks of effort at fund-raising projects to finance their trip, the youth of Des Arc's First United Methodist Church recently made a three-day excursion through the Ozarks. In addition to the young folk, the entourage which made the trip to Sharp's Resort at Branson, Missouri, included three cars, a truck and what was described as "the World's largest cooking rig on wheels."

The owner of the "rig," Alta Holloway, was also chef on the trip. And, according to the reporter for the trip, the "rig" became a center of attraction at the resort area, where newspapermen took pictures, and the mayor and townspeople came for a first-hand look at the unique vehicle for which application for a patent has been made.

Stops along the way included Silver Dollar City, the Christ of the Ozarks at Eureka Springs, and the Wax Museum in Hollister, Missouri.

The Rev. Bennie Ruth is pastor of the Des Arc church.



Robert E. Harris will join the staff of First United Methodist Church in Crossett on September 1 as administrative assistant to the pastor. In addition he will have duties in the area of Christian education and evangelism. Harris has a degree in Business Administration from Southern State College, Magnolia, and for the past two years has been in the service of the Boy Scouts of America as District executive over the Saline District. A native of Texarkana, Ark., he is married to the former Louetta Langley of Camden. He is the nephew of the Rev. Ed Harris of Asbury Church, Little Rock.

He who sincerely praises God will soon discover within his soul an inclination to praise goodness in his fellow man.—Oliver G. Wilson

revival services for their respective churches, and offering their services to the Methodist Children's Home in Magnolia.

MARYSVILLE-SILVER HILL YOUTH TRAVEL TO FLORIDA

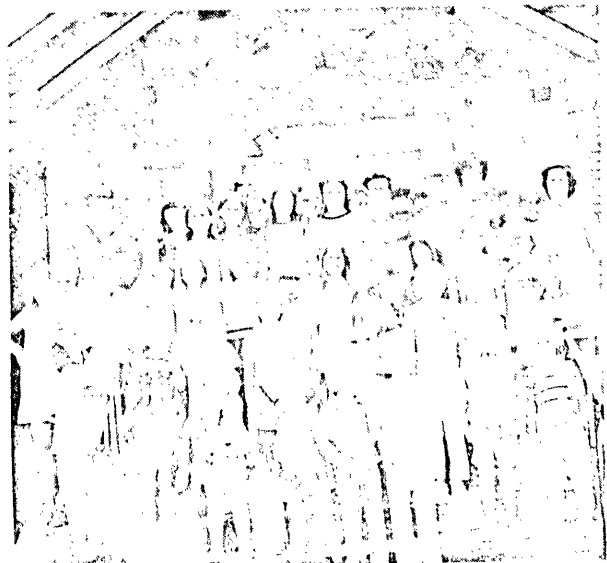
Twenty-nine youth and eight adults from the Marysville and Silver Hill Churches in Camden District have recently returned from a five-day trip to Pensacola and Panama City in Florida, and an overnight stop in New Orleans, according to the Rev. Fred Haustein, pastor.

The excursion climaxed a series of money-raising projects which began in February—a "womanless wedding," a box supper, numerous "slave days," and other activities.

Recently the youth group purchased a used school bus and in anticipation of the trip gave it a new paint job (red and white stripes on a blue background with white stars).

During the trip the group underwent a number of experimental experiences designed to promote group cohesiveness and religious growth. Non-verbal and human relations techniques were employed in the experiments.

The Marysville and Silver Hill youth are now planning several service projects which include writing and producing a folk music rendition of a story from the Bible, making tray favors for local hospitals, singing for



The Oil Trough vacation church school enrolled 53 boys and girls. Thirteen workers conducted the daily two-hour sessions for the week-long school.

NCC's General Board to meet in New Orleans

The General Board of the National Council of the Churches of Christ in the U.S.A. will meet at the Roosevelt Hotel in New Orleans, Sept. 10 and 11. This will bring together a number of national denominational executives and leaders.

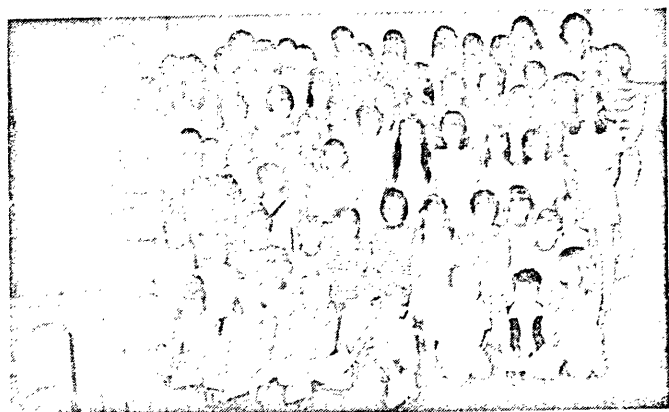
Dr. Cynthia Wedel, a member of the Episcopal Church and a past president of Church Women United, will preside over the sessions. She is the first woman to serve as National Council president.

Members of the National Council staff and denominational leaders who serve on the General Board will fill a number of New Orleans pulpits on Sunday, Sept. 12, by invitation of the pastors and congregations of the New Orleans area.

