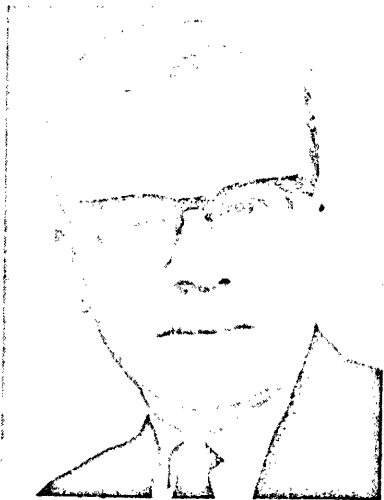


Bishop Copeland



Dr. Edwards



Dr. Clemons



Rev. Albritton

## Arkansas Pastors' School at Hendrix College, Sept. 13-16

Two of the four leaders for the upcoming 1971 Arkansas Pastors' School are natives of Arkansas. Bishop Kenneth W. Copeland of the Houston Area, who will be the preacher for the school, was born in Bexar, Ark., and Dr. James T. Clemons, who will teach a class in "New Testament Ethics," was born in Wynne. The school will be held at Hendrix College, Sept. 13-16.

The other instructors will be: Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, Gerald Kennedy Professor of Preaching at the School of Theology, Claremont, Calif., and Dr. Walter M. Albritton, Director of Koinonia Ministries, General Board of

Evangelism. Dr. Edwards will teach a class on "Preaching," and Dr. Albritton will lead a discussion of "Koinonia Ministries."

Registration for the school will be held prior to the first class session at 1:00-2:30 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 13, and the second class session will be held from 3:00-4:30 p.m. Ministers are urged to register in advance for the school using the registration blank which appears elsewhere in this issue.

The Tuesday and Wednesday schedules call for class sessions at 8:00-9:30 a.m. and 10:00 to 11:30 a.m.

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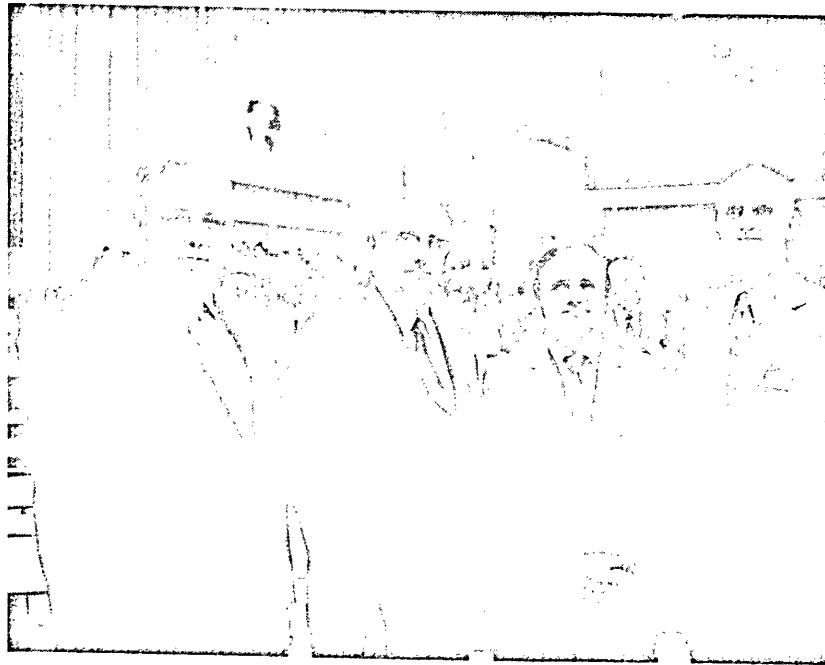
## World Methodists focus attention on "Third World," lay people, youth

by Arthur West

DENVER, Colo. (UMI) — By an overwhelming vote, the World Methodist Council here Wednesday, Aug. 18, radically revised its constitution to give wider recognition to the "third world" and to lay men, lay women and youth.

According to the council's rules, a three-fourths vote is required to amend the constitution. The vote for the revised document was 315 to 10.

The amendments to the council's constitution have the effect of increasing the membership of its executive committee from about 50 members to 103, and guaranteeing at least one seat



Arkansas representatives on the World Methodist Council are (from left): Dr. Clint Burleson, West Memphis; Bishop Paul V. Galloway, Dr. John P. Miles and Dr. Robert E. L. Bearden. Dr. Bearden has served ten years on the Executive Committee of the Council.

• September 11-12 Assembly at Tanako

## Little Rock Conference laymen to hear Bd. of Laity executive

William B. McPherson (Bill), assistant general secretary of United Methodism's Board of the Laity, Evanston, Ill. will present the sermon for the Sunday morning worship service



"Bill" McPherson

which will climax this year's Laymen's Assembly of the Little Rock Annual Conference at Camp Tanako.

The two-day retreat, under sponsorship of the Conference's Board of the Laity is scheduled for the weekend of Sept. 11-12. McPherson's presentation on the subject, "At The Cross," will be heard during the 10:50 a.m. worship service.

Registration for the assembly will begin at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Sept. 11, and Bishop Paul V. Galloway is scheduled to address the opening session at 2:15 p.m. on the subject, "County Roads and Interstates."

Later in the afternoon, Dr. Alvin Murray, pastor at First United Methodist Church, El Dorado, will introduce the session on "Small Groups Programs in Local Churches." This

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to each of the 55 member bodies in the council regardless of the size of the unit.

The action taken Wednesday greatly modified a proposal brought forward by the Executive Committee, which proposed that each church with 30,000 or more members have at least one representative but stipulated that, in the aggregate, those churches with

less than 30,000 members (about half of the 55 member units) should be entitled to four representatives.

The revised document provides for a council membership of 83, plus officers totalling 20 persons.

In an effort to eliminate the long-standing British-American domination of the council leadership, the new set-

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## Arkansans get together at World Methodist Conference



Seen at the World Methodist Conference were (l. to r.): Dr. and Mrs. Robert N. Arbaugh, Springfield, Mo.; Dr. and Mrs. Joel A. Cooper, Fayetteville; and Dr. and Mrs. Alvin C. Murray, El Dorado.



Arkansans at the Conference (from left) the Rev. George Tanner, Camden; the Rev. Ed Matthews, Pine Bluff; Dr. J. Edward Dunlap, Little Rock; and Robert E. L. Bearden, Little Rock.

### from page one PASTORS' SCHOOL

with Bishop Copeland preaching at 11:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. each of the days.

On Monday evening those attending the school will have an opportunity for dialogue with the faculty members.

On Wednesday afternoon, the 15th, at 1:30 p.m. there will be a meeting of the Program Councils of the Southwest, North Arkansas and Little Rock Annual Conferences.

Bishop Copeland was the pastor of Travis Park Methodist Church, San Antonio, Tex. at the time of his election to the episcopacy. He administered the Nebraska Area for eight years before going to the Houston Area.

Dr. Clemons is assistant professor

of New Testament at Wesley Theological Seminary, Washington, D.C. He is a graduate of Hendrix College and Perkins School of Theology, and received the Ph.D. degree from Duke University in 1963.

Dr. Edwards was pastor of First Methodist Church, Pasadena, during a part of which time he taught homiletics at Claremont. He has been teaching full-time for the past two years.

Dr. Albritton is a native of Alabama, and was in the newspaper business before entering the ministry. At one time he was assistant editor of the Methodist publication "The Pastor."



Two Arkansas District superintendents and wives at the Conference visit with Bishop W. Kenneth Pope of Dallas (from left): The Rev. and Mrs. Elmo A. Thomason, Para-gould District; and Dr. and Mrs. Ethan W. Dodgen, Forrest City District.

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- Preaching: Dr. K. Morgan Edwards, Room 116
- New Testament Ethics: Dr. James T. Clemons, Room 218
- Koinonia Ministries: The Rev. Walter M. Albritton, Room 206

#### SECOND CLASS SESSION

- Preaching
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Bishop Paul V. Galloway, center, in the processional with which the World Methodist Conference opened on Thursday, August 18. (See additional pictures on page ten.)

### ST. PAUL CHURCH ISSUES INVITATION TO SPECIAL PRE-LABOR DAY SERVICE

The congregation of St. Paul United Methodist Church at 2223 Durwood Road in Little Rock has planned a special service of worship for Thursday evening, September 2 at 7:30 which will be open to members of all denominations of the area.

"This will be an attempt to provide a worship experience for those people who will be out of town over the

Labor Day weekend and thus unable to attend their own church," on Sunday, according to a joint invitation extended by the Rev. James R. Scott, pastor, and the Rev. John T. Dill, associate pastor.

The Chancel Choir of St. Paul Church, under the direction of Dr. Don Warmack, will sing, and Mrs. Warmack will provide organ music. The church's nursery will be open for infants and pre-school children.

Churches in the area are invited to publicize this opportunity "to worship before the holiday begins."

## THE RIGHT TIME HAS COME

### - Key '73

by Joe Hale

(Mr. Hale is a native Arkansan who is the staff member of the United Methodist Board of Evangelism with major responsibility for Key '73)

Let us introduce you to Key '73, a new concept in evangelism which holds promise for a year of optimum impact for Christ in North America.

"The right time has come" for a forceful, clear-sounding, emphasis throughout North America calling men to the full meaning of Christianity. Christian churches together can mount a new initiative in evangelism. They can make an impact now upon the life of the Continent.

The standard is Jesus Christ. With flexibility and openness to each other, differences in doctrine existing between denominations shall be recognized and respected. It is recognized that there are varieties of evangelistic expression, therefore, each church will finally decide the precise form of its own participation in Key '73.

Key '73 is a coalition of Christian denominations and religious groups (presently about 75 organizations are participating and more than 100 are expected) cooperating on a series of evangelism activities focused on the year 1973. A more detailed description of the Key '73 movement and of the United Methodist involvement in it can be found in the March issue of Street 'N Steeple, in the June issue of Interpreter magazine, or in brochures that can be requested from the General Board of Evangelism.

At a recent meeting of the Key '73 Central Committee seven major "events" were adopted to be done on a simultaneous continent-wide basis. These events are to be a highly

visible, over-arching canopy around which all participating denominations and groups can plan a variety of supportive programs. Local units within The United Methodist Church are encouraged to begin considering ways in which they can best participate at local levels.

Event One is to be a series of cooperative mass media launch events calling the nation and the church to repentance, commitment and prayer during the first two weeks of 1973.

Plans call for Event Two to be a continent-wide Bible distribution followed by a variety of intense biblical studies in churches, homes and neighborhood groups in February 1973.

Event Three will take place during the Lenten Season 1973, and will feature massive interdenominational lay witnessing that will make the gospel real through action, teaching and demonstration. The period will include training of laymen for significant witness followed by intense confrontation of the in-searing issues of our time: social justice, racism, poverty, hunger, war and materialism.

Event Four is being designed to focus on youth during the summer months of 1973. Planned are rock festivals, new songs, hymn singings and popular musical productions at parks, beaches, shopping centers, etc.

Innovative evangelism programs are to be the hallmarks of Event Five in September, Oc-

tober and November 1973. Such things as art festivals, state fair ministries, campus programs, creative mass proclamation and fresh literature approaches are under consideration.

Event Six is to be a unified dramatization of our Christian oneness and our concern for the needs of the world such as a universal call to voluntary austerity as a fresh and more truly Christian celebration of Advent and Christmas.

Event Seven is to be the on-going production, coordination and distribution of a wide variety of evangelistic resources beginning as soon as possible and continuing throughout 1973.

United Methodists will be participating on each of the seven guideline committees that will be developing more detailed plans for these events. In addition, we will continue to provide leadership on the Key '73 Central Committee, Executive Committee and Mass Media Task Force.

The United Methodist Key '73 study book will be available soon. Entitled, Bridges to the World, it will feature articles on several aspects of modern evangelism by a number of familiar church leaders. It should be used by Key '73 planning and study groups in local churches and communities.

The spiritual need is extremely critical.  
"The right time has come!"

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## WORLD METHODISTS

Mixed with the questions concerning the reason for having meetings like the World Methodist Conference which are being asked by persons on every hand here at the meeting of that body at the University of Denver, is an elation which comes from meeting persons called Methodists from every corner of the globe.

This is a beautiful campus on the south side of the "mile high" city, and its natural beauty is being enhanced by Methodists of every color from all over the world. This is a fellowship which is quite invigorating.

We are staying in the dormitories on the campus of the university and having our meals in the dining halls there. Some of us are spoiled by air-conditioning and find it a little difficult to function without it, but the scenery from our dorm room makes it easy to put up with.

Writing these words on Saturday afternoon, there is an opportunity to think back on almost half of the program now, and you might be interested in our observations.

The opening session on Wednesday evening was most colorful, in spite of a small attendance held down by a cloudburst just before starting time. The flags of the nations and the processional of the leaders and members of the Council set the tone and made us ready to think in world terms.

One has to keep reminding himself that he is an American Methodist as he hears from the other bodies that call themselves Methodist. For too long we have called ourselves The Methodist Church and The United Methodist Church, forgetting that there are more than 50 bodies around the world that also march in Wesley's train.

Although there has been a bit of strong criticism of some of our American church practices, speakers from other countries have also been laying bare their own souls concerning the shortcomings in their own lands.

Together we march ahead to become better Methodists and better Christians.

More of Denver in later installments.

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# news and views

OF THE WORLD OF RELIGION

by doris woolard

Two federal grants have been awarded to the Pacific School of Religion, Berkeley, Calif., for its Center for Alcohol studies and programs of research into alcohol and drugs abuse. The school recently awarded the nation's first graduate degree in alcohol studies to Commander Gordon E. Paulson, a Navy chaplain. The Rev. Herman J. Kregel, founder and director of the Center, said "As long as we tolerate destructive drinking practices, and think that drunks and drunkenness are something to laugh at instead of evidence of sickness, the abuse and misuse of alcoholic beverages will continue to cost our nation more than 85,000 needless and premature deaths annually."

**The 100 millionth Scripture distributed by the Gideons International was given to President Nixon in a ceremony at the White House on Aug. 5. Accepting the special Bible bound with a gold leather cover and suitably inscribed, the Chief Executive said: "There is one of your Bibles on Air Force One and I have often remarked that it is the best book aboard. I know of the fine work that the Gideons International is doing and am aware that you are effective in so many places in the world."**

A survey of young people 13 and 17 years old conducted by the Education Commission of the U.S., headquartered in Denver, revealed that more than 75 per cent of the teenagers are unaware of any religious discrimination in the nation but most know of such discrimination in other parts of the world. The study, one of a series, is designed to measure attitudes and educational achievements of young Americans. Also in the poll were young adults (ages 26 to 35) with more than 39 per cent indicating known examples of religious prejudice.

**Mrs. Clara Walker, a black United Methodist musician and teacher of music in the Detroit public schools told United Methodist Musicians holding their biennial meeting in Houston, that church racism is subtly manifested by the virtual exclusion of ethnic music of Mexican-Americans, Indians and blacks in hymnals and church programs. Mrs. Walker made her comments while conducting a seminar on the Church music needs of these ethnic groups. This is said to be the first time in the history of the group for the matter to come under discussion.**

A "Cantata of Peace," which features statements of imprisoned Catholic priest Father Daniel Berrigan, alongside quotations from Saint Francis of Assisi and the Old Testament, had its world premiere at the meeting of the International Fellowship of United Methodist Musicians in Houston. Daniel Moe, 44, a member of the Lutheran Church in America and director of choral music at the University of Iowa, was commissioned to write the cantata. The composer incorporated "Berrigan's words 'because we want peace with half a heart and half a life and will, war of course continues.'" These words "cast a shadow over the Assisi prayer, which people have used for centuries: 'Make me an instrument of Thy peace,' because Berrigan puts it in the context that when we pray that, we better be ready to pay the price," Moe said. Arranged for choral delivery with trumpet and piano accompaniment, the cantata's dissonant, explosive and stringent tones have been described as reminiscent of the early 20th century Hungarian composer Bela Bartok or the German Paul Hindemith.

**A Nigerian Baptist leader has proposed a world-wide exchange of missionaries as a form of "cross fertilization" which would offer new growth potential for Christianity. The West has much to gain from the vitality of the newer Christians in the "Third World" of Asia and Africa, stated Dr. J. T. Ayorinde, general secretary of the Nigerian Baptist Convention and vice president of the Baptist World Alliance. He said Western missionaries, on the other hand, are needed abroad because their skills and resources cannot be replaced in Africa and Asia. Dr. Ayorinde said most Western missionaries are now coming to help establish national churches in foreign lands, actively seeking local men and women to take charge so that the permanent missionary presence is not needed.**

The World Council of Churches (WCC) has offered to attempt a reconciliation between Protestant and Roman Catholic factions in Northern Ireland according to a reliable news source. The offer was sent to member Churches in Northern Ireland — Anglican, Methodist, Baptist, Presbyterian — by Dr. Eugene Carson Blake, general secretary of the WCC. Blake said he was communicating "indirectly" with William Cardinal Conway, Archbishop of Armagh, Northern Ireland.

**Britain's first school for Japanese children will open in London next Spring under Anglican leadership, according to an announcement by the Church of England. Located south of London, the school will enroll 60 pupils with the Rev. John Spencer, a former missionary to Japan as warden. The teaching staff for the school will be recruited from Japan. Funds have been raised there, and the Japanese government will contribute to staff salaries.**

Writing in a West German Sunday newspaper, a well-known conservative clergyman, the Rev. Alexander Evertz, asserted that "leftist radical theologians" try to make the "salt of the earth" more attractive by "dyeing it with the red color of revolution and trying to convert the Samaritan into a guerilla fighter." There are a few theologians, he contended, who no longer differentiate between cross and sword, and who proclaim in the name of Christ, the "just revolution."

Although profound changes in man's surroundings and in society have occurred down through the centuries, man himself has remained the same, and faith and worship continue to be fundamental to his nature, a Senate Prayer Breakfast group was told recently. Sen. William B. Saxbe (Ohio) declared that "the wonder is not that so many things have changed in the history of recorded time, but that so many attitudes, motivations and reactions have remained the same." "The parables, lessons and examples of the Bible are the distilled essence of history, the strength and weakness of man being demonstrated as much in the lives of Abraham and Isaac as in the lives of men and women today," the senator said.

**"The church is the stable organization to which people can cling in these days of restlessness," declared Hershel M. Hill, newly appointed executive secretary for Quakers in N. Carolina and Southern Virginia, during the Yearly Meeting of Friends. However, Hill noted that "in this age of shrinking time and distance when we see men shuttled back and forth to the moon, we can no longer go about the work of the church with horse-and-buggy methods and materials."**

The Sixth International Mariological Congress — said to be one of the largest Roman Catholic-sponsored events ever held in a Communist country — opened in Zagreb, Yugoslavia Aug. 6. Over 130 Catholic and non-Catholic theologians and Catholic bishops from 23 countries, including the U.S. were greeted by the vice-mayor of Zagreb. Mariology is the branch of Catholic theology that treats of the Virgin Mary, particularly in her relation to the Incarnation and Redemption.

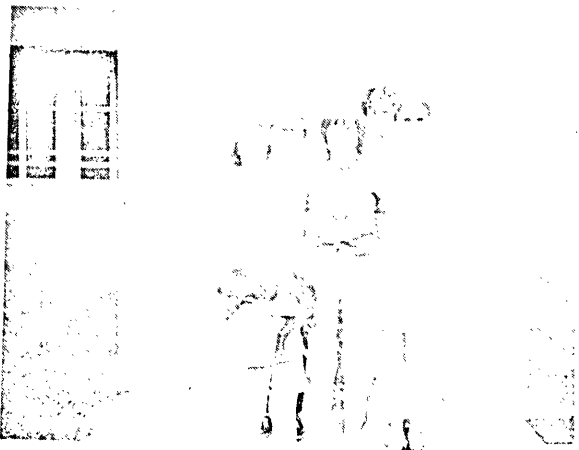
**A majority of Texas Methodists who responded to a recent poll conducted by the TEXAS METHODIST, published in Dallas, are unsympathetic to homosexuals, believe their behavior to be unnatural and unacceptable, and reject the possibility that they could serve effectively as Christian ministers. The Southwest Texas Annual Conference of the United Methodist Church is reported to have voted 144-117 at its June meeting in San Antonio to suspend an admitted homosexual from the ministry.**

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DENVER — Dr. Charles C. Parlin (center), president of the World Methodist Council, is flanked by Dr. Lee F. Tuttle (left), Council general secretary, and Bishop Yap Kim-Hao of Singapore prior to delivering the keynote speech as the two-day Council session opened in Denver, preceding the nine-day World Methodist Conference at the University of Denver.