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A group of 30 United Methodists from 12 states spent July 15-25 in an educators' seminar focused around "Development and Education" at the Center for Intercultural Documentation in Cuernavaca, Mexico. The seminar was sponsored by the United Methodist Board of Missions' Women's Division.

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Eighty-five pupils and workers took part in the Vandale Vacation Church School. A small bus transported boys and girls to and from the church. Mrs. Berger Ellis served as dean; the Rev. John D. Jump is minister.

Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

*R.W. Barbour wrote this golden thought . . .
"The Lord's goodness surrounds us at every moment. I walk through it almost with difficulty, as through thick grass and flowers."*

I'LL TELL YOU WHY

Why do the stars stay in perfect place?
Why does the moon show a friendly face?
Why is there good in the whole human race?
I'll tell you why — it's God!
Why is there light when the darkness shows?
Why is there right when the wrong oppose?
Why is there love when the hatred grows?
I'll tell you why — it's God!
Who helps me smile when the clouds are gray?
Who gives me hope, when all hope fades away?
Who brings me back when my feet go astray?
I'll tell you who — He's God!

—by Henry C. Blount, Jr.

GOD'S WORK

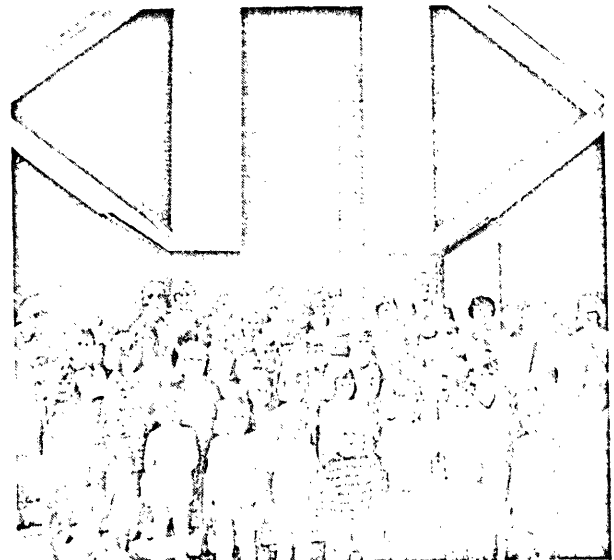
The green grass shimmered
On the warm, firm ground;
The majestic trees
Were all around;
The song of a bird
Was a cheerful sound —
As I saw God at work!

The mother smiled
As she looked in the face
Of her sleeping baby —
Regardless of race —
And warm, sweet love
Engulfed the place.
As I saw God at work!

The beggar stopped
At the rich man's door;
He asked for a hand out,
But he got much more.
He got love and sympathy
From a bountiful store.
As I saw God at work!

Our Lord has directed
That we love one another:
Rich man, poor man,
Small child and mother.
We are all one big family —
Just brother to brother.
Love is God at work!

—by Dora V. Ridgway



Average attendance for the Salem United Methodist Vacation Church School numbered 52. The Rev. Don Williams is pastor.

Council of Christian Education to merge into WCC

LIMA, Peru (RNS) — The World Council of Christian Education (WCCE) which traces its origins to 1889, voted here to merge its activities into the World Council of Churches.

The vote was 158 to 7, with two abstentions, in support of the long-planned move.

Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, WCC general secretary, and other World Council officials welcomed the WCCE.

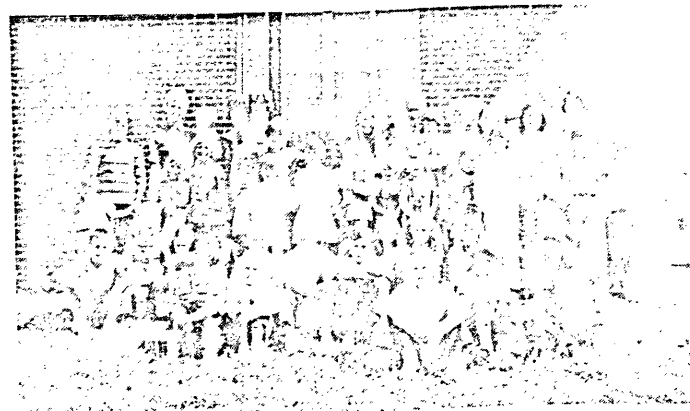
The eight day quadrennial assembly brought together 400 participants — Protestant, Roman Catholic and Orthodox — from 77 countries to consider how the Churches can respond, particularly through education, to the world's crises.

Delegates agreed that Christian education must redirect its scope in order to bring about social change and the "liberalization of man."

The assembly affirmed dedication to liberation by educating the peoples of developing nations in a new life based on universal principles of community, solidarity, respect and equality.

As part of the preparation for the sessions, delegates first took part in "encounters" in 17 Latin American countries where they studied the social, political, economic, educational and religious situations.

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The Decatur Vacation Bible School enrolled 41 pupils, whose activities were under the supervision of seven teachers. Pastor Ray Burrow conducted the devotional period. The WSCS provided refreshments.

The vacation church school group at Concord Church shared their offerings with the Methodist Children's Home and Aldersgate Camp. Forty-five boys and girls participated, under the direction of Mrs. Marvin Moore. Mrs. Hazel Poss was song leader and Cynthia Clement was in charge of music. The Rev. T. G. Poss is minister.