CAMP TANAKO KITCHEN STAFF, SUMMER 1971

FROM LEFT: Mrs. Joe E. Arnold, of Little Rock and the Kitchen Supervisor; Mrs. Victor Richards, of Hot Springs; Jeudi Arnold, Little Rock; Herman L. Ashcroft, III, of Hot Springs—a recent graduate of Hendrix College and presently enrolled in St. Andrews Seminary, Edinburgh, Scotland; and Miss Velda Richards, Hot Springs, and a Junior at Henderson State College this fall. The youngster in the lower left hand corner, holding the camp mascot, Runt, is Tena Arnold of Little Rock.

### HENDRIX PROFESSOR HEADS SEMINAR DEALING WITH POLLUTION PROBLEMS

Dr. Joe G. Robbins, professor of physics and chairman of the physics department at Hendrix College, presided as chairman of a seminar on Noise Abatement and Control held at the Sheraton Motor Inn in Little Rock on August 12.

Dr. Robbins headed a team of experts who spoke at the seminar dealing with the problems of noise pollution and their possible solutions. The seminar was a joint project of several federal, state and regional sponsors including the U. S. Office of Education, the State Planning Department, Department of Pollution Control and Ecology of the State of Arkansas, the Arkansas State Chamber of Commerce, Associated Industries of Arkansas, Planning and Economic Development District Offices and local Chambers of Commerce.

The seminar brought together plant managers and engineers, safety engineers, architects, building contractors, enforcement officials and other community leaders.

### PLUMMERVILLE YOUTH AWARDED KING SCHOLARSHIP FOR THIRD YEAR

Lynn Boone of Plummerville has been awarded the Martin Luther King Scholarship at Hendrix College for the third consecutive year. Boone, who will be a junior, is a graduate of East Side High School and is majoring in psychology. He is the son of Mrs. Odessia Boone, Route 1, Plummerville.

The Martin Luther King Scholarship comes from the earnings of an endowed scholarship fund given by an anonymous Conway donor. It is awarded annually to a deserving negro student or to a senior student of any race who has demonstrated exceptional dedication to the elimination of inequities and injustices in our society.

The amount of the scholarship award is \$500.

BELOW: Some of the Markham Church junior highs are shown at Shoal Creek Camp (Ft. Smith District) where they had a retreat in July.



Marilyn Martin, at right, youth worker at Markham Church, Little Rock, this summer, is in constant action. Activities have included a night at the church each week in addition to Sunday, which will be climaxed with an Activities Week later this month. The young people have assisted the Soroptimist Club with their Mobile Meals program, and are doing yard work at the church.



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### LAYMEN'S ASSEMBLY

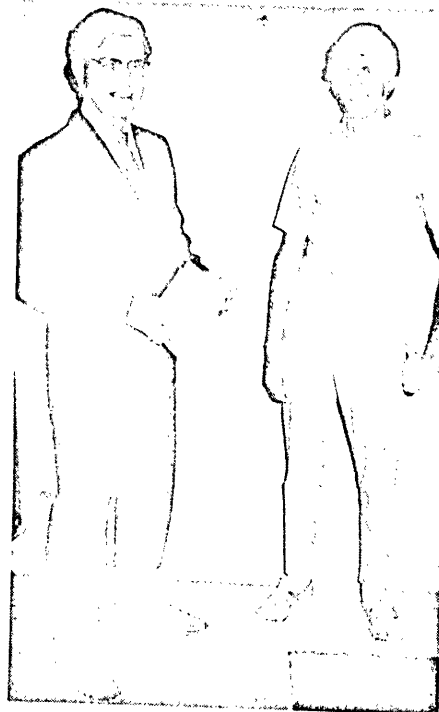
emphasis will predominate throughout the retreat. Separate group meetings and demonstrations with the following themes and leaders will follow Dr. Murray's introduction: Prayer Therapy — Don Neblett, Aubrey Cott; Encounter — Danny Thomas, Drane Adams; Share — Bob Nolan, Joe Boone, Bob Brown; Men's Prayer Breakfast — Bill Cox, Harold Smith; Witnessing — Jim Wellons, Jack Tingle; Bible Study — Doug Phillips, Tom Loberg, and Max Methvin.

A 5:45 a.m. Sunday Morning Watch is planned for individual meditation and prayer and a Service of Communion with Dr. Ray Hozendorf, Little Rock District Superintendent, officiating, assisted by Milton Teague, lay leader from the Arkadelphia District, and other laymen.

The 8:45 a.m. session on Sunday will feature an address by Dr. Walter Hazzard, president of Philander Smith College, who will speak on the subject, "Courageous Christians." Dr. Roy Shilling, president of Hendrix College, will lead a panel discussion following this presentation. The panel will include: Dr. Gerald Fisher, superintendent of Schools in Hot Springs; Dr. Hozendorf; William M. Shepherd, former vice president of Arkansas Power and Light, of Little Rock, and Dan Clary, District Governor of Rotary Club, and former superintendent of schools at Stuttgart.

McPherson, speaker for the Sunday morning Worship Service, holds degrees from Jamestown College in North Dakota and the University of Minnesota. He came to the staff of the General Board of Lay Activities in 1962 with broad experience as a church school teacher, board chairman, delegate to Jurisdictional Conference, director of lay speaking in the Minnesota Conference, Dale Carnegie courses, Toastmasters and Rotary International.

Officers of the Conference Board of the Laity are: S. H. (Herb) Allman, Hot Springs, chairman; T. A. Prewitt, Tillar, vice chairman; Ted Nichols, Star City, secretary; William Shepherd, Little Rock, director of Lay Life and



Ron McDonald (right) of Fort Smith, has served as summer youth director at First Church, Booneville, and will soon return to his studies at Hendrix College. The Rev. Lawrence Dodgen (left) is the new pastor recently assigned to the Booneville church after a seven years' ministry at Cherokee Village. Ron is the son of Fort Smith District Superintendent Charles P. McDonald and Mrs. McDonald. He has led the youth of the Booneville church in numerous constructive activities during the summer months. The painting of a Mexican-American Methodist Church in Dallas, Texas provided one of the summer's highlights for the youths.

Work, and B. F. Allbright, Little Rock, director of Methodist Men.

Laymen of the conference are invited to send their early registrations to B. F. Allbright, 316 North Schiller, Little Rock, Ark. 72205. No payment is expected with the pre-registration; the total cost of \$5 will be payable at the time of registration at Tanako.

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### Laymen's Assembly

Little Rock Conference

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Dear B. F.,

I plan to be at the Laymen's Assembly, September 11-12, 1971, at Camp Tanako. Please make my reservation.

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# NEWS and NOTES

**THE ANNUAL HOMECOMING** at Hunters Chapel United Methodist Church will be on Sunday, September 5, at 11 a.m. Lunch will be at the church after the service. Hunters Chapel, one of the churches on the Roe Charge, is located on Highway 33, eight miles south of Roe, 14 miles east of Stuttgart. All friends and former pastors are invited. The Rev. Hursel Richert is the pastor.

**DR. ANDREW BOWLING**, faculty member of John Brown University, Siloam Springs, gave an illustrated lecture on archeology at the family night program in First Church, Harrison, August 4. The Rev. John McCormack was host pastor.

**JOHN H. SUMMERS**, organist-choir-master at First Church, Little Rock, and his wife are on a six-weeks tour of Europe, especially visiting cathedrals in France and Italy. They expect to return the last of August. In the meantime, Jon Rollins is serving First Church as organist.

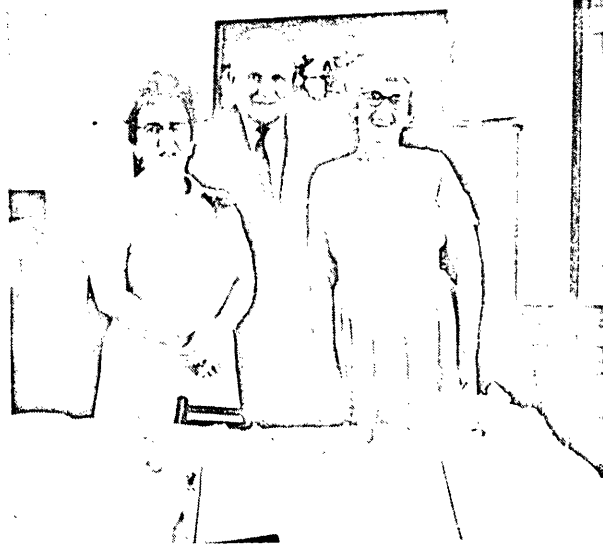
**THE CORNING COUNCIL** on Ministries plans a church outing at Wayland Springs Camp near Imboden, August 28-29. Sunday morning worship will be at the camp. The Rev. Wayne Clark is the Corning pastor.

**THE BEN BURTON** family, who represented the state of Arkansas as the "Family of the Year" at a national meeting in Miami, Florida, August 5-14, are members of First United Methodist Church in Hot Springs.

**THE WIGGINS MEMORIAL** Men's Club in Fayetteville held the second annual Law Enforcement Officers Appreciation Banquet on Tuesday, August 3. All off-duty police, sheriff's officers, state police, F.B.I. investigators, and judges were special guests. Dr. Joe B. Hall was the principal speaker. The Rev. Allan Hilliard is the Wiggins pastor.

**THE TRUMANN MINISTER** and his wife, the Rev. and Mrs. Charles Thompson, are on a tour of the Holy Land and parts of Europe. The trip is a gift from their church members.

**BARBARA MULKEY**, poetry editor for the ARKANSAS METHODIST, and wife of the pastor of Grand Avenue United Methodist Church in Stuttgart, is juror for the 1971 Creative Writing Division of the Grand Prairie Festival of Arts. Winners will be announced and entries displayed at the 15th annual Festival headquarters, Grand Prairie War Memorial Building, Stuttgart, September 17-19.



Pictured (l. to r.) are Mrs. Fay (Vera) Hines, Fay Hines and Mrs. Dan Larsen. An appreciation dinner for the Hines was given Sunday, August 15, by the London United Methodist Church and gifts were presented by Mrs. Larsen on behalf of the congregation. The Hines are moving to Rogers, and for their many faithful years of service in a variety of leadership capacities the church expressed gratitude. The Rev. Herschel H. McClurkin, Jr. is the London pastor.

**DR. EDWIN DODSON**, minister of First Church, Camden has accepted the chairmanship of the 1971 Camden Area United Fund Drive. The national theme for the 1971 campaign is "If you don't do it, it won't get done. Give please, the united way."

**DR. EARL HUGHES**, pastor of First Church in Forrest City has been reappointed by Gov. Dale Bumpers to the Governor's Advisory Council on Aging. Dr. Hughes has been a member of the council under the administrations of Govs. Bumpers, Rockefeller and Faubus. He is also a member of the technical advisory board to the Governor's Council on Aging and has served as a delegate to the first White House Conference on Aging.

**SIXTEEN YOUTH** from Pulaski Heights Church in Little Rock, concerned over mounting pollution problems, spent an entire day distributing leaflets dealing with these problems to apartment houses in the community. As a result they were invited by the Mall Shopping Center to set up a booth during the week of August 23, next to the Pollution Control Board booth, to hand out leaflets and talk with visitors about the need to save our environment.

**THE MANCHESTER** Sub-District Youth will meet at First Church, Arkadelphia, Sunday, August 29, at 2 p.m. The meeting is for both junior and senior high young people from the Arkadelphia churches, Gurdon, Sparkman, Dalark, Manchester and Hollywood. There will be a special program.

**FIRST CHURCH, PINE BLUFF** hosted an Every Member Visitation Workshop for the United Methodist Churches of the Pine Bluff District on Wednesday evening, August 25. Dr. Arthur Terry is superintendent of the Pine Bluff District.

**DR. MILTON S. HARBUCK** of North Little Rock will serve as coordinator for a three-day Lay Witness Mission to be held at First Church, Harrisburg, August 27-29. Clyde Ford will serve as general chairman; the Rev. Bob Orr is the minister at Harrisburg, in Jonesboro District.

**GUEST PREACHER** at Corning First Church on Sunday morning, August 22 was the Rev. W. E. Polk, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Polk of the Corning church. The guest speaker is pastor of the United Methodist Church in Bowie, Maryland.

**A COOPERATIVE** vacation church school was conducted recently by the United Methodist, Episcopal and Presbyterian churches at Lake Village. Mrs. Diane Ford was the director; the Rev. Clyde Swift is pastor of the Lake Village Church. He is also pastor of the Montrose United Methodist Church in Monticello District and was the evangelist for a revival at that church from August 15-19.

**FORREST CITY DISTRICT** Stewards will meet at First Church in Forrest City, Sept. 9 at 4:30 p.m. A 6:30 p.m. dinner will be served. Dr. Earl Hughes is pastor of the host church.

**A DAY CAMP** for boys and girls was conducted by the Osceola United Methodist Church, August 23-25. Sessions including recreation, nature study, worship periods and lunch hour were conducted at Gridler Park. The group heard a talk by a representative of the County Extension Service who identified insects that are helpful and those that are detrimental to nature. Other speakers talked on birdlife and plantlife respectively. The Rev. Arvill C. Brannon is pastor at Osceola.

## 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. 29—Sun.	II Cor. 12:1-12
Aug. 30	Acts 16:25-26
Aug. 31	Acts 22:17-21
Sept. 1	Eccles. 7:1-10
Sept. 2	Isaiah 40:29-31
Sept. 3	Rom. 12:9-12
Sept. 4	Isaiah 30:8-17
Sept. 5—Sun.	I Thessa. 5:14-23

**THE REV. GLADWIN CONNELL**, pastor of St. Paul's United Methodist Church, El Dorado, was the evangelist at a revival meeting held at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, the week of August 1-8. There were two services each day. The Rev. Earl C. Mathis is the pastor.

**THE YOUTH AT WYATT** Memorial church in Fort Smith recently presented the contemporary service "Gospel Through Garfunkel" (and 20th Century Simon and Isaiah and Matthew and Tillich and Boyd, et al) based on three songs popularized by Simon and Garfunkel. The youth of First Church, Waldron were guests. James Gallaher is UMYF president; the Rev. Tom Weir is pastor.

**NEW BETHEL UNITED** Methodist church in Prairie County, held its first vacation Bible school recently. The school, sponsored by the Young Adult Bible class, enrolled 38 children. Mrs. Betty Newton and Ginger DeVorach were co-directors. Following the school a six-night revival was conducted by the Rev. Bennie Ruth, pastor of the Des Arc and New Bethel churches.

**GARDNER MEMORIAL CHURCH** in North Little Rock held a church-wide picnic at Aldersgate Camp Sunday afternoon, August 22. Following recreation and a fellowship meal a Galilean service was held beside the lake. The Rev. Byron McSpadden is minister.

**FIRST CHURCH**, North Little Rock, has designated Sunday, August 29 as a time for "all day singing and dinner on the ground." The event will be under the sponsorship of Triune Class, and will feature a variety of special musical numbers and a potluck in Workman Hall, in addition to the regular Sunday morning programs.

**"SUMMER SINGERS"** sessions for boys and girls were conducted at Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church in Little Rock recently, and were climaxed at the close of the week by participation of the group in the Sunday morning worship service. An average attendance of 43 was noted. Visiting choristers who shared the week included boys and girls from St. Paul United Methodist Church and their director, Mrs. Hess Hall, and several Episcopalian and Presbyterian friends.

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MRS. C. O. BENNETT, was the speaker at the joint meeting of the Women's Society and three Guilds of First Church, Little Rock, recently. She reviewed "To Beat the Devil" by Charles W. Ferguson, a history of Methodism in America.

DR. WINSTON WILSON of State College of Arkansas staff, who is also clinical psychologist with the Mental Health Clinic of Russellville, was the speaker for the August meeting of the First Church WSCS in Russellville. Mrs. James Pruyn is president of the group.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIPS were recently presented by the Jacksonville WSCS to Mrs. Kate Latta, Mrs. Minnie Padgett and Mrs. Marie Urbach.

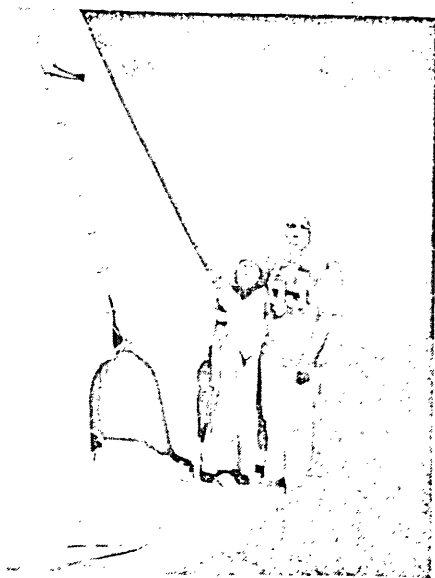
EUGENE JONES, district supervisor of the State Welfare Department in Randolph, Lawrence, Mississippi, St. Francis and Cross Counties, was the speaker at the July dinner meeting of the Wesleyan Service Guild in First Church, Wynne.

THE GENTRY WESLEYAN Service Guild invited members of the Siloam Springs Guild to the July 29 salad supper.

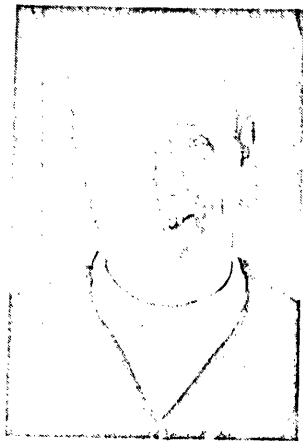
MRS. A. HALL ALLEN, executive director of the Pulaski Association for Mental Health, spoke on "Volunteers" at the August meeting of the Winfield Women's Society, Little Rock.

HELENA WOMEN'S Society members heard the West Helena pastor, the Rev. William Haltom, speak at the August 2 meeting. His subject was "Beliefs of a Methodist Christian."

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East Indian meets American Indian at Aldersgate Camp. Meena Yusufji, left, daughter of Drs. Akhtar and Dolly Yusufji of the Arkansas Medical Center at Little Rock, is introduced to the picturesque tepee of the American Indian by Patricia Ebahotubbi of Broken Bow, Oklahoma.



Guy F. J. Heisenfeldt, Franciscan monk, adds an ecumenical dimension to summer camping at Aldersgate.

## "BROTHER GUY" HEISENFELDT

By Katie Rice

In addition to an interesting international staff this year, Aldersgate is also blessed with a Franciscan brother. Guy F. J. Heisenfeldt ("Brother Guy" to the campers) is from Searcy, where he teaches math and science in the Morris School. The school, he explains, is conducted by the Brothers of the Poor of St. Francis—the Third Order of St. Francis—called Franciscans, who have been in continuous service to humanity since the 13th century. St. Francis of Assisi founded the order at that time, espousing the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. The other two orders are the Friars Minor and the Poor Clares.

The Franciscans serve youth and children in conflict situations. Brother Guy feels that camping, such as we experience at Aldersgate, especially helps the young people lay a foundation for meaningful relationships with others. On meeting him one very soon senses his real understanding and empathy with the youngsters. His woodworking shop at Aldersgate has become a busy center of quiet, relaxed activity enjoyed by all ages.

Creating this shop from an old storage room behind the office at Aldersgate was the first project of the

young work groups who come to the camp each summer. They helped him clear the old building and the grounds around, set up tools and equipment, and to build a shed and table where the campers can work at their various crafts. The walls and shelves now display the gun racks, triangle games, picture frames, "peace" plaques, and attractive signs made by the campers for themselves and their families. Even the trees are now labeled by small signs from Brother Guy's shop. "Persimmon" says the tree right at the door. So the campers receive a nature lesson, too. And the scraps (i.e. the pieces left over after sawing out the shapes needed for the crafts) are used to create a great wall-size "op art" area. They are nailed to a bright red wall and painted in various strange colors. Needless to say, the campers enjoy this activity immensely.

A young, blond, attractive man of German descent, Brother Guy said his name originally was spelled Heusenfeldt, meaning "house and field". He is six feet five inches tall and has to stoop to go through the door of the shop. "This door was not built for guys like me" he quips. He is a graduate of the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree in commercial art. Also, he has attended Xavier University (founded by the Jesuits) in Cincinnati, Ohio, and

Rennsaele College in Chicago where he studied math and physics.

While teaching math and science to the junior high boys at Morris School, Brother Guy has developed an enthusiastic interest in a time-sharing computer service founded by General Electric. His merry blue eyes fairly shine as he excitedly relates the workings of the computer service and the interest his pupils manifest in it. Many of them, he says, become well acquainted with the operation of the computer and its concepts, a usable asset to a young person in today's world. He also shares his method of successfully cooking breakfast eggs for the 110 boys at the school, a chore he performs three times a week during the school year. Not only are the eggs delicious when cooked in his special way, he explains, but they stay hot for a long, long time.

Brother Guy serves as a waterfront safety instructor in addition to his woodworking shop activities. He has also worked with the young groups from Ashland City, Tennessee, El Dorado, Hamburg, and Lake Charles, Louisiana, in making needed repairs to the buildings and grounds of Aldersgate. His friendly, creative, caring concern for troubled youth make Mr. Heisenfeldt a delightful addition to its summer staff. He is most welcome.

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"Brother Guy" is in charge of workcamp groups at Aldersgate Camp this summer. Above, he recruits five young workcampers from Hamburg Church to carry cross-ties for bridge building.

Progressive campers at Aldersgate (those in the experimental six-week camp program) learn basket weaving. Belinda Bierwirth, left, and Jill Jackson, right, are with Counselor Patricia Ebahotubbi.

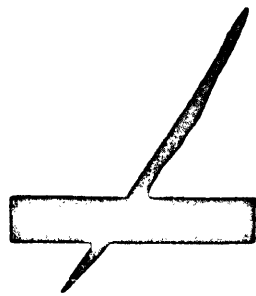


Junior highs from El Dorado First Church are shown at Aldersgate Camp with some of the counselors (back row). The young people, under the guidance of Mrs. Ann Calcote, seated at left, director of religious education at El Dorado, spent a week working at the camp to help keep it in shape, paying their own expenses.



# The Sunday School Lesson

By: Alfred A. Knox



## LESSON FOR SEPTEMBER 5: Thinking About God

**BACKGROUND SCRIPTURE:** Psalms 42; 53; 139; Acts 14:15-17; 17:22-31

**MEMORY SELECTION:** God looks down from heaven upon the sons of men to see if there are any that are wise, that seek after God. (Psalms 53:2)

**AIM OF THE LESSON:** To challenge the members of the class to turn their attention to God for an entire quarter; to raise some of the initial questions about God which we will endeavor to answer during the next three months.

For the next three months we will be thinking together about God. There has been a great deal of superficial discussion in recent years concerning this great theme of the Bible, and some people have decided that it does not really matter what they think about God. One cannot assume that thirteen lessons will provide an exhaustive store of knowledge about this great theme. However, if you will stick with us, we feel that you will come to the end of this unit with a better understanding of the ways in which man's life and conduct are conditioned by what he believes about God.

This lesson is being written during the week of the flight of Apollo 15 with its initial impact still fresh in the writer's memory. We have been excited by the messages from the surface of the moon with their implications that important discoveries about the nature of the universe will be coming to us from the moon samples now on their way back to the earth. It is our feeling that we are about to launch on an adventure that is just as exciting and revealing as we devote a quarter to exploring the doctrine of God.

I remember that my seminary professor of systematic theology, Dr. Franklin N. Parker, impressed upon his classes the futility of trying to prove the existence of God. And yet we dealt in those classes with the traditional arguments for His existence. Dr. Parker impressed me to such a degree that I have never prepared a series of sermons on those arguments, but it was important to my training to hear them discussed and debated.

The Biblical writers do not seek to prove that there is a God. The Bible is based upon this as a self-evident truth, the basis on which everything else rests. However, we must approach this series of lessons with the assumption that many of our people have not given serious thought to the nature of God. Our second lesson will have the title "God Transcends Our Understanding," but we can assume that this pilgrimage will carry us along the road that leads to that understanding.

Dr. Horace R. Weaver, editor of the International Lesson Annual, says of the steps just ahead of us on that journey: "The purpose of this group of thirteen lessons is to provide for a serious study of the biblical teachings about God. The emphasis is upon the character of God and his work, the meaning and experience of God's revelation of himself, his modes of action, and the way he has spoken and still speaks to man's search and man's need. Though God is always speaking and acting, his being and ultimate purpose are clothed in mystery beyond man's finite capacities."

So together we move into a consideration of the great and glorious thoughts about God, letting the ideas of the biblical writers aid in our own development in the light of current thought forms and situations.

### THE PSALMIST'S IMAGE OF MAN'S YEARNING FOR GOD

Psalms 42 expresses the writer's longing for God,

his utter dependence upon God, and his hope for complete fellowship with God. The figure of speech is that of a dry and thirsty deer thinking only one thought—how wonderful it would be to have a cold drink of water from a mountain stream. Apparently the writer is an Israelite in exile, far removed from the Temple in Jerusalem, who finds it difficult to think in terms of God's being as near to him in this foreign land as he had been back home.

This psalmist was homesick for God. He was exiled, living among ungodly people, suffering great distress when those around him dealt so casually with the God he held in such high esteem. We read of his distress in Psalm 42:3: "My tears have been my food day and night, while men say to me continually, 'Where is your God?'" Although these words were spoken in a taunting manner by hostile neighbors, the question comes to all of us in our day as we look during these lessons to have some logical answer for those who ask us where our God is.

The exile's neighbors added to his misery by charging that his God was unable or unwilling to help him. Dr. Donald Ackland says: "The silences of God are often a problem to his own people and causes of misunderstanding for unbelievers. Does our concept of God admit the possibility of adversity as part of his plan for our lives? We may grow impatient under trial and cry for deliverance, but we must learn to trust God's wisdom not only in the nature of adversity but also in its duration."

We live in an age in which many people seem to find it extremely difficult to find answers they are seeking concerning the events of history and the injustices suffered by so many people. Those who stand apart from religious tradition taunt the members of the community of faith asking "Where is your God?" As Christians we may not have all the answers, but we need to have some of them. We are challenged to communicate a deep inner feeling that we do know that God is and that he is our guide and strength.

### A FOOL'S CONCLUSION ABOUT GOD

In a passage from Psalm 53 we read, "The fool says in his heart, 'There is no God.'" This is one of the most quoted verses of the Bible, as people conclude that the unexplained dilemmas of life provide evidence that God never was. It is also the position of millions of people that simply do not take God into account in the everyday affairs of life — those who live as though God did not exist.

Some men think that by eliminating God from their thinking they are freed from moral restraints. They say, "If there is no God to whom a man is accountable, then why worry about the kind of life you live." When many people say that "God is not here," they are not dealing with the non-existence of God in a theoretical sense, but they are simply concluding that he is removed from the affairs of men as they presently see them. Someone has said there is little to choose between the forthright atheist who denies the existence of God and the person who behaves as though there were no moral government in the universe.

It is very easy for us to point an accusing finger at others as those who do not think about God as they should. Many of us who maintain a rather active and vital relationship to the church may also be living as though God did not exist. Dr. Charles Laymon points out in International Lesson Annual that it is possible for a person to attend church services regularly and make his yearly pledge but still in his heart live as though God did not exist. Unless we are possessed of a burning zeal to see God's will done throughout the earth, we may be

one of those whom the psalmist was describing in Psalm 53.

### YOU CAN'T GET AWAY FROM GOD

A very brief passage speaks to us from Psalm 139:7 where we read, "Whither shall I go from thy Spirit? Or whither shall I flee from thy presence?" Here the answer is implied in the question — there is no getting away from God.

Dr. Laymon says Psalm 139 might be called the psalm for the space age. He says: "While some have expressed the view that the attempts to 'live' in outer space are presumptuous before God, the fact is that God's glory has everywhere been deeply felt because of those space ventures." Francis Thompson, the British poet, wrote of this aspect of the nature of God in his "Hound of Heaven." In that masterpiece he affirmed that there was no distance great enough to remove man from God's presence. The exciting message of that poem is that God takes the initiative in seeking man out. The story of man's search for God carries with it the affirmation that God has also been seeking man.

### OUR QUEST FOR GOD

Our biblical background material today includes a brief passage from the 17th chapter of Acts which describes Paul's sermon in Athens. We read: "So Paul, standing in the middle of the Areopagus, said, 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription, 'To an unknown god.' What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.'"

Paul was pointing out to the Athenians that they were concerned to be in right relationship with all divine beings. He uses their expression of interest as a point of contact for a sermon in which he tells them about a god they did not know. We can find in this passage the suggestion that if we can stimulate our concern to think about God in the first lesson of this series, we will be ready to move on to the development of a sound doctrine of God.

Augustine expressed the yearning of the human heart in these words, "Thou hast made us for thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in thee."

### DOES IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

A question that many of us are asking as we read this material is, "Does it really make any difference whether I have a doctrine of God or not?" Many believe that explorations of this kind are the exclusive prerogatives of professional theologians. However, we need to realize that it does make a difference what we believe about God. Many factors contribute to the development of our attitudes — social and economic associates, and many others. However, the greatest single factor in the shaping of man's character is the manner and degree of his response to the call of God.

When we come to see God as the creator and sustainer of the universe, we will live differently. It may seem difficult for us to follow through on these lessons and think theologically. Dr. Lawrence C. Hay tells us in Adult Bible Studies, "Thinking theologically simply means to take God into account in our lives — to reckon seriously with the fact that God is presently involved in his world."

### WE MUST ACT ON WHAT WE LEARN ABOUT GOD

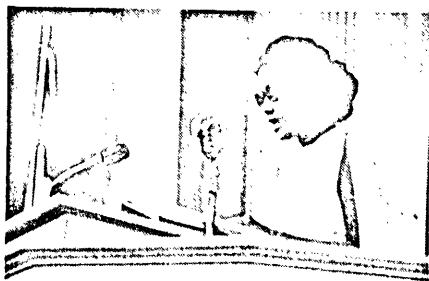
As we move along in this series, learning more and more about God, let us remember that our knowledge about God will not mean anything unless we respond to what we learn. We have known some people in our lifetime who had a great deal of knowledge about God, but it did not seem to make any difference in the way they lived.

The Bible is filled with stories of confrontations between man and God, and the consequences of those confrontations. Some of these are tragic and some are triumphant. Our own encounters with God may seem less dramatic than some of those in scripture, but they are still intensely personal, and it is within our power to determine their outcome.



# Second World Methodist Family Life Conference in resumé

(As reported by the Editor  
—from temporary  
headquarters in Colorado)



Keynote speaker for the World Methodist Family Life Conference was Dr. Nala Tan of Singapore.

ESTES PARK, Colo.—Following a series of addresses and feedback periods based on their content, at the second World Methodist Family Life Conference held here August 14-18, the more than 250 persons from some 35 countries and 30 in the U.S. came away without answering the question, "Which way the Methodist family life movement?"

Participants from Arkansas were Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rice and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Knox, Little Rock. Mrs. Rice was chairman of one of the discussion groups, and Dr. Knox was one of the discussion leaders.

One of those participating in the conference was William A. Finnin, Jr., New Orleans, presently a student at Duke Divinity School.

The addresses at the conference touched on many factors in today's turbulent world, but clustered around four broad aspects affecting the family:

- 1) For its intrinsic values of the Christian community and for its witness in the world, the Christian family must be preserved and strengthened;
- 2) the church must meet creatively some emerging patterns of sexual morality and foster wholesome sex education in the home, from a Christian perspective;
- 3) openness in communication is probably the key factor in improving relations between the generations; and
- 4) the church offers youth "something available nowhere else."

The meeting was sponsored by the World Methodist Family Life Committee, a unit of the World Methodist Council. The theme of the conference was "The Christian Family and the Arriving Generation." The Rev. Dr. J. Otis Young, Park Ridge, Ill., was the chairman for the conference and was re-nominated to head the World Family Life Committee for the next five years.

The session left many unresolved problems, in the view of many observers, and evoked various reactions—from expressions of appreciation for the conference, its program and leadership, to questions and suggestions for change in the various aspects of the conference and six regional con-

ferences held in 1969-70.

Officers and members of the new World Methodist Committee on Family Life, in addition to Dr. Young, are: vice-chairman—the Rev. Leonard Brown, Dudley, Eng.; secretary—Mrs. Nora Shipstone, Lucknow, India; treasurer — Dr. James Doty, Baldwin, Kan.; Dr. Nella Tan, Singapore; Prof. Benigno Zentano Lopez, Mexico City; Bishop John Wesley Shungu, Lulua-bourg, Congo; Bishop Eric A. Mitchell, Hyderabad, India; Bishop Franz Schaefer, Zurich, Switzerland; and the Rev. Dr. Eugene L. Stockwell, New York.

Following their initial meeting on Aug. 17, the new committee said they were tentatively considering a world conference, probably in 1976 at a place to be determined, as well as additional regional conferences, and training experiences in family life on sub-regional levels such as national or annual conference, probably within the next two or three years.

Dr. Young and other leaders of the family life movement said they believed the Estes Park conference was "generally even better than the Birmingham (England) conference in 1966, and that any succeeding conference will seek still better results."

Bishop Hazen G. Werner, who headed the World Family Life Committee for nine years and served as program chairman for the Estes Park meeting was unable to attend the conference because of personal and family illness. In addition to daily prayers for Bishop and Mrs. Werner, the conference adopted a statement of appreciation and commendation for his leadership and "his untiring efforts and energy applied with evangelistic zeal . . . to the strength and beauty of the Christian family."

In the keynote address of the conference, Dr. Nalla Tan, senior lecturer in the Department of Social Medicine and public Health of the University of Singapore, said, "This is the Age of Hypocrisy," when people and nations say one thing and do another, when family life appears threatened, when man institutionalizes ideals such as freedom and justice—then honors them in the breach by allowing abuses

such as war and racism to continue." She affirmed, "With a little honest heart-searching, or is it soul-searching, I feel in my bones that the family system can be firmly re-established."

Most of the speakers, including some who were critical of the family and spoke of "the crisis in marriage" said that when all is said and done, and despite occasional indications to the contrary, it is in the home that the child absorbs values he (or she) will follow throughout life.

Dr. C. D. Eck, Zurich, Switzerland, head of the Management Training Department of the Institute of Applied Psychology, affirmed that the Christian family is the bedrock of the Christian community.

Bishop Earl G. Hunt, Charlotte, N.C., chairman of the General Family Life Committee of the United Methodist Church, said there are many positive aspects of the contemporary marriage situation, but asserted "popular acceptance of the institutions of marriage and conventional sexual guidelines is at an all-time low."

The bishop offered his prescription which included accepting the "good things implicit" in the sexual revolution, the church knowing and defending the Christian position on marriage, and the church being unafraid to "take a stand counter to the trends of contemporary culture."

Two speakers counseled frankness and openness in sex education and discussion in the home. Mrs. Nora Shipstone of India, writer and editor on family life matters, and Ivor George Baber of New Zealand, a social service center director and marriage counselor, lamented that "despite a genuine desire to function well, many parents feel inadequate to discuss with their children matters concerned with sex."

In daily Bible studies, Bishop Roy C. Nichols, bishop of the United Methodist Church's Pittsburgh Area, said an enduring marriage requires among other things, continued affection, duty, work and patience. Both the romantic and realistic aspects of marriage are referred to throughout the Bible, he said, adding that the factor of realism also comes through

in the "for better, for worse" part of the wedding ceremony. The bishop observed that for a good marriage and for nurturing of children, spiritual replenishment is needed. "One of the saddest things that can be said of a couple is that the last time they were seen in church was on their wedding day," he added.

Four speakers dealt with relationships between adults and youth and the so-called "generation gap." Two speakers urged adult-youth dialogue, and involvement in critical issues in society such as ecology and peace as ways to bridge this gap. They were the Rev. Leslie C. Clements of the World Council of Churches' Department on Cooperation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, and the Rev. Allen F. Kirton, a minister in the Methodist Church of the Caribbean.

Dr. James Doty, president of Baker University, and Billy Kuartei, youth speaker from Micronesia, called for adults to be responsive to youth, and for youth to be inculcated with a sense of responsibility that must accompany freedom.

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from World  
Methodist  
Conference  
in Denver

by Alfred A. Knox

DENVER, COLO. — Although attendance was limited by a late afternoon downpour, more than 3,000 persons were present for the opening session of the World Methodist Conference in the Arena on the campus of the University of Denver, on Wednesday evening, August 18.

Heading the processional with which the service opened were the flags of all of the 87 nations in which the 50 Methodist denominations composing the World Methodist Council are located. Also participating in the processional were most of the 500 members of the Council.

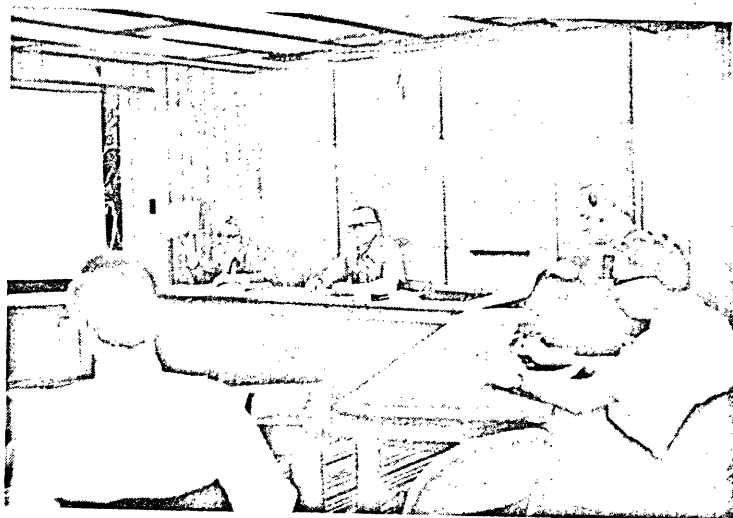
The delegates were welcomed by Bishop Marvin A. Stewart and Dr. Maurice Mitchell, chancellor of the University of Denver and special mu-

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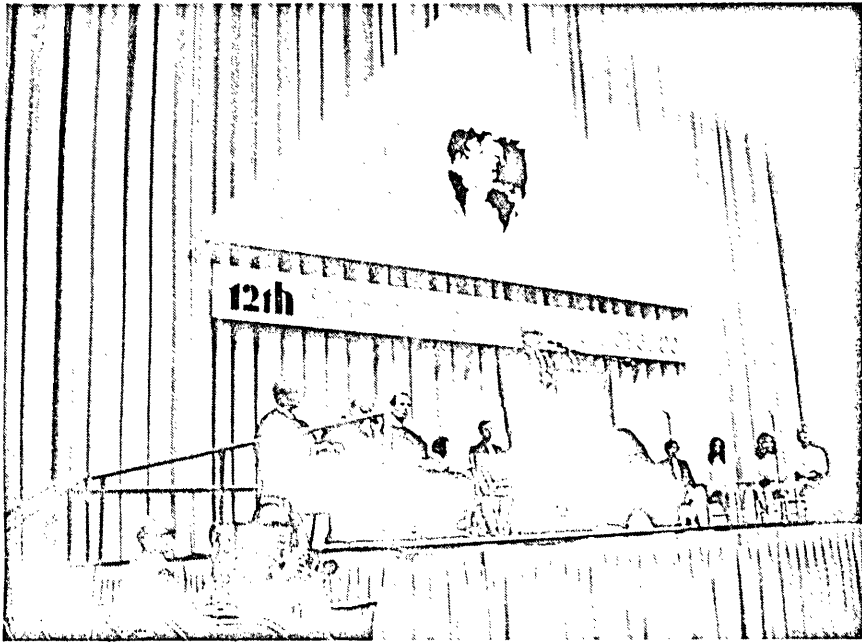
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Participants in the World Methodist Family Life Conference were (from left) Mr. and Mrs. James H. Rice and Dr. and Mrs. Alfred A. Knox, all of Little Rock.



Alfred A. Knox is shown as he led one of the discussion groups at the Family Life Conference.



Charles C. Parlin, president of the World Methodist Council, is shown as he delivered his presidential address at the opening session of the World Methodist Conference in Denver, Thursday, August 18.

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up provides for a presidium of not more than eight presidents, no two of whom shall be from the same member church, and guarantees that in a list of other offices (including the chairman of the executive committee, two vice-chairmen, treasurer and associate treasurers) no two shall be from the same church.

The presidium is to include at least one lay man, one lay woman and one youth. The president of the World Federation of Methodist Women is automatically a member of the executive committee.

A resolution sponsored by the World Federation of Methodist Women and brought forward by Dr. Patrocinio Ocampo of Manila provides that "insofar as possible" the council's nominating committee shall nominate 20 per cent lay men, 20 per cent lay women and 10 per cent youth to the executive committee. The four elected officers of the World Federation of Methodist Women are to be counted in the percentage figure for women. An earlier attempt was made to make the percentage figures mandatory.

A spokesman for the conference pointed out that of the 55 member churches, about half, or 27, have fewer than 30,000 members.

Bishop Charles F. Golden of the United Methodist Church's San Francisco Area, one of six black bishops serving predominantly white areas in the U.S., declared that the time is far too late to do simply "patchwork" in revising the World Methodist Council and argued for the provision which granted representation on the executive committee to each member church regardless of size.

Another speaker likened the new arrangement to the United Nations, where each member nation regardless of population or geographical area, has one vote.

Another provision that was designed to prevent Anglo-American dominance of the group was the provision that no two member churches shall together command a majority of the seats on the executive committee.

Miss Pauline Webb of London led a move to retain the present plan of having only one president, arguing that it is primarily honorary and ornamental

to have a presidium. Her argument was that real power in the new set-up will be vested in the chairman of the executive committee rather than the eight-member presidium, who will take turns presiding over the council or the World Methodist Conference.

The Webb proposal to retain the present plan of one president lost by a vote of 195 to 135, but Miss Webb's other amendment which called for guarantees that certain officers be limited to only one from each member church passed by a vote of 174 to 156.

By its action, the council accepted a youth-sponsored resolution that at least four youth members be added to the executive committee, independent of denominational quotas.

One of the chief spokesmen for youth in today's deliberations was the Rev. Eric Robin Mitchell of India.

A nominating committee is already at work preparing a slate of officers to be elected later in the week and inducted at the final session of the World Methodist Conference on August 26.

Dr. Charles C. Parlin of New York, presided at today's council meeting.

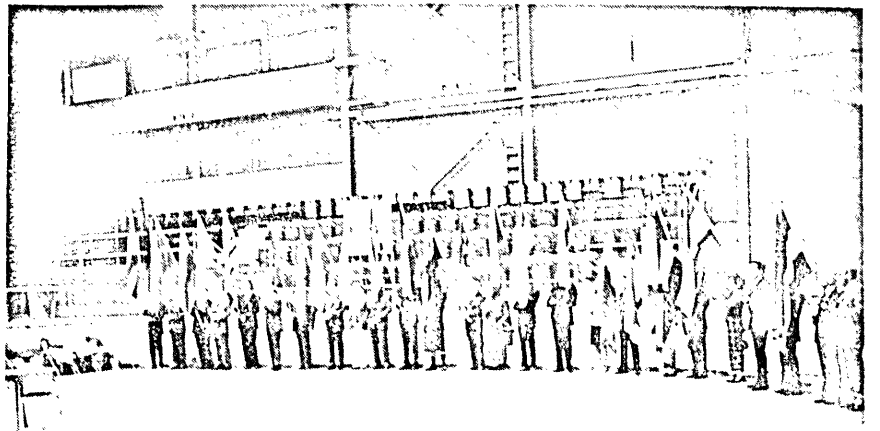
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Dr. Charles C. Parlin of New York, President of the World Methodist Council, in his presidential address, sketched the many innovative religious trends that are abroad in the world and called on the world Methodist body to recall that Methodism itself came into being through programs that were innovative in their own time.

Mr. Parlin called attention to the many types of religious activity that are categorized under the designation "Jesus Revolution," and asked the question: "Can it be that our major Protestant churches have sought relevance for the youth of today through social, economic and political involvement and have to some extent been bypassed by the 'Jesus Revolution' which has caught hold of today's youth."



The flags of all the nations related to the World Methodist Council headed the opening processional with which the World Methodist Conference opened.



A part of the crowd of about 4,000 at the opening session of the World Methodist Conference in the Arena at the University of Denver on August 18.

The Council President referred to the major thrust of evangelism which the body is planning for the next five years, saying, "With much of the modern 'Jesus Revolution,' I cannot go along, but I can be proud to be a member of a church which is broad enough in its outreach and love to embrace new and even exotic forms if they seriously attempt to be a true means of communicating the Gospel."

The keynote address of the conference was delivered by Dr. Russell Hindmarsh, professor in the University of Newcastle and past vice president of the Methodist Church of Great Britain. In discussing the crises confronting the Church in our time, the British scientist said, of all the crises that confront us, it is the crisis of belief which is fundamental. He said, "If God is to work directly in the world at all, it is through those who commit themselves through Jesus to him . . . I am convinced there is nothing in death or life, in the realm of spirits or superhuman powers, in the world as it is or the world as it shall be, in the forces of the universe, in heights or depths—nothing in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ Our Lord."

Although being faced by numerous challenges confronting the church including racism, poverty, new trends in education, peace and justice, local church and mission, evangelism, the role of theology, the ministry and ecumenical affairs in the addresses on the conference platform, the delegates were being brought closest together by

their participation in the workshop sessions of the conference and in the various dormitory dining halls on the university campus.

On the first full day of the meeting the delegates were challenged by scholarly presentations on racism and on poverty. The former subject was presented by the Hon. John J. Akar of Sierra Leone who recently resigned as his country's ambassador to the United States in protest against tyranny in his own country, brought the conference to a confrontation with the many forms of racism that are still to be found throughout the world. He expressed the opinion that the very survival of the Church as we know it is to be premised upon its own discovery of ways to be more effective by coming to terms with itself in that area.

Joseph Samuel Annan of Ghana, senior executive officer of the World Food Program, presented an exhaustive analysis of the poverty scene throughout the world. He said, "The involvement of the Church in the struggle against poverty is clear. The catalytic effect of the development projects sponsored by the Church often lead the way to follow-up large-scale and widespread development activities, bringing economic relief to a much larger group of people."

In two evening presentations on Thursday and Friday the delegates were confronted with major issues now confronting Christians everywhere with two multi-media presentations.

*To be continued*

# summer mission '71

## setting: HANNIBAL

A migration of southern youth landed in Hannibal, Missouri (Mark Twain Country) on July 25, and when they left a week later the city was a better place in which to live. This group of 26 youth from Pulaski Heights United Methodist Church was a part of MISSION '71 SUMMER SERVICE PROJECT.

In speaking of the project it's director, The Rev. Melvin West, Office of Creative Ministries, says, "We have found that senior high youth want to DO something about their faith. They want to give of themselves in ways that really help people. The summer project offers them that opportunity. This is the fourth workcamp I've held this summer, and the youth have done an amazing amount of work, and done it with a wonderfully warm spirit."

Daily schedules are flexible, but each day's goal includes six hours of work, plus two hours of study time. The study time is spent in relating the Christian faith to the work done. Mr. Bruce Morgan, a layman from Hannibal and a trained community developer, helped the group see the potential for the church in influencing community change. Other studies included mini-lectures on Bible and theology, as well as dialogue with com-

munity leadership.

During the week the group helped establish a foster home for juveniles, did extensive painting at a community center in a low income area, worked in a remodeling project at a community mental health clinic, built a new porch on the home of an elderly widow, and did painting and cleanup work on three homes in the poverty area. The youth also worked in a non-profit community theatre to earn tickets to the presentations.

Recreation time permitted the youth to attend two plays, swim, visit Mark Twain Cave, and tour the historic spots of Hannibal.

The United Methodist Churches of Hannibal were host to the group, and they stayed in Park United Methodist. The Little Rock youth paid all their own way, provided their own food, and brought along some of the materials that were used.

Mr. West states, "We've learned a lot from these summer service projects this summer, but the most important thing we've learned is that we MUST offer them again next year. They offer youth everything that the traditional church camp offers—plus a lot more."

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## CHAPLAIN URGES CLERGY TO DEVELOP OPEN, REALISTIC APPROACHES TO DEATH

LAKE JUNALUSKA (RNS)—The "euphemisms and masks" used by families and pastors in talking to persons facing death were deplored here by the chief of chaplains at the University of Chicago Hospitals.

Dr. Carl Nighswonger called for more realistic approaches to death. He spoke to a conference of 45 physicians and clergymen convened by the Committee on Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church's Southeastern Jurisdiction.

The Chicago hospital chaplain said that both seminary and medical school students should be given training in how to prepare people for dying.

He feels such training is possible since the stages of disclosure, depression and despair in the history of dying patients can be documented.

Dr. Nighswonger said "grief is to be expected" and should not be hidden from patients.

The clergyman said that hospitals and retirement institutions are often unfamiliar places to dying patients. He pleaded for ministries fitted to the "elemental needs" of patients where they are rather than requiring sick persons to fit the established patterns.

During the consultation, the issues of organ transplant, abortion and drug use were discussed from medical and theological points of view.

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God's call to the ministry often is channeled through alert ministers and laymen to receptive and talented young people. Don't let the call get grounded!

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## WSCS INSTALLATION TO BE HELD AT MAYFLOWER

The installation of new W.S.C.S. officers at Mayflower United Methodist Church is planned for Sept. 13 at 2 p.m. Officers to be installed are: Mrs. Lee Kelly, president; Mrs. Maudie Harroll, vice president; Mrs. Lillie Harroll, secretary, and Mrs. Floy So-well, treasurer.

The Rev. Pete Soens and his new bride have recently come to the pastorate at Mayflower.

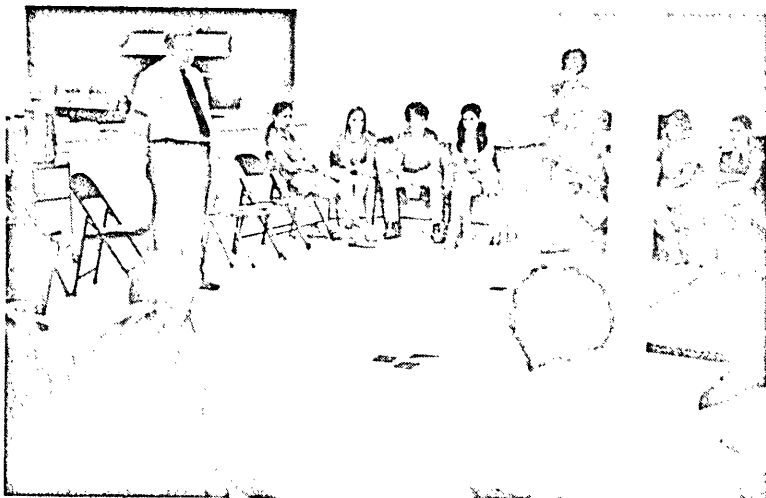
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## TWO TO STUDY AT ECUMENICAL INSTITUTE NEAR GENEVA

NEW YORK (UMI)—Two 1971 graduates of United Methodist seminaries are slated for special ecumenical study in Switzerland this fall and winter under auspices of the United Methodist Commission on Ecumenical Affairs. They are Wally M. Shearburn, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard E. Shearburn, Alton, Ill., and James L. Cox, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland Cox, Sandpoint, Idaho.

In announcing the selections, the Rev. Dr. Robert W. Huston, New York, Commission general secretary, said they will attend the Graduate School of Ecumenical Studies at the Ecumenical Institute, Chateau de Bossey near Geneva for the fall semester October - February. The Graduate School, opened in 1952, is sponsored by the World Council of Churches and the University of Geneva Faculty of Theology. The 18-week term will focus around the theme, "Participation in Change."

— by Mattie Mae Rice



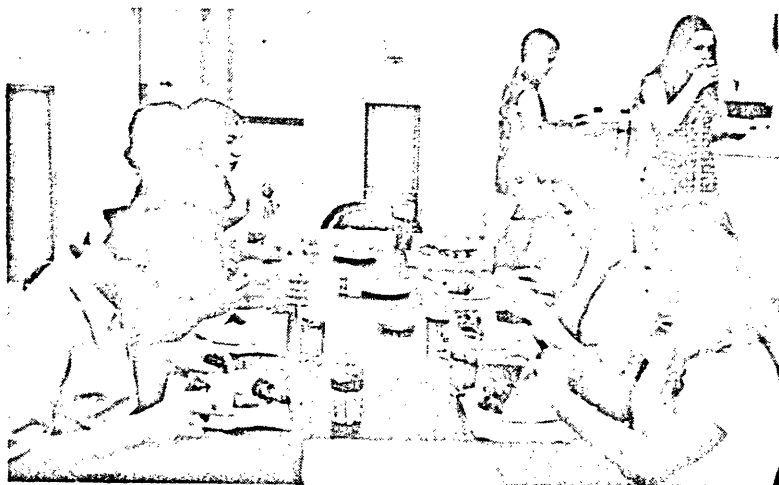
Bruce Morgan, United Methodist layman and community developer at Hannibal, Mo., uses a simulation game to help the group learn the opportunities for the Church in affecting change.



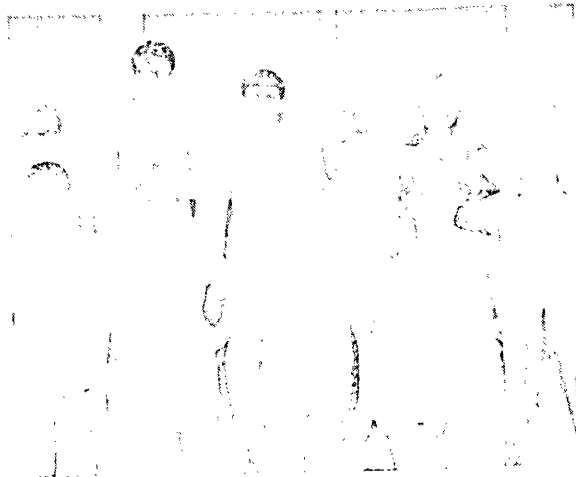
Little Rock youth help prepare a lawn for seeding at a new juvenile foster home.



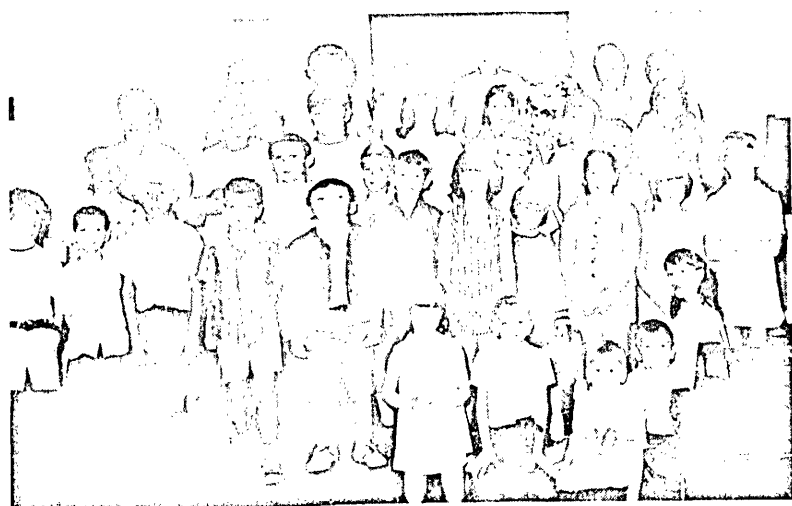
An elderly invalid couple had Christian love expressed for them in the form of a newly painted home, both inside and out.



—but all that work takes energy, and the group thrived on their own cooking. Commodity foods were a part of the diet and a part of the learning experience.



These junior and senior youths standing in front of the dormitory at Chemin-a-Haut State Park in northern Louisiana were accompanied on recent trip by the Rev. Thomas A. Abney, and Mrs. Betty Fuqua. Abney is pastor on the Wilmar Circuit and is director of Wesley Foundation at the University of Arkansas at Monticello.



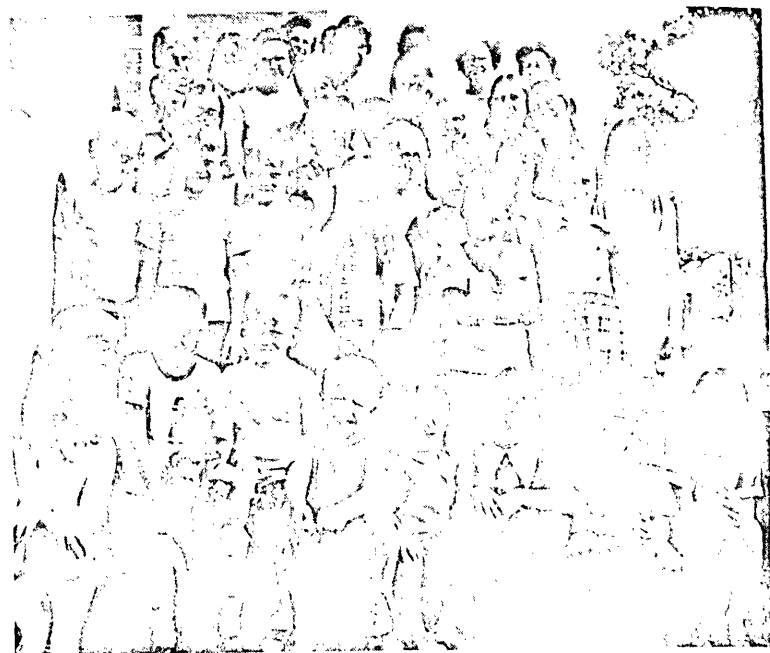
The United Methodist and Presbyterian churches at Ward held a cooperative vacation church school with an average daily attendance of 38. The major project during the school was the making and filling of 32 "ditty bags" for the Red Cross to send as Christmas gifts to servicemen overseas. Pastors of the two churches respectively are the Rev. Roger Hook and Dr. Harold Owen.



ABOVE: The Children's Choir of the Marysville church recently sponsored a picnic and trip to the Little Rock Zoo, for which transportation was provided by the Marysville-Silver Hill UMYs in the form of their recently acquired bus. Eleven adults accompanied the 25 young persons. The Rev. Fred H. Haustein is pastor.



LEFT: Receiving perfect attendance pins at Hopewell United Methodist Church on Batesville District recently were: Kevin Williams, for one year; La Nell Chaney, four years; Sharon Chaney, seven years; and Mrs. Mickey Chaney, six years.



The vacation church school at Bethesda United Methodist Church near Batesville enrolled 38 boys and girls. The school was under the direction of Mrs. Bernice Rogers, Community and Church worker. Pastor George Cleary is also pastor at Batesville's Asbury Church and at Oil Trough.

## Poetry Panorama

Barbara L. Mulkey

*Some author unknown wrote . . . "Life owes me nothing. One clear morn is boon enough for being born; And be it ninety years or ten, no need for me to question when. While Life is mine, I'll find it good, and greet each hour with gratitude."*

### THE SEARCH

Do I have any gifts, Lord, that you might use  
To make the world a better place to live?  
My life seems so dull and unfruitful now,  
Unworthy of the love that you give.  
Create within me a clean new heart,  
Fill it with love divine -  
Give me the courage that will enable me to say,  
"Not my will, dear Lord - but thine."

-by B. Wood

### NEIGHBORS

If I lived neighbor to my Lord,  
In many, many ways  
I'd need to change my attitude  
And have more words of praise  
For Him than now; my yard  
Would need a neater trim -  
I'd need to paint the picket fence  
That's over next to Him  
And every morning I'd arrange  
To chat with Him a while  
To make my day much happier  
And shorten every mile.

Since any day His vans may come  
To move my goods once more,  
I hope He'll overlook my faults  
And let me live next door!

-by Ercil F. Brown